

Information on North

There are many ways that you can be part of what God is doing at North Isanti Baptist Church. Getting involved, whether it is through small groups or serving, enhances your experience here at North. The following information, you will see North's vision, values and what we believe. Christ is changing lives each and every week at North. God uses us in ways that make an impact on those we serve.

Our History

North Isanti Baptist Church is part of Converge, a movement of over 1300 churches working to help people meet, know and follow Jesus. They do this by starting and strengthening churches together worldwide.

North was founded in 1860 by 14 believers and was first called Cambridge Baptist Church. The present building was built in 1900 and the name was changed to Isanti Baptist Church. North was given its early shape by the persistence, generosity and gospel outlook of a handful of pioneer families who came to Minnesota from Sweden. The main motivation why they left Sweden was better economic conditions with the idea of freedom in the new land. Sweden and Minnesota had similar scenery and attracted many from the old country to Isanti County.

Over the years their successors continued to reshape North effectively to connect each generation to Jesus. Like those who came before us, North feels compelled by the Great Commission to connect our generation to Jesus. Today, we seek to continue reshaping the presence and reputation of what God's people mean to a community by living Jesus' life in it. In living this way, we desire Jesus' presence to become so tangible in the community that people will be surprised by His love and attracted to His love.

Who We Are

Cultivating Hearts and Communities of Service to Connect People to Jesus.

Matthew 5:16, *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

This vision suggests that North Isanti Baptist Church can serve God and connect people to Jesus by helping each person develop their heart for service, discern the ways in which they can best serve, then join with others to form communities of service - groups that encourage and motivate each person in service.

Fit Together Perfectly

Ephesians 4: 15-16, *“We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*

What We Value

Found People Find People

Great Commandment - Matthew 22:37-40

- ***Growing People Change***
- ***Grateful People Give***

Loved People Love People

Great Commission – *Matthew 28:19-20*

- ***Joyful People Serve***
- ***Imperfect People Belong***

What We Do: 1 + 3

What is 1 + 3?

1. **Worship with Us** – We believe first and foremost you need to make corporate worship a priority. (*John 4:22-24*)



1. **Join a small group** – Find a group of people to live life with. (*1John 1:7*)
2. **Find a place to serve** – Do a work that fits your available time, spiritual gifts, and natural talents. (*Ephesians 2:10*)
3. **Find a neighbor to love** – Create space in your life with both your time and resources to serve and love your neighbors well. (*Matthew 22:39*)

North Kids (Infants – Grade 5)

Sundays

- **North Baby** –infant – 18 months in Room #225.
- **North Toddler** –age 18 months up to age 3.
- **Sunday School** - Age 2 – Grade 5 – September - May
- **Compass Junior** (age 3 – Kindergarten)– classes are above the gym during the 2nd Service Worship Teaching time around 11:15 am. We invite children to join their parents in the sanctuary during the singing time of the service, after which they are invited to attend Compass Jr. This time of music, games and teaching.
- **Compass** (Kindergarten – Grade 5) – class is in the gym during the 2nd Service Worship Teaching time around 11:15 am.

Wednesday nights (September – May)

- **Elevate Junior** (age 3 – Kindergarten) classes are above the gym.
- **Elevate** (Kindergarten – Grade 5) classes are downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Kindergarten is a flex year. Parents are welcome to choose the place they feel is best for their child. September & January are the months where you are welcome to make a change to try both areas to see which is the best fit for the continuation of the year.

Kids learn about God in a way they can understand with great teaching designed just for them!

KidCheck

- **KidCheck is mandatory for all programming for children ages 0 – 5th grade.**
- At North, we have policies and procedure in place to create a safe and secure environment for your children. For you this begins with KidCheck. You can pre-register your children online at: www.kidcheck.com, this will expedite your first-time visit.
- All of our volunteers have been trained and screened with background checks to verify their level of quality and character.

North Youth (Grade 6-12)

- **Senior High Ministry** on Sunday nights at 6 pm – 8 pm in The Shed.
- **Wednesday nights - Junior High Ministry** on Wednesday nights in The Shed at 6 pm – 7:30 pm (September – May).

Women

- **Bible Studies**
- **Fall and Spring Retreats.**
- **Serving committees** are a great way to serve.

Men

- **Men's Basketball** every Tuesday evening at 7 pm (September – May).
- **Softball Teams** (summer)
- **Men's Breakfast** (6:30 am) and **Bible Study** (7:00 am - 8:00 am) on the 1st Saturday of the month.
- **Men's Retreat**

Young at Heart (55+)

- **Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month with various activities.** Check the church website (Calendar) for the activity.

