Digital Media in the Church World





The Big Picture

We're Not Here To Overwhelm You!

• Strategy > Tools

• Communication = Connection



Quantity is not the same as <u>Consistency</u>

The Big Picture



Clear, consistent, human.

Churches don't need to be **everywhere** in the social media space, but they do need to be **clear**, **consistent**, and **human/organic**.

- What do you think "clear" means?

 - Church DNA?
- How about "consistent?"
 - 2-3 posts per week
 - At least weekly is a great starting place!
- "Human/Organic?"

Topics for the Day

- Livestream
- Websites & Branding
- Social Media



Why Livestream?

- Extend Reach
 - Homebound
 - Travelers
 - Seekers "Peeking In"
- Something to Remember
 - Livestream ≠
 Discipleship—It's a
 front door, NOT a
 church.



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That's an entire *church*—or "churches" depending on the size of your congregation

Realistically, Let's Multiply That By 4...

1,272

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What Actually Matters

- Clarity over Flashiness
 - Clear audio > fancy video
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 - Clarity!
- Stability over Perfection
 - Is your stream stable?
 - Is your schedule consistent?
- Accessibility
 - Captions
 - Easy to find/access

Practical Tips

- Start **Simple**
 - Phone + Tripod is better than nothing.
- Train **Volunteers**
 - This is ministry
- Leverage
 - Use livestream to point back to in-person community!





The Digital Front Door

- Your website is the new front door of your church.
- 99% of first-time guests visit your website or social media before attending in person.
- First impressions are now made online, not in your lobby.



Your Primary Audience: Guests

- The main target for your website isn't your members—it's your **future guests**.
- Members already know your service times and ministries.
- Guests are asking:
 - When and where do they meet?
 - What should I expect?
 - Will I feel welcome here?

What Every Church Website Needs

- The Basics (make them obvious):
 - Service times
 - Address / directions
 - "What to Expect" snapshot (what a Sunday looks like)
 - Connect Card or Plan Your Visit form
 - Core Beliefs
 - Ministries
 - Staff page (faces build trust!)
- P If someone has to dig for info they won't.

Why This Matters More Now Than Ever

- Pre-COVID: it took 3-5 personal invites before someone visited.
- Post-COVID: it takes 12–15 invites on average.
- People are cautious and do their research first.
- Your website is often the *final confirmation step* before someone decides to attend.

What Makes a Good Church Website

- Inviting warm, clear visuals that reflect your church's personality and brand
- Informative key details without clutter
- Mobile-friendly 70–80% of visitors browse from phones
- Easy navigation simple menu, clear CTAs ("Plan Your Visit," "Watch Online")
- Up to date outdated content kills credibility instantly

Design = Hospitality

A clean, thoughtful website is the digital equivalent of a warm handshake at the door.

- Clear photos of real people
- Friendly tone of voice
- Welcoming imagery and color palette
- Simple next steps: "Join us this Sunday" / "Plan Your Visit"







Your Website's Goal

- Get the right information to the right person at the right time.
- It's not about impressing people it's about removing barriers.
- The easier it is to take the next step, the more likely they will.

Brand Recognition

Why Brand Recognition Matters

- Brand recognition isn't about marketing for profit it's about clarity and consistency.
- A strong church brand communicates who you are, what you believe, and why it matters.
- A clear brand communicates: "This is who we are, and this is Who we represent."

It Builds Trust & Familiarity

- Consistency across visuals, language, and tone builds credibility.
- People notice when things feel cohesive and it builds confidence in your ministry.
- When the look and message match the mission, it says "We're intentional."
- Familiarity leads to comfort → comfort leads to connection.

It Extends Your Reach Beyond Sunday

- Most people experience your church online before in person.
- Consistent branding helps people connect what they see digitally to what they'll feel physically.
- Every post, invite, or ad becomes an extension of your message.
- Brand recognition turns digital moments into in-person engagement.

It Creates Unity Across Ministries

- Unified design = unified mission.
- Helps every ministry (Kids, Students, Men's, etc.) feel like one church, one family.
- Eliminates "siloed" visuals and confusion between ministries.
- Shows that what's happening in every age group or space is part of one story.













It Honors the Gospel Through Excellence

- Excellence in design reflects intentionality and care.
- We're not glorifying design we're clarifying the message.
- A thoughtful brand removes distractions so Christ stays central.
- Clear communication honors God by making the Gospel easy to see and understand.

