



NORTHSTAR
CHURCH

ELDERS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Elder Board exists to nurture and lead the people of Northstar Church, striving to create a Christ-centered environment in which our church develops into a joy-filled community of faith that inspires others to follow Christ.

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SPIRITUAL VALUES

- Live lives worthy of imitation totally surrendered to Christ, in response to the Gospel message, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 4:16)
 - Love, lead and support the Pastors, staff and the family of Northstar Church and the community of Quesnel. (1 Timothy 3)
 - Desire an intimate encounter with God through prayer, worship and fellowship. (Col 3:16)
 - Trust each other as we consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (Heb 10:24)



My name is Matt Isaak. I am married to my wife Heather, and we have three beautiful children together. I was born and raised in Yarrow, BC and I accepted Christ at an early age. Although raised in church it wasn't until Bible School that I began to truly understand what it meant to be a follower of Christ.

Galatians 2:20 is a verse of deep significance for me, *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."* As an independent overachiever, self-reliance comes easily to me. Self-reliance is the pre-cursor to pride which became a struggle for me. I began my career as an RCMP officer in 2008. It was the RCMP that brought Heather and me north to Quesnel, a town we hardly knew but now deeply love. Police work has its own unique challenges and chief of those is learning how to process human suffering, brokenness, addiction and pain. It becomes apparent that the dark presence of evil is a reality and its influence is apparent in our community.

The apostle Paul nails it when he says, *"our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"*. The hope in all this is the factual reality that Jesus defeated Satan, sin and death. The battle wages but the war has been won. This is good news. Though we were once captives in this conflict we have been set free. Considering this freedom, we can now stand against the evil forces in the power and protection of our Heavenly Father. Romans 12:21 tell us, *"do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good"*.

My prayer for the community is that we learn to experience freedom and peace in Christ Jesus and that we can walk alongside others as they find freedom in their own lives. I feel blessed to be in a leadership position at Northstar Church and I know that God is active in our church and community. I am confident that God is positioning His Holy power and providence for something amazing in our little town.

Matt Isaak



Hello, I am Bill Rankin. My wife Leslie and I have been married for 37 years. I have 4 kids and 7 grandchildren. I have been working in the forest industry for most of my adult life. I grew up in Kamloops mostly but moved to Williams Lake in 1989 where we started our family. In 1999 we moved to Salmon Arm and live there until we moved to Quesnel in 2011.

Growing up I did not have any understanding of faith in Jesus. It wasn't until we had moved to Williams Lake when a friend invited me to church, not long after I came to know Jesus as my Lord and savior. We began attending NSC after checking out several other congregations in town. We have been a part of the Northstar family now for over 15 years. I am very excited about the direction NSC is headed. I hold firm to the belief that it is critical to keep focussed on Jesus, holding to Him as an example as to how we should live.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:1-3).

It is an honor to serve as an elder at NSC. It is a responsibility that I don't take lightly. It is the responsibility of all believers to serve as they are gifted to do so. God has not blessed us with gifts so that they may wither on the vine.

1 "I am the true vine, and my father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." John 15:1-2

There is no better life than one lived with Christ as our foundation.

In His Service,



My name is Don Kroeker and I have been coming to Northstar Church since 2018 and a member since 2023. I moved to Quesnel with my wife, Elizabeth, in 2018 after buying a business here. We enjoy the life Quesnel has afforded us with its great outdoor activities like hiking, snowshoeing and biking. My wife loves to garden and I enjoy motorcycles and football.

Raised in a Christian home I dedicated my life to Christ and was baptized at the age of 11. I went through some dark days in my late teens and into my mid-twenties, but all the while knowing a life without Christ wasn't how I was going to end up.

I rededicated my life in my late 20's. I met my wife in 1990, and married in 1991. We went on to have two children, our son Brian in 1994 and our daughter, Nicole in 1997. We now have 5 awesome grandkids, Issac, Nate and Nova Myla and Sophia and are blessed with our kids spouses, Katie and Dustin.

