



2022-2023
ANNUAL
REPORT

DRYDEN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



**AS WE CONTINUE IN OUR 2022-2025 VISION, WE
SAW OUR CHURCH REACHING OUT IN NEW
WAYS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND WITNESSED
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS TRANSFORM LIVES.**

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WHAT IS OUR VISION?

In 2020 our congregation prayed into and began a new five year vision: to be a loving presence for the good of the city.

SO HOW ARE WE DOING THIS?

By reaching out to the lost with the Gospel.

By making disciples who love and follow Jesus.

By seeking to steward well all that God has given us.

REACHING OUT

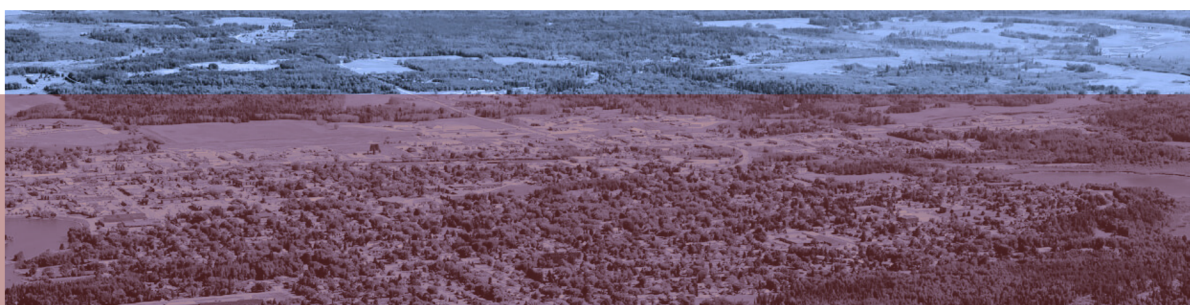
- Emphasizing neighbourhood relationships and discipleship.
- Hosting summer outreach BBQs.
- Whole church and city-wide food drive.
- Alpha courses for new believers and seekers.
- New outreach to the Dryden High School.
- Soup & Bun Sundays to encourage relationships.

MAKING DISCIPLES

- Clear, Christ-centred, gospel preaching.
- Host variety of small groups and discipleship series related to key life themes: living the Gospel, mental health, spiritual practice, prayer and Bible reading, etc.
- Host ministry fair to invite the church to serve in new ways.
- Establish internships for students / young adults.

STEWARDING WELL

- Updating outdoor signage.
- Decrease operational expenses over previous years.
- Establish missions committee to connect with global workers.
- Re-evaluate insurance spending.
- Monthly savings for emergency / building fund.



OUR DREAM

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We dream of a church that is thriving and prayer-filled; a people who gather for excellent worship, biblical preaching, and the healing presence of the Holy Spirit over multiple services.

We dream of a highly engaged, multi-generational church where people from a range of cultures, ages, abilities, and walks of life, belong together in community and are growing together in Christ.

We dream of a hub for ministry training and spiritual formation, a centre to meet community needs, and a sending church to equip people for local outreach, global missions and church planting.

Together we are seeking God and joining in his mission to extend grace and ignite hope in our city, nation and world; living and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in everyday life.

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LIFE AT DRYDEN FULL GOSPEL

71 MEMBERS

140 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

50 PEOPLE IN DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUPS

65 VOLUNTEERS ACROSS ALL MINISTRIES

2022-2023 REVENUE

\$373,782

2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ministry: \$82,800

worship, care, missions, giving, outreach, spiritual formation, groups, youth, kids, True North Christian Academy, etc.

Ministry Services: \$58,500

operations, facilities, technology, insurance, communications, finance, equipment, etc.

Personnel: \$224,300

compensation and benefits for 3 full-time and 3 part-time staff

Proposed 2023-2024

Expenditures: \$365,600

Full budget details are on pages 13 and 14 of this report.



TEACHING SERIES

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023



2023 Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

Saturday, September 16, 6:30pm

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Opening prayer, worship & devotional (10 mins).

Quick overview of motions and procedures.