Let Every Design Point to Jesus

- Brand recognition = clarity of mission made visible.
- It builds trust, reinforces your purpose, unites your people, and amplifies your reach.
- A consistent brand doesn't make the church flashy it makes the message clear.

Let's Critique!

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What is the Purpose of Social Media?

- Not just announcements → Storytelling + discipleship
 touch points → Sharing the Gospel
 - A place to meet people where they are



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The world is looking for something--for hope, for truth, for answers... that can only be found in the name that is JESUS. Repent, believe, follow!

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and encouragement of how to do that more biblically would be





Megan Marie

Can there be a class for wives and husbands on how to better do each of our roles biblically? We loved hearing this sermon and how the submission to God as the men of the family flows through and affects the wife and rest of the family too. There's so much of the way the world does marriage, but breaking down the actual roles of each

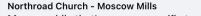
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Megan, while that's a super specific topic--a GREAT topic, I will say that there is currently a 7 week course called Sacred Steps that is going on at NorthRoad! And while we haven't discussed those role, yet, this is taking place on Tuesday nights for the next three weeks and would be an awesome group for you to be a

part of! **c** You should go! We are incredibly transparent with how are marriages are working, how they aren't, and all of the in-betweens! It's a safe place that has been life-giving. Our discipleship pastor, Matt Behr spearheads this, then we have breakout discussions.

My wife and I are actually in a group with him! If you're interested, you're more than welcome to meet up with us! The next one is next Tuesday at 6:00pm! If you go, let me know and we'll catch you guys. If you have questions, hit me up,

Jacob Rodgers **Digital Communications Director**





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How can we pray for you this week? What are some praiseworthy things that have happened lately? We'd love to hear about them! ___

6w Like Reply





Top fan

Rebecca Duncan

Northroad Church - Moscow Mills we continue trusting the Lord to provide a job, the right job for Daniel. If you all will pray for us, that will be great! We do see the Lord moving through the help of a sweet lady at NorthRoad who is helping a lot! We are grateful! Thank you for praying and always reminding us to follow the Lord and make Him first in our life!

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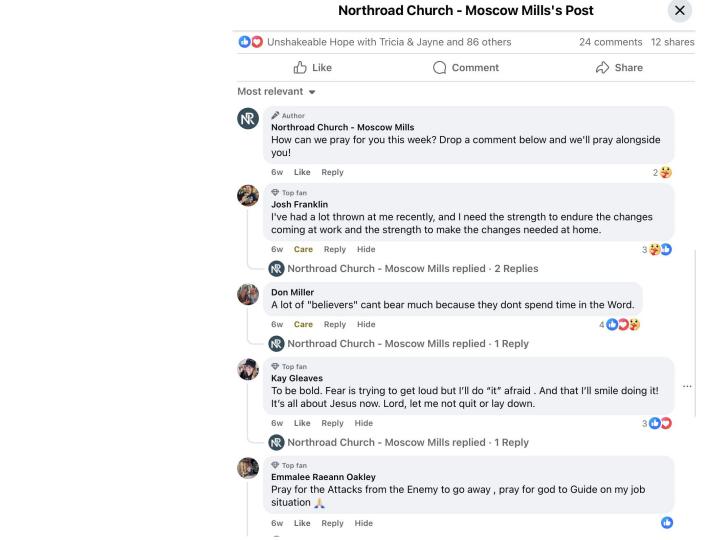
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Praying for you now, Rebecca! It's encouraging hearing that the body is stepping up and walking alongside you guys--especially the sweet lady!

