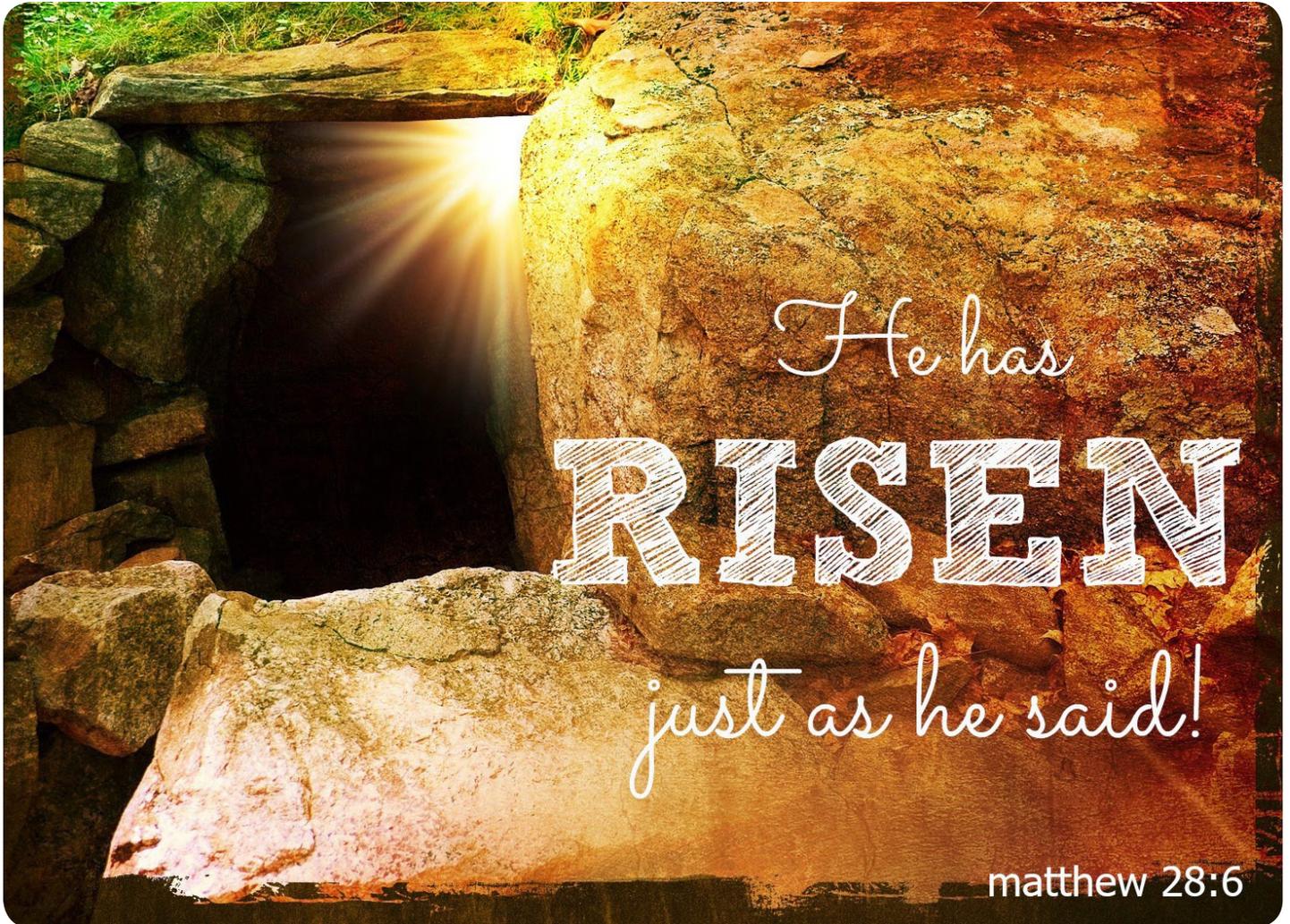


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HOW DO YOU FAST? *by Joe Funderburk, senior pastor*



Like all spiritual disciplines, fasting is an exercise that offers an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord. Jesus fasted and, though fasting is often not emphasized in evangelical life, we should consider it as well. If you are interested in fasting, let me offer a few guidelines. The first guideline is check your motivations for fasting. Fasting, in the traditional sense, is more than abstaining from food. It is about the pursuit of something greater. God doesn't delight in our hunger but rather delights in our hunger for Him (Matthew 5:6). When we fast, we communicate through our actions we remember man cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). It can be tempting to be motivated to check a box for God's favor instead of fixing our desires on Him. It is possible to fast in vain.

Secondly, remember fasting is hard work. You need to consider your schedule and find appropriate time to add more prayer and study time to make it an effective exercise. Fasting takes something away so we can focus on something else. Without the work of prayer and study, our fasting will be in vain.

A third guideline is to embrace the concept of sacrifice. Often fasting means giving up time eating out with family and friends, altering your exercise schedule, and putting hobbies and other interests aside. We must embrace this and recognize God honors the sacrifices we are willing to make to pursue Him.