I. Commencing the meeting (10 mins).

A. Adoption of AGENDA for the 2023 annual congregational meeting.

B. Adoption of MINUTES from 2022 annual congregational meeting.

C. Questions arising from the 2022 minutes as circulated.

IV. Reports (15 mins).

A. Lead Pastor's report: teaching, vision update, etc. (see pages 9-11 of this booklet).

B. Financial report: review of 2022-2023 statements.

V. New business (20 mins).

A. Review and approval of proposed 2022-2023 budget.

Things to Note:

- Increased resources for youth ministry, especially for fall youth conference.
- We've partnered with a new insurance broker and our costs are now almost 50% less than the last few years! Due to this transition, our payment for coverage moved from April to July (from one fiscal year to the next), which is why the insurance payment will not be visible as paid in the 2022-2023 figures.

B. Appointment of directors: Greg Allan has been nominated to join the board for a 3 year term. Olga Moline-Halchuk is finishing her position. Jordan Hoover has agreed to let his name stand for a 3 year term.

VI. Gratitude time (5 mins).

VII. Adjournment & closing prayer. Fellowship & coffee to follow

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

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71 Voting members with 42 voting members confirmed. Quorum achieved.
Steve and Kelly Henderson began with praise and worship time.

Convening the Meeting

1. Prayer and welcome. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. Pastor Nikolas Amodeo welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Procedure, motions and voting. Pastor Nik went over meeting procedures, and voting.

3. Adoption of agenda. Steve Henderson asked that we add some discussion about the homeless shelter project during the meeting. Added under New Business. Motion: to accept amended agenda. Moved: Janis Wessel. Second: Jim Best. All in favour: carried.

4. Adoption of minutes from 2021 AGM. Pastor Nik gave time for the congregation to read over the minutes from the 2021 AGM. Motion: approve minutes as presented.

Moved: Olga Moline-Halchuk. Second: Kelsey-Anne Esh. All in favor: carried.

Questions concerning minutes: Donna Sillery had asked if there was any information about the Haiti project. Pastor Nik said there was some political unrest that was slowing things down. They had started building though. Kelsey-Anne Esh asked about the outdoor sign: There would be discussion about this later in the meeting.

Reports

1. Lead Pastor's report. Pastor Nik gave highlights and an overview of the past year. **Vision 2020-2025 progress:** Outreach: There has been more outreach the last several months with the COVID restrictions being lifted and they have gone very well. There will be more outreach opportunities in the near future. Added Adult and Teen Challenge to our outreach plan. Discipleship: Starting Alpha course and second part of 2:7 for Bible studies. Stewardship / Project Updates: James Esh gave an update on the outdoor sign. There have been some challenges with where the sign was supposed to be erected. The contractors will have to come up with new locates for the sign. In the next few weeks the contractors will be here to hopefully find a new site.

2. Financial Report. Pastor Nik presented the financial report and gave the congregation time to go over it. There were no questions about the financial report. Motion: to approve financial reports as presented. Moved: Karen Leutschafft. Second: Velma Henderson. All in favour: carried.

New Business

1. Proposed 2022-2023 Budget. Pastor Nik presented the draft budget for 2022-2023. Becky Hoover asked how often we revisit the insurance quote. Pastor Brian said that we reviewed it this year as well as 2020. Dave Peters asked why the kitchen and meal amount had increased to \$1000. We want to do a Christmas meal and other congregational meals. Kim Robinson asked if we could increase the compassion fund. Pastor Nik stated that the reason it was lower is because we are not drawing from the fund as we were before. Some money was coming from other parts of the budget that used to come from the compassion fund. Some of the compassion fund put in the outreach column.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

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Donna Petiquan asked about the increase to the youth budget. This was a return to our pre-covid budget for youth. There was a question about plans for outreach. Pastor Brian has several projects planned. Lois Finlayson asked why there was no money for Men's ministries or retreats. We are trying to have a more conservative budget and staff are not going to the retreat this year.

Motion: accept the budget as presented.

Moved: Sonia Pike. Second: Doug McMillan. All in favour: carried.