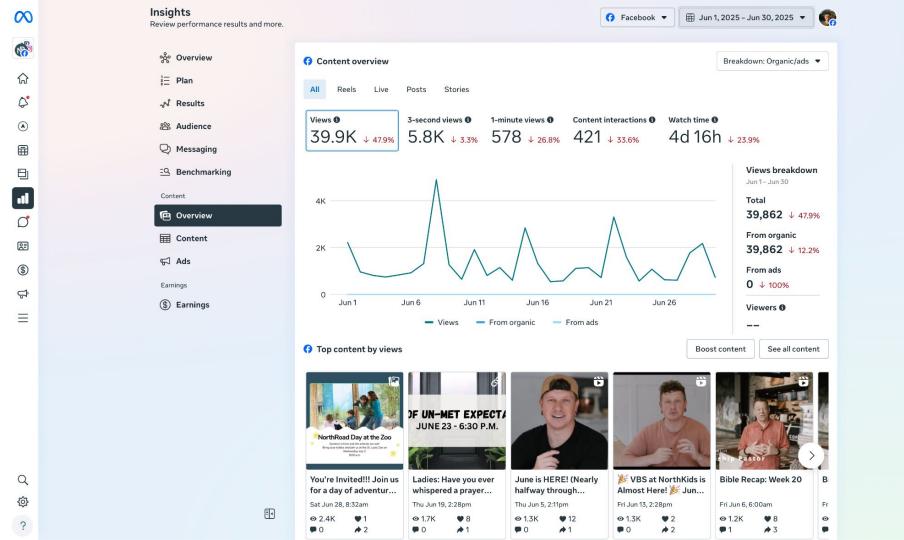


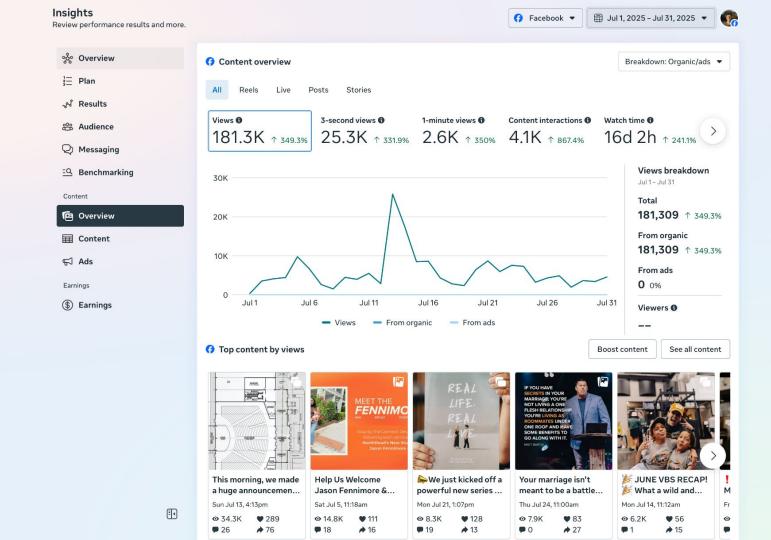
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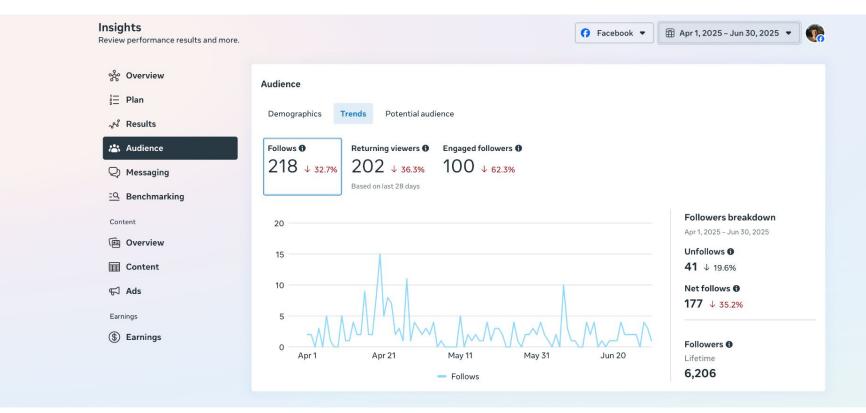


What *Really* Works

- Authenticity > polish (real faces, not stock)
- Consistency > volume (3 thoughtful posts > 12 scattered ones) "No weeks off"
 - SHARE. THE. GOSPEL. Social media is a ministry!



