

## GREATER NORTHWEST BAPTIST MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2024

This report is to keep you informed regarding the progress of ongoing church initiatives. You can also find this and all previous Monthly Updates **on the church website and bulletin board.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

<b>ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>The church Annual Meeting was held on January 24, 2024.</b> Reports included an update on the property next door, progress on technology upgrades, 2024 budget presentation and the Pastor's expectations for 2024. Financial reports were sent in advance of the meeting and hard copies were distributed at the meeting. Additional hard copies are in the church office. Member participation was both in-person and online.
<b>MINISTRY BUDGETS APPROVED</b>	<b>Ministry leaders can see their approved budget numbers in the overall church budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting.</b> Keep in mind that the process for requesting and spending funds has been updated. This information is available on the website if you don't remember or could not attend the training.
<b>'CHURCH HOUSE' UPDATE</b>	<b>An update was provided at the Annual Meeting by Steve James (Trustee).</b> Renovation of the property at 3450 West 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street is still a priority, but finding the right contractor services has been challenging. Plans to upgrade the property for residential use are still in place. Brothers Reed, Jones and James are leading the project.
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>Upgraded technology opens new opportunities for ministry.</b> Over the past year, much progress has been made on tech capabilities. In addition to the training rooms equipped with TV screens, laptops, sound systems and Wi-Fi, the church has invested in additional virtual meeting platforms and increased access to internet use as a training delivery tool. Look for this great asset to be leveraged for ministries for our church and broader community.
<b>501c3 STATUS UPDATE</b>	<b>The 501c3 status for the church is not expected to be approved until late spring or early summer.</b> The process of approving the application is slow because the government is behind on reviews and approvals of applications. We will keep you informed of any progress. <b>Approval of this second 501c3 status is a vital part of the strategic direction of the church.</b>
<b>CHOIR NEWS</b>	<b>Dan Gilbert has been elected to serve as president</b> of the Greater Northwest Baptist Church Choir!!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**NEXT MONTHLY UPDATE: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024**