2. Appointment of new directors

There are 2 new board members to present to the AGM. They are Jordan Hoover and Kerri Wilson-Smith. James Esh has agreed to another term with the board. The board this year will consist of James Esh, Kara Bange, Olga Moline-Halchuk, Jeff Clarke, Jordan Ketterer, Jordan Hoover and Kerri Wilson-Smith. Motion: to approve Jordan Hoover, Kerri Wilson-Smith as new board members and James Esh to extend his term. Moved: Jean Allan. Second: Donna Petiquan and Patrick Keewatin. All in favour: carried

3. Homeless Shelter Discussion

- Steve Henderson presented his concerns that there was no transparency from the board in regards to the process for approving and moving forward with the homeless shelter. Someone who made decisions needs to answer to how this was done and the process to approve the shelter.
- James Esh shared about the policies of the church and personal reasons why he had first opposed but then approved the shelter. He acknowledged that there were mistakes made and that we have apologised for them.
- Olga Moline-Halchuk laid out the timeline that had occurred from the beginning of the shelter being brought forward to its approval. She stated that the announcement from the media was a surprise when it came out.
- There was further discussion about homeless shelter ministry and the responses to it from the congregation. Many congregation members had input: Jordan Ketterer, Jim Best, Becky Hoover, Lois Finlayson, Patrick Keewatin, Cory Henderson, Kelsey-Anne Esh, Roger Bedard, Donna Sillery, Donna Petiquin, Jean Allen and Jeff Clarke.
- James Esh gave a final update about options KDSB is looking into for possible shelter planting.

Adjournment and Closing

Pastor Nik closed in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Lead Pastor's Report

REV. NIKOLAS AMODEO, LEAD PASTOR

"[May you] be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love..." (Eph. 3:16-17).

It is a rainy mid-August morning as I write this reflection. Summer will soon fade and autumn will begin - a reminder that we are always in a state of change and movement. Change can be difficult, especially when we tend to find our security in things remaining the same. I ask myself: where do I find security and sureness? I am trying to learn how to anchor myself in Jesus alone. I can look to many other things to try and keep me stable - work, school, relationships - but if I place a sense of stability in something or someone other than Christ, I find I am soon disappointed. The passage from Ephesians reminds me that my hope and rest is not in what I can control or change, but in the strengthening fortitude of God the Holy Spirit. By his power, he encourages and sustains us, so that we find our security 'rooted and grounded' in Christ who dwells in us.

Each year our church goes through changes. And each year I am so grateful for the many ministry leaders who have stepped up to serve and lead our community: for Janis Wessel and Sonia Pike who gave of their time, energy and health to keep True North Christian Academy's doors open while we looked for a new principal; for Dave and Candy Wilson stepping in to continue leading the school this past January and into our upcoming school year; for Walter Bazinet who will be stepping down as our church custodian after nine years of keeping our gathering spaces clean-well done, all of you!

I'm so thankful for our board and elders, who have continued to bring discernment and wisdom to our discussions around finances, vision, and ministry; for our staff: Karen Leutschafft who recently completed her first year serving as our church administrator, and Pastor Brian Callewaert who was ordained this past fall and now serves in a new role as Associate Pastor of Student Ministries and Outreach-they have done a great job! For our intern last fall, Nate Stacheruk, who served in so many ways; for all those who took part in Alpha, Reframe, 2:7 and other small group discipleship courses; for all of you who continue to give generously to the church and support special projects - like our new LED sign; and for each of our ministry leaders, many of whom work prayerfully behind the scenes to love and to lead - thank you.

The following few pages look ahead to upcoming ministry year and some ideas for outreach, spiritual formation and stewardship. I encourage all of you to continue to seek Jesus and participate in the opportunities available to grow and serve together.

This year marks my 11th year as lead pastor. Thank you for loving and welcoming our family into your hearts and homes. May we be rooted in the unchanging love and compassion of God, in the strength and kindness of Jesus, in the power and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace be with you all.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are excited to think about the ways God is calling us to serve, disciple, reach out, and steward well over this upcoming year. Here are some of the ministry initiatives we have in mind for 2023-2024.

Monthly Men's Breakfast & Study

Looking at re-launching our men's ministry around a Saturday morning fellowship breakfast at the church followed by Bible study: specifically teaching men how to study and explore the Bible by Pastor Nik. We'd be looking for some men to help lead and cook in the kitchen, do set up and take down, etc.