A fourth guideline is to incorporate ministry into your fasting schedule. Fasting is a powerful weapon in the work of ministry. Before Jesus started His earthly ministry, He fasted for 40 days. The timing wasn't accidental but intentional. Ministry takes on a new dimension during periods of fasting, and you will find your awareness of God's power is heightened.

Scripture tell us if we are faithful to fast, God is faithful to reward. Matthew 6:17–18 says, "But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." The Scriptures don't offer as much guidance on fasting as some would like, but it is clear God consistently rewards fasting. Moses, Nehemiah, Esther and Ezra are a few examples of God's blessing in response to fasting. Ask the Lord to turn you into someone who hungers for Him, and I promise you will be glad you did.

KITCHEN PROJECT COMPLETED *by Kelly Jackson, minister of family life and operations*

Except for a few small tasks, the new kitchen is complete. The first meal prepared in the new kitchen was Wednesday Night Dinner on March 8. The city codes department signed off on the final kitchen in March, and the church will be held to Health Department codes in operating the kitchen.

Among the tasks yet to be completed is the installation of a larger doorway into the old kitchen, which will now be storage. Though the original plan was to install a roll-down door, a set of double doors will be installed instead. The double doors are both sturdier and more affordable.

The kitchen construction was part of a bigger project that also replaced the CLC/Gym floor and provided much-needed additional storage space.

Work began in summer 2016. The Feed My Sheep special offering campaign is helping to fund the project, which was expected to cost \$350,000 total. The cost of the kitchen construction was \$280,000. Of that, \$245,000 was for contractor expenses, \$30,000 for equipment purchases and the remainder for miscellaneous expenses such as cookware and dishes.

As of March 28, \$260,727 has been contributed through the campaign. With the current contributions, the amount Nall will borrow from the bank will be less than \$100,000.



SNAPSHOTS



Shana Rains (third from left) braved the drums during Upward Celebration Night, Feb. 27.



Cousins Gerri Stuppy (left) and Lacy Fox both delivered baby girls on the same day. The moms, along with their husbands, dedicated the girls on March 5.



Daughters of members and AWANA parents performed as trumpeters during the Secret Keeper Girl event, March 25. More than 200 moms and daughters attended, mostly from the community.

MEN'S WORK DAY

The men of the church will help Nall members with home or lawn projects on Saturday, April 22.

To volunteer or suggest a project, please contact the office by April 12.



NALL 101 STARTS

Nall 101 is a three-session introduction to Nall and its beliefs. Led by Pastor Joe Funderburk, Nall 101 begins Sunday, April 23, at noon in the CLC/Gym. Lunch and child care provided. The next two sessions meet in the chapel at 9:30 AM, April 30 and May 7. RSVP via the Response Card on Sundays or with the office.



CELEBRATION FOR JANEY LEEKA'S 70TH

The entire Nall family is invited to a celebration for Janey Leeka's 70th birthday. The celebration will be in the CLC on Saturday, April 29, 2-4 PM. Cake, punch and appetizers served.

In lieu of gifts, please donate to Alzheimer's Association. Please make your donation "in honor of" Janey on the association's website or via its toll-free number, 1-800-272-3900.

INTERIM MINISTER OF STUDENTS NAMED



Lewis Jones is no stranger to ministry to young hearts. Since 2011, he has served as middle school leader for Colonial Presbyterian Church (Wornall Campus). Prior to that, he served in student ministry in various capacities, including two years with Summit Wood Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, where he was licensed to ministry.

"It is my desire to see people accept God's grace, have a personal and growing relationship with Him, so that they, themselves, can go out and make Christ known," Lewis says.

Lewis begins as interim minister of students on Sunday, April 9.

Lewis is currently pursuing his Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and applied critical thought and inquiry from William Jewell College.

He says he feels led by the Lord to be a full-time pastor, and during his interim time with Nall, he will be receiving mentoring from Pastor Joe Funderburk as he finishes his divinity degree.

He and his wife, Becky, have two young children, Liam and Ellie. A graduate of Lee's Summit High School, Lewis has spent his career in the Kansas City metro and is a loyal fan of the Royals.

Lewis will be with Nall for "a while," Pastor Joe said at the March 26 Business Meeting. During Lewis' service, a search team will be formed to seek a permanent minister of students.

STUDENTS SEE THE GREAT COMMISSION IN ACTION AT MISSION ARLINGTON

Between March 11 and 17, a team of 12 middle and high school students and 5 adults served at Mission Arlington Metroplex apartments in Arlington, Texas. The team was one of 93 groups serving the low-income housing complex, with the goal of reaching the children with the Gospel as well as going door-to-door to speak to residents about their needs. "Our youth were able to go and see poverty like never before," said Toni Friend, an adult sponsor on the trip.

More than 6,000 children attended the daily children's activities and 200 accepted Christ. Additionally, the group met "Miss Tillie" Burgin, the founder (meeting pictured below). Miss Tillie is 86 years old and still works alongside the youth from 3:30 AM until 8:00 PM, Toni said. Miss Tillie welcomed the group and prayed over them, asking them to continue to use their lives to fulfill the Great Commission. Toni said she hopes the kids will do just that, right here in their own community.



EASTER CELEBRATION PLANS



Make your Easter plans now, and remember to think about who you will invite.

Road to Resurrection Easter event, