

2021-2022

Morgan
Church of the Nazarene



ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT

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Pastor's Report to Morgan Church of the Nazarene
Rev. Kent Davenport
(Fiscal Year Concluding April 30, 2022)

Introduction:

It is truly my privilege today to share with you my annual report for the past fiscal year. In the Church of the Nazarene, the pastor is to report to the congregation on an annual basis, and though it isn't required to take place during a Sunday morning service, I find it appropriate to report in the context of worship. I believe it to be appropriate, and even helpful, to include my report in our worship service as it serves as a reminder that everything we do as a church is an offering of worship to our Lord. Every success is to the glory of God, and everything short of success is offered to God as well.

Today, I model my report on Paul's prayer in the beginning of his letter to the Colossian church. May we approach all we do in, for, and with the church as a prayer offered to God.

Colossians 1:3-6

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Thanksgiving:

Like Paul, in my prayers for the church, I give thanks to God for his faithfulness. God has proven himself faithful to Morgan Church of the Nazarene. A year ago, we were still coming out of a year of modified ministry as we were recovering from the pandemic. God has been faithful in leading us in new directions and finding new ways to minister to those in our church as well as those in the community. This past year has been a year of learning new rhythms and norms for ministry together.

I thank God for your faithfulness in your service to the church. Many of you give of yourselves; your time, your treasures, and your talents. Our church board has served faithfully. Last year's board consisted of: Curt Christensen, Jim Goss, Richard Lapp, Jan Smith, Steve Toohey, and Paul Vowell. In addition, Andrea Davenport served as NYI President and Jennifer Toohey as secretary. The board and committees met regularly to do the work of maintaining both facilities and ministry, while keeping us focused on our mission of being and making Christlike disciples. I am grateful for an active facilities committee that has kept the building maintained as well as completed projects to move us forward. The administrative committee kept an eye on the finances as well as updated outdated policies. And the Fellowship and Outreach committee ministered to those in need, as well as provided for fellowship ministries in the church. Those of you who served on the board, I thank God often for your partnership in the gospel.

I also pray with thanksgiving for the staff I have had the privilege of working with this past year. Last summer, we brought on Brianna Everhart to assist in leading music as well as minister to the youngest among us in the nursery. She has been a great addition to our community and is full of potential. Stacey Fajardo has faithfully served as our Children's Ministry director. She continues to keep discipleship at the center of all children's ministry. She

works to disciple volunteers and children alike and is a constant encouragement to me. Cynthia Lapp has served as our Youth Ministry director. She has remained consistent even in a rebuilding season, and her consistency has been rewarded with a core group of students who faithfully participate and are a great foundation on which to build. Jake Fajardo has faithfully led music as an integral part of our weekly worship services. His positive attitude is uplifting to all who are around him. Last, but not least, is AnnaMarie Walraven, who has served as the Administrative Assistant. She is the information hub of the church and faithfully supports the other staff members as she carries out her duties. God has been faithful in producing the fruit of the gospel among the staff here at Morgan Church of the Nazarene.

A special thanks to God for Shawn and BobbySue Schrum who faithfully serve in several capacities. BobbySue directs our compassionate services and Shawn cleans the church twice a week. These two are an encouragement to me, and I often thank God for them.

I also thank God for all of you. Yes, all of you. In Paul's words, I thank God for the love you have. I thank God that the gospel is bearing fruit in your lives. Though sometimes it feels as if we don't have enough volunteers to do the ministry we would like to do, when you look around, so many people are involved! Our church is more engaged in ministry than any church I have been involved in. It is as if we forget that we are a small church as we plan for big ministry and expect God to do big things! I thank God for the big hearts, optimistic vision, and a Godly passion to do the work of ministry. I thank God that his love is at work in your hearts as we continue to grow together, that we may better love each other, and better love our neighbors.

I thank God that he is turning our attention to our community. We have become a place where anyone feels welcomed. We have become a safe place for the outcasts of society, a place where the least of these are loved. Last year, we spent several days serving the community at Landmark, and some of us continued to minister there for weeks afterward. I thank God for an excitement to continue that ministry again this year, as well as your faithfulness in keeping our Compassionate Services ministries supplied for meeting community needs. Thank you for allowing the love of God to be at work in you, evidenced by the way you serve.

I thank God for a church that invests in the next generation. Several of you serve in the nursery, teach Sunday School, help with Caravan, and invest in our youth. Though sometimes you may wonder what impact you have, this is significant work. I thank God for all of you who have served in these areas as you allow the love of God to shine through your lives as you disciple our children and youth.

At the review in December, it was encouraging to hear board members talk about how much the church has changed in immeasurable ways; the general attitude of people, the conversations in the foyer, the whole atmosphere of Morgan church of the Nazarene - God has been moving among us and is forming us! I thank God that the gospel is bearing fruit among all of us. Not only that, but even without a program to facilitate it, I see some individuals intentionally discipling others. I thank God that we are taking seriously the call to make disciples! Adults are meeting with other adults to be discipled and to disciple. I thank God for all the times I hear people talking about being Christ's ambassadors, setting an example for others, and representing Christ well. As a church we have made incredible progress in taking advantage of our outreach events such as the Pinewood Derby and the Ice-Cream social. I was also incredibly encouraged at our annual Compass Weekend by the excitement among us about ways we have grown, ways we desire to grow, and the ministries we have in mind for the days ahead. No doubt, the love of God is at work among us at Morgan Church of the Nazarene the gospel is bearing fruit.

One of the greatest privileges of this past year was the joy of baptizing 4 of our children: Lucy, Jaycie, Kellen, and Jonathan.

I thank God for his provisions for our church. God has faithfully provided, through his people, for the financial needs of Morgan Church of the Nazarene. Though our average Sunday attendance is about the same, our giving has increased and is outpacing our expenses. As our church finances continue to grow, I can't help but think God is preparing us for something in the days ahead; May it is God's provision for a difficult season, or maybe God is preparing us to do something big for His Kingdom! Let's keep pursuing Him and find out together!

Paul's prayer for the Colossians is a prayer of thanksgiving for how the Gospel is bearing fruit in their lives. That is my prayer for us today.

Petition:

But Paul's prayer for the Colossian believers didn't end with thanksgiving, but with petition. His prayer is that the gospel would continue to bear fruit in their lives, even more than it has already. He is asking for God to continue to work in them! Paul goes on to say:

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[e] ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[f] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:9-14)

In the same way, my prayer today is not just a prayer of thanksgiving, but a prayer that God would continue to work in us, and among us, that we might continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. It is my prayer for this new year that God will fill us all with the knowledge of His will, through all wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. Though the board and staff have developed a ministry plan for our church in this new year, it is my prayer that the Spirit will continue to lead us in our planning, that we would know God's will.

It is my prayer that, empowered by the Spirit, we will all live lives worthy of the Lord, pleasing him in every way, and that each of you will discern the Lord's will for how you might be involved in the ministry of the church. Though we have much to be thankful for, there is a lot of "good work" still to do. Our Compassionate Services ministry continues to be a great resource for our community as well as presents us with opportunities to speak truth into people's lives. This year we are working to make this ministry more visible to the church and more accessible to those in need by moving it to the main level of our building.

I pray that, by the grace of God at work within us, may we live lives worthy of the Lord as we grow in the knowledge of God. God is pleased when we are growing! And as thankful as I am for the growth that is already evident, may we grow even more in the days ahead! We have had great "growing ministries" with Sunday School, Children's quizzing, Caravan, and youth group. And this past year we launched a new summer ministry called Mosaic Kids. Several of you came and shared your testimony

with the kids. It was a great ministry that the children are excited for this year. Next month we re-launch Mosaic, but this time it is for the whole church. What a great opportunity for all of us, all ages, to continue to grow in the Lord! May we please God as we take advantage of Sunday School classes, discipleship groups, Sunday night classes, worship services, and spiritual friendships in order that we continue to grow in our knowledge of God.

And may we continue to learn what it means to be Christlike disciples as well as make Christlike disciples. May we remember our Compass, that we might Know God in Worship, Grow up in Discipleship, Show Love in Relationship, Sow Seeds of Partnership, and Go Out in Citizenship. In all these things, may the gospel be bearing fruit in us as we live as ambassadors of Christ.

And I pray for patient endurance. The work of ministry is slow sometimes. At times, ministry seems mundane and time consuming, and sometimes the hardest part about working with one another is, well, each other. My prayer is for patient endurance with one another as we continue to serve the Lord together, that we would continue to be formed as the Body of Christ.

And even as we celebrate the progress we have made and look forward to moving forward, may we always remember that it is God who saves us through Jesus Christ. Our citizenship in the Kingdom of God is not based on our efforts, our ministries, or our good work. God, through Jesus, brought us out of darkness and into His Kingdom. We live in the Kingdom of God, not our own kingdoms. And not the Kingdom of Morgan Church of the Nazarene. God has brought us into his Kingdom, and we live as his people.

Conclusion:

May we approach this new church year as Paul approached this letter to the Colossian church: with great Thanksgiving for one another and God's work among us, and also with great hope, expectation, and acknowledgement that God has more work to do both in us and through us! With this in mind, let us prayerfully consider these questions:

1. How might we bear the fruit of the gospel in our relationships in the church and in our community?
2. Am I currently growing in my knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of God?
3. Who am I discipling even as I become a better disciple?

I thank God for the fruit of the ministry we've had here this past year, and I pray that the Spirit would continue to produce fruit both in us and through us as we continue to partner with God in his redemptive work in the world.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Rev. Kent Davenport
Pastor, Morgan Church of the Nazarene.**

Morgan Church Finance Report For Period Covering 05/01/2021 to 04/30/2022

Revenues

Caravan Registration Fees	\$374.29
Caravan Scholarships	\$40.00
Children's Ministries Offering	\$254.50
Credit Card Cash Back	\$227.95
Deputation Other Missionary (In)	\$964.00
Facilities Expense Share	\$2,234.27
Faith Promise	\$11,570.83
Funeral (In)	\$375.00
Interest Inc	\$7.87
Local Benevolence Offering	\$300.00
NMI Offering	\$877.90
Rental Income	\$5,400.00
Sunday School Offering	\$73.00
Tithes	\$175,681.76
Watson (In)	\$1,000.00
Wednesday Meals	\$436.00
Youth Ministries (In)	\$1,448.00

Total Revenue **\$201,265.37**

Expenses

Buildings & Property	\$20,257.92
Denominational Budgets	\$13,875.00
Deputation Other Missionary (Out)	\$2,164.00
Ministry	\$21,583.38
NMI Expense	\$13,260.31
Operations	\$24,685.51
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$92,069.08
Total Expenses	\$187,895.20
Net income for Period	\$13,370.17

Morgan Church NMI Report For Period Covering 05/01/2021 to 04/30/2022

Inflows

Faith Promise		\$11,570.83
Local Benevolence Offering		\$300.00
NMI Offering	\$0.00	
Alabaster	\$442.90	
District Benevolence (Navajo, other)	\$125.00	
Thanksgiving	\$310.00	
Total NMI Offering		\$877.90

Total Inflows **\$12,748.73**

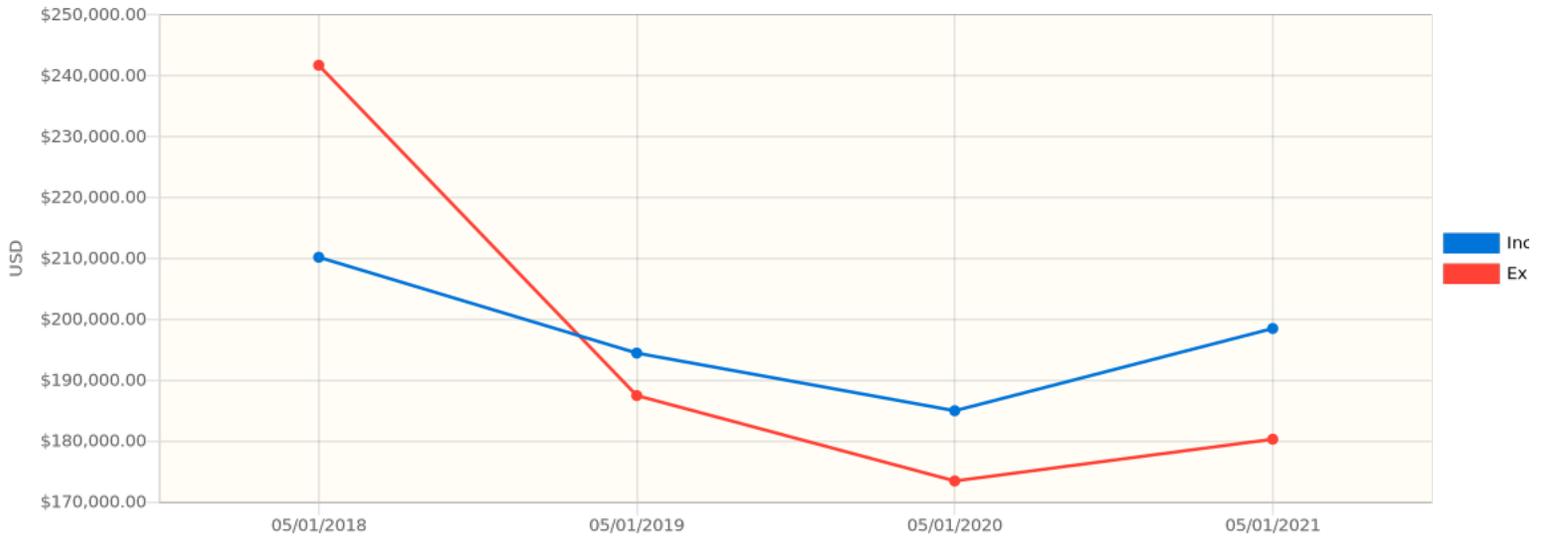
Expenses

Local Benevolence		\$1,864.80
NMI Expense	\$0.00	
Alabaster	\$421.00	
Books	\$87.06	
Child Sponsorship Expense	\$360.00	
Compassionate Ministries (World-wide)	\$700.00	
District Benevolence (Navajo, other)	\$550.00	
Faith Promise Expenses	\$642.25	
Missionary Christmas Fund	\$150.00	
Missionary Health Care	\$300.00	
Thanksgiving	\$310.00	
World Evangelism Fund	\$9,640.00	
World Mission Broadcast	\$100.00	
Total NMI Expense		\$13,260.31

Total Expenses **\$15,125.11**

Deficit for Period \$2,376.38

Income & Expense Linechart
05/01/2018 to 04/23/2022



Date	Income	Expense
05/01/2018	\$210,205.22	-\$241,729.51
05/01/2019	\$194,475.14	-\$187,499.61
05/01/2020	\$185,010.81	-\$173,482.67
05/01/2021	\$198,514.28	-\$180,335.18

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
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The purpose of the Administration Committee, as defined in church policy, is to enable Morgan Nazarene Church to fulfill its mission and objective by providing biblically sound financial management, biblically appropriate business operating practices, and recommend policy and procedures for all church personnel and property.

Members of the committee are Church Treasurer, Jim Goss, Pastor Kent Davenport and Paul Vowell.

The key item on the committee's agenda this past year was to revise the Church Board Policy to provide more clarity and consistency to the existing policy which had been added to over the years, but not fully revised to meet the church's contemporary needs, while at the same time aligning with corporate church's established policy manual.

I'm happy to report, thanks especially to Pastor Kent and Jim Goss' efforts, we have a completed draft of our church's policy revision which will be presented to the incoming Church Board for discussion and approval.

In other matters the Committee has developed a workable church operating budget for the coming year that is also ready for presentation, discussion and approval by the new Church Board. Also, the church's financial operations were audited internally by two board members and were found to be in good order and consistent with good established accounting practices.

In a final note, it has been my blessing to be part of a committee dedicated to providing a smooth and seamless operation of your local church in a part of the ministry not often visible to the congregation.

In closing, I would like to offer a commendation to you Church for your outstanding generosity and sacrificial giving that allows this ministry, under God's grace to succeed both within and outside of this local body. To that I say thank you and well done,. Saints!

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Vowell

Administration Committee Member

**Facilities
Annual Report
2021-2022**

The Facilities committee has had very even keel year. While we haven't had any huge projects, we have made some safety improvements, along with continuing general maintenance. We had great church family participation in a fall clean-up day.

Some projects completed:

- Replaced and added Exit signs with egress lighting
- Replaced gym lights with brighter, more efficient LED lights
- Replaced a failing refrigerator
- Replaced an old floor scrubber

Being from a farming background, serving on the facilities committee is a good fit for me, using some of the skills learned on the farm over the years. Working with other committee members and church members is always fun, and sometimes even entertaining! With the variety of tasks involved in maintaining and improving this facility, it is always an enjoyable and rewarding position to be involved in.

Sincerely,

Curt Christensen

**Fellowship & Outreach
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2021-2022**

Jan Smith and I were appointed to the Fellowship and Outreach ministries part of our church.

Main Responsibilities:

1. Serving others
2. Making others feel special
3. Organizing church outreach
 - a. Dinners
 - b. Funerals
 - c. Birthdays
 - d. Anniversaries
 - e. Outreach to others
4. Serving homebound members
5. Compassionate ministries
6. Planning to make all feel welcome
 - a. Mother's Day
 - b. Father's Day
 - c. VBS
 - d. Any other outreach
7. Be attentive and do as God directs

Go out into all your world and make disciples. What is your world? To some it is your kids and their friends while for others it is a building full of mechanics or a building full of workers of other sorts. To others it is meeting people from every walk of life and giving them encouragement. Being a church board member has very much expanded my world and being paired with Jan has been a blessing. We started out both with a passion to help others less advantaged, feeding the homeless and people coming to the church to get needed clothes and items necessary for survival. Getting some of our youth involved was also encouraging and a way to disciple others. From our Wednesday night dinner which started up again to our donuts on Sunday mornings. God has been in it using it to mingle, fellowship and disciple. Our church has a great group that lives up to God's calling, each one filling God's role in ministering to others in times of need and filling the shoes of Jesus with the talent and gift given them by God. Bible school is such an important time in our children's lives and also in the lives of adults who experienced VBS as children and met Jesus Christ during that time. This year WOW!! What an inspiration to those wanting to do VBS, take VBS to the community by cleaning up and giving to Landmark. Plans are to continue and branch out to other places that need Jesus. Christ also says to go and encourage other believers to keep in the faith. Work trips to other churches needing help were checked out and, in the process, to help and encourage. Our Sunday schools are growing, and we have various outreach ministries that are growing and need support. Our church now has members in the mission field in foreign lands as well as members reaching out and growing other churches in outlying communities. Each of us has gifts and talents to use in ministry for Jesus. Just by saying yes and reaching out to whomever God puts in your path or by you stumbling into their path, just tell your story and let God use it as he wishes and go to your next assignment. A life serving others and a life for Christ will be the biggest blessing you ever received. Go out into your world, expand your area, and give to Jesus!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you, the Church.
Richard Lapp

NYI Report Annual Report 2021-2022

As NYI leaders, we have the privilege to build relationships with teenagers. Through these relationships and regularly meeting together on Wednesday nights, we disciple and equip teens to live as Christians out in the real world. This year we have had new teens join us regularly and we have had such a great time meeting together and learning together. We look forward to the days ahead at what God will do in the lives of our teens.

Highlights from the year:

- Teen camp at Golden Bell in June:
 - 3 teens and 2 adults
- Wednesday nights
 - Average attendance of 5 teens and 2-3 adults
 - We joined the church in the Advent and Lent series
 - We also studied the Beatitudes and holy living
- Sunday school
 - Teens joined in with the adults
- PowerSurge at YMCA of the Rockies in November
 - 5 teens and 2 Adults
- Volleyball Game Nights
 - Many teens and their families participated
 - We originally started with teens and adults but started including a family time for kids to join us the first hour.

Andrea:

The most fulfilling thing from this past year is getting to meet new teens and being able to create and build relationships with them. I have enjoyed seeing teens continue to come and grow and for shy ones to come out of their shells. You can see God working in the lives of our teens on a weekly basis. They continue to grow in knowledge and in insight into God's word. They amaze me each week with the knowledge they possess and teach me some things along the way.

Cynthia:

This past year has been a year of rebuilding. As I reflect on our year, I am reminded that it is so easy to set our minds on what we think God is doing and rely on our own efforts from there. We have had a difficult time maintaining a consistent group of teens over the last couple years which makes it difficult to build meaningful relationships and disciple our teens. Throughout the year we had several times where I thought God was bringing students to us and that we would really be able to build a community together. And several times those teens have come and gone. Recently a few more teens have started coming regularly and the sense of community is really beginning to take shape. It is not in the places I thought God was growing us. It has been good to see God drawing in teens who are engaged in youth group and growing individually. It is exciting to dream about what this next year holds as we begin a new year with committed teens. We have been using a youth curriculum called "Dialog: Youth" in which we have explored our faith in deeper ways this year than in years prior. It has been good to grow together and see God at work in our conversations and fellowship. The teens challenge me to live out what we study, and I hope I am challenging them in the same way. I look forward to continuing to deepen our relationships as we continue to challenge each other and welcome in new 7th graders this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Lapp, Youth Leader
Andrea Davenport, NYI President

**Children's Director
Stacey Fajardo
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As children's director, I have worked faithfully this last year to lead children, their families and those working with me in children's ministry. As we have worked as a church to better understand discipleship, I have worked to implement those new understandings into my areas of ministry. Not simply providing a program but working to create and encourage discipleship in every area of children's ministry.