Promoting True North Christian Academy

Mr. Wilson is interested in the ways he can connect with other churches and Christian groups in Dryden to help promote the school's ministry and seek further donations, volunteers, and potential future principal applicants for fall 2024. We've ordered some new promotional materials for the school and are looking forward to seeing how the Lord will continue to grow this ministry.



Weekly Church Prayer:

New time for prayer gatherings over lunch hour 12pm-1pm Mondays. All welcome to come and pray together!

Crafting a Pattern of Devotion: Reading Plans

As a community we want to cultivate life with Christ together. So on Sunday September 3rd we're inviting you make a commitment with us. We're asking people to spend 15 minutes 4-times a week to read the Bible and pray. We want to keep it up for 9 whole months and trust that through this time God will grow something great, something beautiful.

We have two resources to help you grow:

- *ESV Solo: An Uncommon Devotional* - A devotional that helps you practice reading, thinking and praying through Scripture. Copies will be sold after the services on September 3rd for \$15.
- Essential 100 - An online Bible reading plan that surveys a variety of important Old and New Testament passages. It's available for free on the YouVersion Bible app which can be downloaded at bible.com. (To access, open the app > select "Plans" > Search "E 100.")

LOOKING AHEAD

Stewardship of Grounds & Building:

We have a lot of ideas about how to develop our grounds for community connection and ministry: (wildflower gardens, prayer paths, basketball court, new playground equipment, etc. This year we want to gather ideas and talk about ministry opportunities, with input from youth, groups, True North, etc. to discern a good plan together. We'll also be looking at pricing out new sound board and equipment, repairing our sidewalk, and looking at other maintenance needs around the church. Our hope is to get a good sense of prices on various projects and put together a plan to launch a capital fundraising campaign in fall of 2024.

Leadership Development Weekend w/ ACOP

We are planning a weekend in the spring of 2024 for our ministry leaders to be inspired, grow, connect, and increase their capacity for prayerful church leadership.

Fall Food Drive

We're revamping our fall 'Love Your Neighbour' food drive to encourage other groups and businesses to participate in gathering food items to restock the Dryden Food Bank shelves. We're hoping to build connections through a city-wide event in the name of Jesus.



Region-wide Fall Youth Conference:

We're hosting our first region-wide youth retreat October 13-15, inviting churches from across Northwestern Ontario to encounter the presence of Christ together. We already have two teams coming to help: a student ministry team from Eston College and 'Deeper Life', a worship team, both from Saskatchewan who will assist with leading and ministering over the weekend.

Highschool Church Plant

What comes to mind when you hear 'church plant'? Typically this has looked like a group of people moving to a new location and beginning worship services. Recently, church leaders and planters are saying that the model is changing: rather than big production, we're seeing a trend towards smaller cell churches begun in new places while larger established churches become 'sending centres'.

This year we're continuing our outreach to the highschool youth, and reframing it as a sort of church plant, not merely a study for Christians, but an opportunity to reach the lost through relationships and make disciples outside of a traditional church structure. We're excited to see how Jesus will continue to move and change lives in the youth of our city.

Proposed Budget 2023-2024

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
Tithes & Offerings	305,000.00	298,601.63	303,000	297,329.47	300,000	
Canada Helps Donations - Offering	10,000.00	2,650.00	2,500	4,547.50	3,500	
True North Christian Academy	61,200.00	61,290.68	55,000	55,288.94	55,000	
Other (Rent, Interest, Misc.)	2,000.00	1,088.30	3000	1,310.28	4000	
Hub Cafe	500.00	518.65	500	667.65	800	
Local & Foreign Missions Offerings - General (Loose)	3,000.00	4,191.05	3000	2,030.00	2000	
Local & Foreign Missions Offerings - Designated (Envelope)	2,000.00	900.00	2000	562.00	1000	
Improvements/Building Projects - Designated	22,000.00	10,140.00	10000	9,382.00		
Outreach Programs	0.00	0.00	0	70.00		
Children's & Youth	500.00	230.55	300	458.50	200	
Compassionate Fund	500.00	100.00	0	0.00		
55+ Ministry Compassion Canada	1,500.00	375.00	1500	2,136.08	1500	
Women's Ministry	200.00	50.00	0	0.00		
Men's Ministry	0.00	0.00	0	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	408,400.00	380,135.86	380,800.00	373,782.42	368,000.00	0.00