I believe Northstar Church is in the midst of something spiritually great, as our Pastor and those of us in Leadership allow the Holy Spirit to really move in our midst.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board this last year and a half.

Don Kroeker



Hi, my name is Pieter van Jaarsveld. My wife, Marissa, and I have been married for nearly 15 years. Originally from South Africa, we immigrated to Canada in March 2020, beginning a new chapter during a uniquely challenging time, globally. Since arriving, I have served in education as both a teacher and now principal of North Cariboo Christian School, while Marissa works as the administrative assistant to the administrator at G.R. Baker Hospital.

I was raised in a Christian home, with my father serving as a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church and my mother working as a teacher. I gave his life to Christ in 1996 and was actively involved in youth ministry and mission work in Zambia. Since becoming part of the Northstar family in 2021, I have faithfully served on the worship team, was baptized at Northstar on March 31, 2024, and has also had the opportunity to preach.

In 2022, I felt led by the Holy Spirit to apply for the principal position at North Cariboo Christian School, a role I continue to serve in with dedication and gratitude. I feel honoured and humbled to answer God's call as an elder at Northstar Church. I approach this responsibility with both seriousness and joy, trusting in the guidance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I look forward to serving alongside John, Dylan, the fellow elders, and the entire church family as we continue seeking God's purpose together: One God, One Church, One Mission, One By One.

Pieter van Jaarsveld



My name is Rory Stevens, and I moved to Quesnel in 2011 with my wife, Valerie, and our two boys, Jake and Brody. Abigail joined our family in 2012, making our family complete. We have been attending Northstar church for around 11 years. I am a millwright by trade and have been working at QRP since 2011, currently as their Maintenance Planner. Since childhood, I have had a love for the outdoors. Some of my favourite activities are mountain biking, hiking, skiing, and searching for mountain goats.

I was born in 1984 and grew up in the small Northern town of Kitimat, BC. I accepted Christ into my heart as a child at a Bible camp, and I remember feeling so much joy and peace. As the years went by, I found myself without much of a Christian support system, and I tried to find belonging in the world and in the party scene. This led to many unwise choices, regret, pain, and eventually coming to the end of myself. I cried out to God and recommitted my life to him in 2003. Shortly after, I was encouraged to go to a Bible conference in Burnaby, BC. While there, I met an American beauty and instantly fell head over heels for her. Last October, we celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary.

I am excited about the opportunity to continue serving as an elder on the board of this church and to see what God has in store for us this year. Val and I and our children have a deep love for the people of this church, and we are honored to be a part of this family.

This past year was full of ups and downs for us as a family. Last spring, my place of employment shut down for 10 weeks, but it was beautiful to see how God took care of us and provided for us through such uncertainty.

Shortly into my time off from work, I crashed on my mountain bike and knocked myself out, resulting in a concussion. Later, I found out I had a minor brain bleed, a broken rib, and a broken fingertip. I don't remember much of that day, and it sure scared my family, but God was right there, placing someone at the right place and time to get me to my truck and in contact with my wife, who got me to the hospital. Miraculously, I didn't experience any lasting symptoms! A week later, we rushed down south to Washington as Val's dad ended up in the hospital with a strep infection in his blood and was rushed into the ICU. We thought we were going to say our final goodbyes then, but God gave the family 4 more months with him. In November, the Lord took him home to Heaven. How thankful we are that he knew and loved Jesus. It has been a challenging year in many ways, and at times it still hits hard. Through it all, God has been with us and has given us peace, knowing he works all things out for good for those who love him.

In the fall, Val and I started serving as Jr Youth leaders. It has been an encouragement to us and a great joy to be able to serve together! We often see the youth out in the community, and it has been awesome to build on those connections. Recently, God opened a new door for me at work, and it has been an answer to prayer and a great blessing. All in all, God has been continually gracious, growing and strengthening our faith through it all! All Glory to him!

Rory Stevens



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