Main Responsibilities:

- Caravan Director
- Caravan Guide
- Sunday Morning Children's ministries such as
 - Children's Church
 - Family Sunday
 - Sunday School
 - Oversee Bible Quiz
 - Nursery Volunteers
- Leading & training volunteers in my areas a ministry
- Calling and connecting with the families in my areas of ministry
- Planning & carrying out outreach ministries such as
 - Family Cookout
 - Fall Fun Fest
 - Pinewood Derby & Dinner
 - Church Ice Cream Social
 - Leave a Mark at Landmark

As I have worked to serve the Lord this year, I have found encouragement in the relationships we have been able to strengthen with some of our Caravan families. These strengthened relationships are coming through calls made outside of regular Wednesday night connections. These calls are being made by more than just myself; those involved in children's ministry are using their areas of giftedness to connect. We had 4 children baptized this past Easter Sunday, I believe that is the fruit of all of those involved in discipling our children and their families and for more than just this last year but for the last several years. I find this to be very fulfilling as we look back over children's ministry and look ahead to the future at Morgan Church of the Nazarene. God is clearly at work!

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Fajardo

**Worship Team Leader
Jake Fajardo
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As one of the worship leaders, I have had the pleasure of leading our congregation into worship for two of the four Sundays on a regular basis. I have chosen the songs, and brought together various people depending on each Sunday, to assist in leading our church in worship. I have introduced one or two new songs and have added people to the volunteer positions of sound, media, vocals, and instruments. It has been a good year of getting back into the normalcy of having worship in person.

Main Responsibilities:

- Choosing songs for the upcoming week
- Getting together the staff to handle to various responsibilities
- Sometimes setting up the sound and media
- Practice prior to church service
- Leading the worship portion and closing songs
- Making sure the equipment is in working order

The most important and fulfilling duties I have been responsible for was finding and equipping new volunteers to fill in and take over the responsibilities for those that need breaks or have left the church. I enjoy seeing the new faces and getting to be part of the volunteering staff to help bring our congregation in front of God for worship. I enjoy listening to the congregation sing praises to God as they worship with all of their hearts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jake Fajardo

Worship Team Leader & Head Nursery Attendant
Brianna Everhart
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As a worship leader I get the pleasure of leading people in Worshiping the Lord. Responsibilities are being prepared for music practice to best use our time, plan songs according to what is happening in our church and being able to step in and do music during other events. Working with a team of willing individuals to help lead is a way I find to grow closer with people in the church and to have Christlike relationships that build and grow everyone involved.

Being the head nursery attendant has given me the opportunity to be involved in the lives of the nursery kids. Reading Bible stories, singing Bible songs, teaching them right and wrong, and loving them are the best parts and some of the biggest parts and responsibilities.

Main Responsibilities

Music:

- Getting more people involved/relationships
- Special week services for holidays
- Leading worship
- Organizing worship teams

Nursery:

- Watching children during other events
- Watching children on Sunday morning and Wednesday night
- Keeping nursery organized and things clean
- Connecting with the children

The most fulfilling thing from worship this past year is being able to see people truly worship the Lord and testify to the lyrics we are singing. This is the most fulfilling because it affirms that God is moving through all things and is good. I've seen God work in countless ways, such as people being moved to the altar during worship and by the words of a song. When the song is chosen it doesn't mean much at times, but when Sunday morning comes the words can speak volumes into someone's life.

The most fulfilling thing from being in the nursery this past year is seeing the kids grow and learn because they can learn so much and grow so much in such a short time and they are so sweet and pure as they grow. I've seen God work in countless ways, such as having the one baby finally like me after a long time of trying to get them to trust me as well as seeing the kids teach the adult lessons without even knowing they are doing so.

Thanks for allowing me to be involved, learn and grow in my walk with God and with the Fort Morgan Church of the Nazarene.

Brianna Everhart
Worship Leader and Nursery Tenant