



The Church as
God's People Sent
Into the World

NorthRidge Church
Pastor Paul VanderKaay
July 5, 2026

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Putting our Faith into Action – James 2:14-17

(4) Steps to Becoming Agents of Change in our World

- I. God's _____ and his _____
Cp. Matthew 22:37-38; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9
- II. God's _____ (our marching orders)
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- III. God's _____ (the Gospel)
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- IV. God's _____ and _____
Cp. Acts 1:8; Philippians 4:13

How is it Anticipated at NorthRidge?

NorthRidge's _____ Statement

- We exist to Glorify God and Do Good to Others

NorthRidge's _____ Statement

- To be a Worshipping Community of Ministering Believers Committed to ...
 - Exalting the Lord
 - Evangelizing the Lost
 - Educating Learners
 - Equipping Leaders
 - and Extending Christ's Love to the People Groups of the World.

NorthRidge's _____ Statement

- Turn Spiritual Seekers into Fully Developed Ministers of Christ as we live up to our motto: **"Where Friends Become Family"**

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

"If God gave you everything you've prayed for in the last week, what would happen? The only reason I ask is that you are a ruler, a co-heir with Christ, a manager of heavenly resources. What are you doing with all that authority? If we really took Jesus seriously on the invitation to prayer, what would happen? What would happen in you? What would happen to your community? What would happen in your city? Isn't it worth finding out?"
Excerpt from *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*, by Tyler Staton (p. 107)

Being a co-heir with Christ (Rom. 8:17) means everything He secured through His life, death, and resurrection is equally ours. Praying in His name isn't just a phrase; it is legally using His power and representation on Earth. We are acting as His representatives, backed by all the authority He was given. We rely on His righteousness rather than our own efforts.

But to receive that invitation to pray, we must allow the things that break the Lord's heart to break OUR hearts. We must also draw near to Him, asking Him to lead us to pray for His will to be done.

Spend time with the Lord this month.

- Examine the amount of time You spend with the Lord in prayer. Is the Lord waiting for YOU to show up to pray and enter relationship with Him—asking, listening, applying His word to your life?
- Examine your prayers. What do you most often pray for? What AREN'T you praying for? Ask the Lord to lead you to a new commitment to prayer relationship with Him.
- Examine your heart. Are your prayers just words or are they heartfelt and a yearning for the Lord to move? Ask the Lord to give you HIS heart for others and for the Church.
- Ask the Lord to help you love more so your prayers demonstrate **αἰτέω (aiteō; Greek)** translated to "to ask," "to request," "to beg," or "to demand" — a yearning and longing for His kingdom to come.



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How is it Anticipated at NorthRidge?

NorthRidge's **Purpose** Statement

- We exist to Glorify God and Do Good to Others

NorthRidge's **Vision** Statement

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