



A VIRTUAL WEDDING SHOWER FOR

# AMBER CRAWFORD & MICHAEL ROBISON

They're tying the knot on 12.31.20  
We will have the virtual shower 1/10/21 @ 2pm  
(zoom link will come later). Gifts will be opened  
during the shower on Zoom.

They are moving to Nebraska  
so gifts should be shipped to  
The Robison's  
3026 Holloway Avenue  
Bellevue, NE 68123

They are registered at Amazon, Bed Bath &  
Beyond, Target, Crate & Barrel, and Hobby Lobby.

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## Letters to My Church



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Senior Pastor

The preacher John Claypool used to say that life can only be lived moving forward and understood looking backward.

We've faced more challenges in the last 12 months than any congregation has the right to endure—personnel, the death of members and the subsequent decline in giving, the civil rights movement sparked after the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, and the global pandemic that still rages.

We've reinvented the worship experience a few times over, from recording in homes, to worshiping on the lawn in the heat, on the lawn in the cold, live broadcasting from the sanctuary, and now a hybrid approach.

We've lived moving forward, one slow, unsteady step at a time. We've done the best we could with the season we inherited.

Looking back on the year, there are things I understand now that I didn't before.

We are more flexible than I ever dreamed. Baptist churches aren't known for their flexibility, but you've accepted our circumstances for what they are and adapted to make the most of them.

Community and fellowship are more important to us than ever before. You've had the choice to isolate or to learn new skills and new technologies to engage in community. When it would be far easier to isolate, I've watched you learn how to Facebook Live and Zoom in order to connect with one another safely. Everyone hates Zoom, but we love each other more.

Missions opportunities found us, even in quarantine, and we responded.

This year NHC bought coats and/or winter clothes for almost 30 high school students in need in the Moore and Norman area.

We sponsored a whole class of middle schoolers to get training on mental illness, depression, and suicide since Oklahoma is one of the highest states in the country for child suicide.

We provided a free, safe space in our building for 60 preschool



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students to meet without a single incident of Covid all year. We provided care for over 40 children in our Dayschool program for the most reasonable fee in Norman (literally) without ever having a single case of Covid.

We collected food for the churches of Canton and Watonga when that food was more necessary than ever, and we gifted their children with Christmas toys when joy was needed the most.

We gave 4x as much money in benevolence offerings this year than in 2019. We paid rent for a single mother with two children until she was able to start her new job. We paid the electricity bill for a family who lost their jobs due to Covid until their stimulus check came in. We provided countless meals to the hungry this year, and helped children experiencing food insecurity to rest a little bit easier each night.

We sponsored a family at the university by putting a table in their apartment and food on that table over the last several months.

And all of that was IN ADDITION TO our budgeted gifts to the missions organizations we sponsor and the great work they all do.

When needs arise, NorthHaven finds a way to meet those needs.

We also worked hard to expand our perspectives of the world.

43 people showed up to read White Fragility together on Zoom this summer, making that the most well attended Wednesday night offering since I've been here (by a lot).

Many of you continued on to read How To Be An Antiracist with me and an ecumenical group of more than 60 believers from across the nation.

We gave a small, symbolic gift to the NAACP to represent our desire to work against racism in all of its guises.

We did all of this during a global pandemic when we couldn't even study together and work through our differences in person. That tells me that we are committed to doing the hard work even when it is inconvenient.

For the second year in a row, we invited five different women into our pulpit to preach. Some of them more than once. That merely serves as an acknowledgement that we are doing what we can to broaden the voices we are exposed to, and to proclaim in no uncertain terms that the NorthHaven pulpit does not discriminate.

I've never been more proud to be your pastor, NorthHaven. You are special. You have grit. And I believe that God has even more good things in store for us to do in 2021.



The NorthHaven Youth Ministry has been meeting Sunday mornings at 11 on zoom to do our COVID friendly version of Sunday school. While we miss the energy and joy that came with gathering in person, our youth members always bring positive attitudes and amazing spirits to every online meeting. Brad Moore and Jillian Mitchell have done an amazing job with teaching



Kayleigh Latimer, Jillian Mitchell & Rosie!

throughout the past year. This Advent season, the youth have been exploring the four themes of Advent—love, joy, hope, and peace with Jillian. Each week we've looked at ways in which we have seen some of these themes in our own lives during this tumultuous year. From reconstructing the nativity to be set in 2020 to drawing the moments we saw joy in Advent, we were able to laugh and share life on our Zoom meetings! We look forward to what this new year may hold for us in and out of NHSM.

# KidsHaven

January, 2021

Monthly Newsletter of NorthHaven Children's Ministry

**This has been a crazy year! We have loved having the opportunity to serve the children and families of NorthHaven Church. Thank you for all of the love and support you have given us.**

**Please let us know if there has been a program that you or your children have liked or disliked. We have tried many different things this year, such as Virtual Wednesday Night Kids Club, Festifall, Virtual Sunday School, 12 Days of Christmas Stories. If there was a program you would like to see us try again please send us an email and let us know! We would really love to hear what you have to say!**

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## **KIDSHAVEN ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Every Sunday at 10:30 am we hold virtual Sunday school. Please let us know if you would like a link and we can add you to the email list.**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

- 1/3 - Jesus the Word**
- 1/10 - In the Beginning**
- 1/17 - God Calls Samuel**
- 1/24 - Jonah in Ninevah**
- 1/31 - Healing in the Synagogue**
- 2/7 - Healing at Simons House**
- 2/14 - Elijah and Elisha**
- 2/21 - Gods Covenant with Noah**
- 2/28 - The Faith of Abraham**



**Epiphany  
Sunday**

JANUARY 10, 2021 @ 10:30AM

Jillian Mitchell

NORTHHAVEN CHURCH  
FACEBOOK LIVE

*save the date*

Virtual Church Conference  
January 10, 2021 @ 11:30am

We will have a virtual church conference to discuss and vote on the Proposed 2021 Budget. A zoom link will be sent later.

You should have received a copy of the proposed budget in the mail.



January 5: Hugo Lockett  
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 January 9: Neal Hardin  
 January 11: Michael Morgan  
 January 12: Capri Foreman  
 January 12: Brad Moore

January 17: Rylan Sexton  
 January 19: Mary Hardin  
 January 22: Ava Lockett  
 January 23: Zac Stevens  
 January 25: Stacey Evers