

Northridge Baptist Church

Profile Summary

Introduction

In order to provide a snapshot of the current composition of the Northridge congregation, a survey was conducted in February of 2010. To capture results from a wide range of attenders, time was set aside during a regular Sunday worship service to distribute and complete the survey. The survey was also made available for people who were not able to complete it during the worship service. A total of approximately 250 surveys were completed.

The survey contained questions which sought to obtain information in three main areas:

- **Who We Are** – Age group, education level, job classification, residence location, frequency of attendance
- **How We Are Growing** – Spiritual growth and maturity, participation in ministries and activities
- **How We Are Giving** – Level of giving of time and resources

Highlights from the survey in each of these areas are included in the following sections. Additionally, graphs showing the detailed results from the survey questions are included in Appendix A.

To provide additional background and information regarding Northridge, the 2009 Annual Report (Appendix B) and a summary of the Northridge Baptist Church History (Appendix C) are included in this profile.

Who We Are

When asked to identify themselves as visitors, regular attenders, or members; 50% responded as regular attenders and 20% as members. Only 23% of respondents identified themselves as a member or attender for over 10 years.

The age groups between 11 and 60 years were fairly evenly divided, with only 5% of respondents identifying themselves in age groups over 60.

As can be seen in Appendix A – Survey Details, the level of education and job classifications were diverse between the respondents.

The majority of respondents live within the city of Mitchell (61%), with the remainder living in rural Mitchell and surrounding towns.

How We Are Growing

When asked to classify their level of spiritual maturity, the largest response (31%) was Experiencing New Life. This was defined as “I am growing spiritually and have joy as a believer.” Most other responses were split between “Faith Commitment – I have received Jesus as Savior and Lord”, “Growing in Community – I am connected and serving with the church”, and “Living Missionally- I share my faith, serve, and mentor others.”

The majority of respondents indicated that they were spiritually growing (55%), while 35% indicated that they were staying about the same, and 10% losing ground.

In identifying the type of groups the respondents attend outside of worship service, the majority (52%) indicated a small group or mini-congregation. This was followed by bible study (16%) and Celebrate Recovery (4%).

How We Are Giving

A majority of respondents (60%) indicated that they wish they could be more involved at Northridge. Additionally 55% indicated that they are attenders only, with 28% indicating they are involved in one ministry and 17% involved in multiple ministries.

For financial giving, 44% of respondents indicated that they give between 6-10% of their resources. 14% of respondents indicated that they give more than 10%.

Appendix A – Survey Details

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1. I am a (98%)
 - [7%] Visitor -17
 - [51%] Regular Attender -124
 - [20%] Member -49
 - [22%] Member or attender for over 10 years -55

2. I attend (98%)
 - [76%] Almost every Sunday I am in town -186
 - [13%] Three times a month -31
 - [6%] Twice a month -14
 - [3%] Once a month -7
 - [1%] Once a quarter-2
 - [2%] Less often-4

3. I live (99%)
 - [61%] In Mitchell-151
 - [26%] Rural-64
 - [13%] Other town-31 1-other?

4. My Age Group (99%)
 - [15%] 11-20 38 [17%] 21-30 41 [19%] 31-40 47
 - [25%] 41-50 62 [19%] 51-60 47 [4%] 61-70 9 [1%] Over70 3

5. My Level of Education (97%)
 - [31%] High School -75
 - [24%] 2 Year Degree -57
 - [30%] 4 year degree -72
 - [15%] Professional Degree -37

6. My job would be classified as (98%)
 - [33%] White Collar -81
 - [33%] Blue Collar -80
 - [4%] Retired -9
 - [16%] Student -18
 - [15%] Other -36

7. My service (97%)
 - [55%] I am an attender only at this point -135
 - [28%] I am involved in a Northridge ministry, approximately __ hrs per week. -68

- [17%] I serve in multiple Northridge ministries, approximately ___ hrs per week. -39
8. I wish I could be (96%)
- [60%] More involved 143
 - [38%] No more involved than I am -91
 - [2%] Less Involved -5
9. I give (94%)
- [43%] 0-5% to Northridge -98
 - [44%] 6-10% to Northridge -101
 - [9%] 11-15% to Northridge- 20
 - [5%] More than 15% -11
10. I would describe my level of spiritual maturity as (96%)
- [.4%] Not Interested – I am indifferent about spiritual issues. -2
 - [8%] Curiously Seeking – I am wondering about and open to spiritual things. -36
 - [5%] Searching Assertively – I want to find answers about who Jesus really is. -24
 - [21%] Faith Commitment – I have received Jesus as Savior and Lord. -94
 - [30%] Experiencing New Life – I am growing spiritually and have joy as a believer. -136
 - [19%] Growing in Community – I am connected and serving within the church. -86
 - [17%] Living Missionally – I share my faith, serve, and mentor others. -76
11. As far as spiritual growth, I think I am (93%)
- [9%] Losing ground -41
 - [37%] Staying about the same -161
 - [54%] Growing 54
12. I attend (one or more answers accepted)
- [52%] A small group or mini-congregation -133
 - [16%] A regular Bible study -42
 - [4%] Celebrate Recovery -11

Appendix B – Attendance & Membership

20 Year Average Attendance

1990	149
1991	162
1992	165
1993	165
1994	175
1995	191
1996	202
1997	238
1998	249
1999	232
2000	269
2001	307
2002	322
2003	345
2004	364
2005	379
2006	401
2007	407
2008	404
2009	403

2009 Reports of Membership

Total Active Member as of November 19, 2009	142
Member Deaths	1
Non-Member Deaths	1
Baptisms	11
Child Dedications	8

Appendix C – Northridge Baptist Church History

This part of the document is being prepared and is not complete.