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Pastoral Perspective - God's Miraculous Provision

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God is at work! We are thankful for the work the Lord is doing in and through our midst. We continue to see His grace changing lives. We recently celebrated two baptisms. We baptized a teenager who has grown up, with her family, at James North. She spoke of the way God has worked through her family and our youth ministry and how God has gripped her heart. We also celebrated God's work in the life of a university student whom He saved through the testimony of one of his friends who is a part of James North. We've seen God continue to work in the lives of the young adults from the Karen congregation (refugees from Burma) and have recently watched him save two of them. God is powerfully saving. We are also thankful for the establishment of a Portuguese speaking congregation on Saturday evenings. Our first service launched on Saturday April 24th with just over 80 people in attendance. Hamilton has a large Portuguese speaking population and Pastor Marcio and his wife Elaine have worked with a group of them over the last few years, sharing the gospel with them and seeing some of them come to faith in Christ. A Brazilian church planter, Pastor Giuliano Coccaro arrived on Christmas Day and began to work Pastor Marcio in establishing this work. We thank God for this work and partnership.

Both the Karen and Portuguese speaking congregations have their children and youth participating in our mid-week children's and youth ministries. We are thankful that we can minister to children from the North End Community as well as from the three congregations meeting in our facility.

God is at work! Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership. We are thankful for the work God is doing here and are blessed that you are journeying with us in His work.

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COFFEE'S ON



the hub

Each week over 40 people gather at the Hub. Many of those who join us at the Hub are struggling with marginalization, isolation, and mental health illness. They gather for an hour of socialization where they enjoy snacks, and some participate in activities like pool or ping pong while others engage in conversation. This time is followed by a short service with worship in song and a message. The group then enjoys a meal together and watches part of a Christian movie.

One of the gentlemen who is attending the Hub recently commented that this was the only time he ate with others each week. 'I'm thankful for the volunteers who spend time with me,' he said, 'They cheer me up each week. And I've always wanted to know more about Jesus...this has been a safe place for me to learn about Him.'

Coffee's on continues to minister to several dozen individuals and families each week in need of emergency food assistance. We serve a light breakfast as people come in and those joining us let us know their need for assistance, so we walk along side of them. Each week we pause for a few minutes to share the verse of the week. We are praying for \$10,000 to assist us with the Benevolent fund this summer as we care for those in the greatest need.

Your partnership with James North allows us to continue to provide ministries like the Hub and Coffee's On. Thank you for your continued generosity.



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GENTLEMAN ATTENDING THE HUB



Summer ministries

SOCCER

This summer we are thankful for our partnership with Onside Sports as we launch our soccer league again after a two-year COVID break. We have 200 children and youth participating in the league. There is a blend of families from Christian and unchurched homes. We are thankful we can share the gospel with all the participants each week. We are praying for \$10,000 to assist us in running the league.



CROSSTRAINERS

In addition to our multi-sport camp, James North is also offering four weeks of Crosstrainers. We have 80 children registered each week. Crosstrainers is filled with activities, crafts, food and gospel-centered Bible lessons. Pray for us as we interact with these children this summer. We are praying God will provide \$20,000 to assist us with Crosstrainers and our multi-sport camp



MULTI-SPORT CAMP

For the first time, we are offering a multi-sport camp in July in conjunction with Onside Sports. We have 50 children registered for the camp and are thrilled we will get to share the love of Christ with them as we also teach a variety of skills.



Celebrating

135 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

1887-2022

God is gracious. In 1887 the Lord burdened a group at James St. Baptist Church in Hamilton to establish a work in the North End of Hamilton. Northern Baptist Church was birthed on August 14th, 1887, at the corner of Ferguson and Ferrie. From 1887 – 1900 eight pastors led Northern Baptist Church. In 1899 it looked as if the church would need to close as membership had declined drastically. The Lord raised up Rev. James Bracken who pastored the church for 19 years through two pastorates and under his leadership the church relocated to Hughson St. in 1909. Hughson St. worshiped and ministered at that location until 2020. Rev. H.W Bower pastored the church from 1924 – 1936 where the church both contended for sound doctrine and built a large addition. Rev. Alfred Bell pastored the church from 1936 – 1941 and from 1955 – 1989, serving a total of 39 years. In 1989 the church looked as if it would close. There were only a faithful few remaining. Active membership was less than 20 people. The Lord raised up Pastor Peter Wright to begin the revitalization of the church. Rev. Dwayne Cline began his ministry on January 1, 1995. In 2011, Hughson St. Baptist Church had outgrown its facility on Hughson St., had purchased a building and property on James St. and was meeting on Sunday mornings in the local school. In 2016 the church was led of God to build it's new 64,000 square foot worship and ministry facility that includes 45 apartments for those in need of housing. In 2020 the church changed the name to James North Baptist Church and began to meet in the new facility at the corner of James and Picton Streets. Join us at 10 am on Sunday September 25th at 500 James North for a celebration of 135 years of God's faithfulness.



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(multi-sport camp and Crosstrainers)

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