

PLANTING

PRAY. INVITE. ENGAGE. INVEST.

 ELEVATE 2023

This vision will guide our ministry focus and financial priorities. We are calling each person who calls First Naz their church home to prayerfully consider participating in this vision.

Our Elevate Vision for 2023 focuses on Planting.

This brochure highlights the themes and goals that guide us as we pursue the vision God has given our congregation. Together we will pray, invite, engage and invest in what God is doing at First Nazarene Church.

FIRST NAZARENE CHURCH

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PRAY

Through daily prayer we will plant the seeds of God's movement of bringing people back to himself. We will strategically pray daily for our families, neighbors, co-workers, and community to come to know Jesus. We will host a few community nights of prayer as a church community.

INVITE

Through invitations we will plant the seeds of people coming to First Naz and taking steps in their journey towards Jesus. Intentionally crafted services, series, events and more will provide strategic opportunities where it will be natural to invite people to attend.

ENGAGE

We will plant the seeds of purpose and community within our church, engaging people in the life of our community by serving and participating in Life Groups.

- Purpose - Serving others plants seeds of purpose.
- Community - Life Groups bring opportunity for community and spiritual growth.

New ministries include a hosted church gathering on Sunday mornings at nearby Timberline Knolls Treatment Center and engaging next-generation leaders in a Residency and Intern program.

INVEST

Financial stewardship is a part of a vibrant relationship with Jesus. Giving to the local church is the biblical plan for funding the vision God has given us. We are calling our congregation to take a step in their giving to the Elevate Vision that funds operating, ministry and staffing costs as we pursue the PLANTING 2023 vision.



Prayful Goals

To see God bring about the harvest from seeds we plant, resulting in the following by December 2023:



- 500 new guests
- 200 decisions for Jesus
- 30 baptisms
- 20 new members
- 80 people serving each weekend
- 275 weekly average in Life Groups
- \$1,950,000 given to Elevate Vision
- +10% in monthly giving units
- +10% in worship attendance
 - >20% of attendance in NazKids
 - >10% of attendance in Ignite Student

Highlights & Partnerships

Planting seeds of hope

By The Hand Club for Kids in Austin

Bike Across Chicago, tutoring during school year, Christmas gifts for students

Pregnancy Care Centers

PASS / Tinley Park & Southside / Oak Lawn

Lemont Car Show

Lead Support Organization, July 26

Invite Sundays

for Summer Kickoff & Fall Food Trucks

Mission Trips

- Medical in Guatemala
- Native American in Arizona

Resident & Intern Program

Timberline Knolls Treatment Center

Sunday Morning hosted gathering Team

Welcome to the **Neighborhood Team**

NazKids Family Ministry Events

Ignite Student Ministries

events, camp, weekly gatherings, retreats

Nazarene Recreation

coaching, support team, award ceremonies

Nazarene Preschool

(weekday mornings) Support Team

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays at First Naz



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