Proposed Budget 2023-2024 15

Expenses	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
ACOP Support	13,725.00	13028.27	12,220.00	7,057.95	12,000.00	
Advertising & Graphic Design	650.00	465.61	500.00	48.05	1,000.00	
Bank & Financial	1,100.00	972.78	1,100.00	1,040.79	1,200.00	
College Bursaries	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Communion	150.00	122.53	150.00	118.87	300.00	
Community Groups	300.00	390.76	250.00	424.26	500.00	
Children's Ministries	1,500.00	1248.52	2,000.00	1,717.02	2,000.00	
Compassionate Fund	2,500.00	1275.31	600.00	937.76	1,000.00	
Conference	500.00	0	800.00	280.00	500.00	
Creation Care	200.00	118.81	500.00	0.00	250.00	
Creative Arts	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Decor & Art	0.00	843.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gifts	400.00	388.34	300.00	0.00	300.00	
Healing Room	400.00	0	400.00	0.00	150.00	
True North Christian Academy	14,000.00	9694.61	10,000.00	8,202.91	12,000.00	
55+ Group	1,500.00	1298	1,500.00	1,314.40	1,500.00	
Hub Cafe	500.00	660	600.00	1,771.01	2,000.00	
Improvements	32,000.00	21398.98	11,000.00	9,107.28	5,000.00	
Janitorial	1,200.00	1039.42	1,000.00	1,160.67	1,200.00	
Kitchen & Meals	100.00	95.48	1,000.00	1,553.47	1,500.00	
Ladies Group	0.00	246.77	0.00	404.77	0.00	
Licences & Fees	3,200.00	3393.6	3,400.00	2,392.28	3,500.00	
Mens Group	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Ministry Training Materials			0.00	146.86	0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00	384.13	1,000.00	298.12	500.00	
Missions Support	34,000.00	38023.64	32,200.00	36,799.59	29,600.00	
Missions Special Projects	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Office/Supplies	3,000.00	2541.09	2,500.00	4,201.83	3,000.00	
Outreach Programs	1,500.00	2193.21	4,000.00	1,829.34	6,000.00	
Pastoral Expense Account	300.00	0	500.00	125.92	300.00	
Professional Dev. & Ministry Training	500.00	973.22	500.00	753.57	500.00	
Professional Fees (Accounting)	3,600.00	3035.34	3,600.00	3,035.37	3,600.00	
Prophetic & Worship Arts	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	500.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	10,000.00	12153.53	9,500.00	18,787.60	12,000.00	
Retreat	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sound & Tech Equipment	5,000.00	1220.23	5,000.00	3,360.30	5,000.00	
Special Projects - Haiti	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilities & Insurance	28,000.00	29036.23	30,000.00	12,685.30	22,000.00	
Visiting Ministries	450.00	450	1,700.00	343.08	3,000.00	
Wages (includes salaries, CPP, & EI)	243,000.00	239705.49	236,200.00	237,072.43	224,300.00	
Women's Bible Study	300.00	47.76	250.00	0.00	400.00	
Youth Group	1,750.00	1529.76	3,000.00	4,248.96	7,000.00	
Intern Honorarium			2,450.00			
Exchange on Currency						
Total Expenses	407,325.00	387975	380,720.00	361,219.76	365,600.00	
(Year End Revenue) Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures:	1,075	-7,839	80.00	12,562.66	2,400.00	

NEXT GENERATION

This past year was one marked with seeing God move among our young people. We saw growth in numbers in our Sunday School and Youth Group, but more importantly we saw growth in the lives of those involved. For the first time in a long time, our youth attended a retreat at Eston College where God touched lives deeply; a handful of young adults attended a conference in Winnipeg where God moved them into new places of relationship with Him; and a youth outreach began at Dryden High School where connections are being created with the young people of our city. God is lighting a fire that we are excited to see spread!

It has been a pleasure to watch the children learn and absorb the stories and the messages. Sometimes I wonder if they really are absorbing things, and then they will do or say something that makes it obvious they are listening and learning from the messages. It fills me with joy to spend time with them and I really hope they build a foundation that they will not forget for the rest of their lives.

