

The Vision Now

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:14

Northview has grown year by year, not through its programs, but through its people. It is here our young couples come to exchange their vows and ask God's blessing upon them as they build their home together. It is here parents bring their children and dedicate them to the Lord. It is here hope is preached at the funerals of our loved ones. It is here the sick come to receive prayer. And it is here those who need the Lord are invited to receive Him as Savior.

To continue along the path we are asked to walk, the needs of Northview's people must be provided. If our families are to be properly grounded in God's word and if they are to be trained and equipped to face the challenges of today, we must provide adequate space to meet those growing needs.

Today Northview's new facility serves 1,200 in regular attendance, including a multitude of programs that minister to the diverse needs and age groups of our entire congregation.

Our recent building project has partially solved our space requirements.

However, the vision has not been fulfilled. The reasons are primarily:

- The upper level of the new facility is not completed.
- The actual cost of the building was approximately \$1,000,000 in excess of the amount approved.
- The sale of the old church building resulted in \$200,000 less than originally budgeted.

In order to finance the cost overruns, we are now paying on two short-term loans totaling \$850,000, in addition to the \$3,200,000 15-year mortgage that was originally intended in the financing plan. These short-term loans must be paid back or renewed in August of 1996.

Presently a large portion of each Sunday's offering goes toward interest payments and debt, jeopardizing our ministries so important to God's purposes. In addition, our ministry to the children and adults is limited by the unfinished upper level.