Small Groups

- Small groups at North is a great way to connect with other attendees outside of the Sunday worship service.

Sunday School

- **Sunday School is from 9:45 am - 10:30 am for age 2 adult.** We have a variety of Sunday School classes to help you grow and learn (September – May).

What does North Believe?

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that he concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer and that he saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension to heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, personal visible return to earth.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the universal church; a living body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

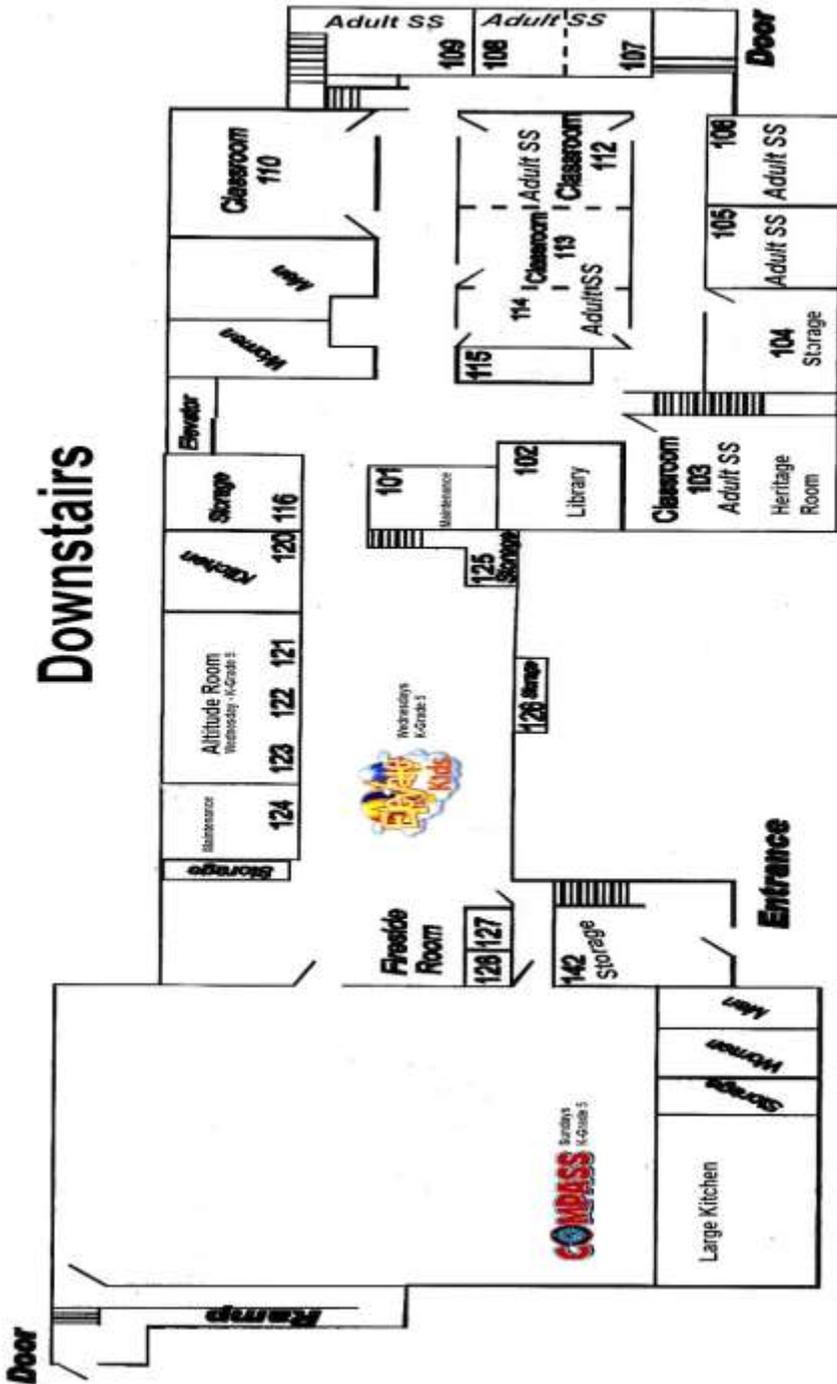
We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow men; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions; and that he should seek to realize for himself and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that every human being has direct relations with God and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that, therefore, church and state must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with inter-denominational fellowship on a voluntary basis.

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity (joy satisfaction) of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

Downstairs



Upstairs - C.E. Rooms