It is such an honour to spend time with the youth of Dryden. Through the 6 months I spent, I saw new kids coming out to youth, it was encouraging to see kids invite others and for them to get involved. I believe it is a good community for those kids who grew up in the church and good outreach to kids who are not familiar with church or God.

- Abigail Advent, Youth Leader/Sunday School Teacher



From going to youth events, to talking with the youth leaders, and learning from fellow youth, I have gained a lot from the youth group over the last year. I have become better at ALL of the fruits of the spirit. I have also learned the answers to many of the deeper questions around being a Christian. Lastly, I have been moving Jesus more and more to being the absolute center of my life, and I have become much more committed to follow and serve him with my life.

- Andrew Werstler

GROUPS

We have had a consistent attendance from 4-8 women throughout the year. We can celebrate that we are ever growing in the Word. We've built a higher trust level in each other and in God.

- Lois Finlayson, Ladies Bible Study

The Lord has richly blessed our 55+ group in many ways. We are a group that gathers together weekly on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast or coffee at a local restaurant and once every month we meet at the church where we enjoy coffee and muffins or some type of baking or fruit. Praise reports are shared, prayer requests are shared, and a devotional is shared. We want each one that comes to feel included, welcomed, encouraged and blessed! Here are a few of the testimonies that were given during our time together:

- Since my husband passed away I know I am not alone as I know I have many friends that care for me.
- I enjoy the lightness and cheerfulness
- I enjoy the devotional which is short and sweet and to the point
- I have the most wonderful time
- There is lots of laughter
- We have a chance to meet and fellowship with other people
- Fellowship is better over food
- We are supporting two children, a young boy from Kenya and a young girl from Honduras. We have the opportunity to make a difference in their lives.

The Holy Spirit moves in many ways to impact our lives and it is encouraging to see the Lord at work in the lives of those in this fellowship group. We also welcome newcomers. Come and be blessed.

- Velma Henderson,
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care



TRUE NORTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



To the parents and students and their families: Wow, another year has passed and I wish that I could have been here for your whole school year, however that didn't happen. I so enjoyed the children while I was Interim Principal. Moms and Dads: you have great children! They are truly a gift from God. Well done students! I'm so proud of each one of you!

- Janis Wessel, Interim Principal



It has been both challenging and very rewarding to be back in school. After 34 years the hurdles are remembering procedures and reacquainting myself with the PACE work. The greatest reward has been getting involved with the children. We really have learned to care deeply for each one of them.

- David Wilson, Principal



"I am thankful to all the staff and volunteers, past and present, that have contributed to making True North Christian Academy a success. True North has been and continues to be a blessing to our family in the education and spiritual growth of all three of our children."

- Claire Beyak, Parent

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course was an absolute blessing to co-host with Pastor Nik and intern, Nate. Alpha is a very engaged, educational and fun course with great conversational pieces for those who are new to Christianity. Alpha uses engaged video teachings to provide facts, testimonies, documentation and evidence from doctors, researchers, scientists, historians and theologians to show that Jesus Christ is true, and that faith in God is a real growing thing all over the world with estimated numbers of up to 2.3 billion Christians. The conversational pieces we had during the Alpha Course were very engaging, spiritual and educational. I believe many or even all of us learned at least one new thing from Alpha to aid our journey in walking with God.

I hope the Alpha course can be taught annually at D.F.G.C to help the newcomers learn more about Lord Jesus, grasp a good understanding of Jesus Christ and what it means to be a Christian.

- Kyle Watelainen, Alpha Course

The Alpha course was an effective and thought-provoking course that provided an open-ended framework for each individual to introspect and examine their faith. Whether we were someone who had never defined their beliefs or someone who read scripture daily, the questions asked each week about who Jesus is, why he died, faith, prayer, the Bible, divine plan, purpose and more, allowed for subjective, faith-based examination. Nicky Gumbo's videos, which included teachings, bits of historical evidence for Christianity and very relatable and moving testimonies, were interesting to watch and easy to understand. Overall, the well thought out outline of the Alpha Course not only provided a strong and accurate message of gospel truth; it also encouraged a personal journey of thought and discovery for each individual who attended. Much like Jesus invites all to know Him and discover His amazing purpose for our lives, this course has potential to call many individuals with varying backgrounds to discover and/or grow in what they already understand about truth, forgiveness and the ultimate love of God.