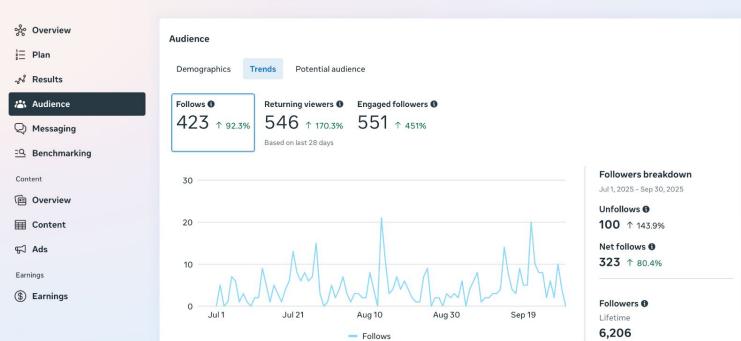






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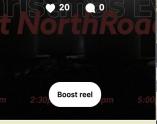


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Hopelessness



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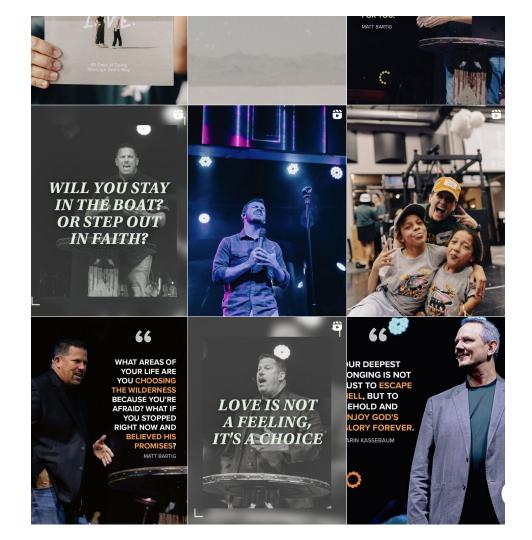


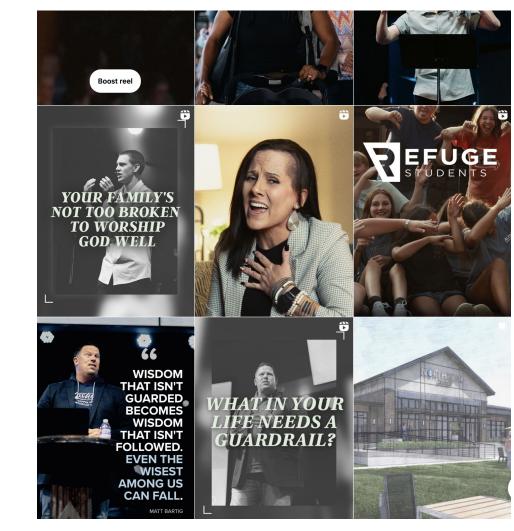


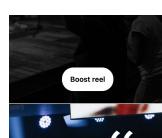




To this...





















MANY ARE SEARCHING FOR HOPE.

Practical Tips

- Share testimonies, behind-the-scenes, event/ministry
 highlights (with strategy)
 - Use video + reels for reach, but don't neglect static
 posts/photos for depth
 - Make content reusable (clip sermons → short reels)

Your Socials Aren't A <u>Bulletin Board</u>

It Turns Out That People

Prefer Gospel

Messaging--as does the

algorithm

Lead with the <u>substance</u> NOT the <u>event reminder</u>.



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Just a glimpse—a small snapshot of what the future holds. This space will be more than a building; it will be a gathering place for our people and the community—a safe space to build relationships and spark Gospel conversations.

Homecoming was such a beautiful thing to witness. If you were there, you know exactly what we mean! From those who stepped up to serve across ministries, to the atmosphere of excitement and joy—we were truly blessed.

Let's gather again soon! Stay connected with everything happening at NorthRoad https://linktr.ee/northroadchurch

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"What you draw people with is what they'll be drawn to."

- a wise monk named Rod Ohmes

Bringing it Together

The Core Message:

Livestream = door

Website = welcome mat

Social Media = Gospel conversation

"All three should work together to point people to Jesus and community."

Action Steps:

 Pick just one of the items from today to improve upon in the next 30 days.

Action Steps (cont.):

• Ask: "If someone encounters our church online, do they know who we are, how to connect, and have they heard the name of Jesus more so than [INSERT CHURCH NAME, HERE]?"

Cheat Code



Brady Shearer

Q&A

GET YO PHONES OUT!

Resources we use <u>frequently</u>

- PulpitAl
- Clearstream
- Subsplash
- Planning Center

- ChatGPT
- ChurchCo
- Soundstripe
- Visitor Reach



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PEACE!