- Shelley Reid, Alpha Course



OUTREACH



This past year we took strides to reach our community for Jesus. We were welcomed back to the Kenora jail to put on services for the inmates. We launched a city-wide food drive to support our local food bank - with great success. For the first time since pandemic we had an open door to go and do ministry at the highschool with Pastor Brian starting a group that welcomed both Christian and non-Christian youth to get to know God and explore the Bible. We also had the opportunity to get out into our neighbourhoods with downtown BBQ outreaches: making connections with the day-to-day people of Dryden and seeking to be a loving presence for the good of our city.

Jail ministry is off to a great start. The team is working well together with communicating and delivering the Gospel to the inmates. Seeds are being planted. The inmates look forward to us coming. I see more growth and blessings ahead!

- Greg Allan, Jail Ministry Leader

Our year of outreach within the city was a really exciting step in becoming more involved with our community. We had opportunities to pray with people and engage those who wouldn't normally connect with a church in any way. The upcoming year will bring new opportunities, and I can't wait to see God work in different ways!

- Brian Callewaert, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries & Outreach

MISSIONARIES & PARTNERS



BRANDEN & VAL DALBERG YWAM SUNSET COUNTRY, DINORWIC

Branden & Val work at the new YWAM base in Dinorwic where they can train missionaries with practical skills and formation for wherever God calls them.



JOSH MULLER

UNDISCLOSED

Josh is involved in prayer, street evangelism, and outreach in the Middle-East, particularly to Muslim cities with little Gospel witness. He's also taking language studies so he can engage with local people in their own language.



GERALD & RUTH NYGREN

PUEBLA, MEXICO

Gerald and Ruth teach at the local Spanish Bible College in Puebla, and are involved in children's ministries. They're helping to raise up the next generation of national Christian leaders for Central America.



ANITA PEARCE

CANADA & WORLDWIDE

Anita travels internationally as an evangelist: preaching the Gospel and encouraging churches in spiritual renewal.



RANDY & LESLIE WENGEL

CANADA & WORLDWIDE

Through Eagle Eye Ministries, Randy & Leslie work to mentor, encourage, and train leaders, churches, and ministries into their destiny and help them become effective in touching their communities with the message of God's love.

MISSIONARIES & PARTNERS



ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE

DRYDEN, ON

Adult & Teen Challenge works to put hope within reach in every community -- seeking to bring people out of addictions into the love and freedom of Christ.



APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF PENTECOST (ACOP)

CALGARY, AB

Our Church is affiliated with ACOP, a fellowship of pentecostal churches whose vision is to "extend grace and ignite hope" with the Gospel all throughout the world. The head office is located in Calgary, AB, and is led by our President, Rev. Wes Mills



DRYDEN FOOD BANK

DRYDEN, ON

The Dryden Food Bank is a registered Christian Charity, whose mandate is to distribute surplus and donated food and the essentials of life both physically and spiritually, to all individuals in the Dryden area that require assistance.



ESTON COLLEGE

REGINA, SK

Eston College offers college level education in biblical studies that integrates spiritual formation in all its fullness, incorporating academic excellence, Christian worldview, and Christian character development.



FIRST NATIONS RESTORATION CENTRE

HUDSON, ON

Recovery - Restoration - Renewal. Helping Aboriginal men overcome addictions.



WHAT DOES BEING A LOVING PRESENCE LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

As we go into the new year, there is much to look forward to and to pray into: fresh ideas for outreach to our city, a renewed emphasis on corporate prayer and spiritual practice, fundraising and development for True North Christian Academy, new church planting opportunities, and mobilizing our community for continued gospel influence in Dryden and beyond.

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A LOVING PRESENCE?

- Pray and ask God how he has called you to serve in this season of your life.
- Ask: What ministries or people groups are close to your heart?
- Consider: Where do I need to grow as a Christian? In prayer or Scripture study? In giving my time to others? In my finances and giving? As a leader in an area of ministry? At work, school, or at home?
- Who around you needs to hear and experience the love of Jesus? How can you help them to encounter God?





DRYDEN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH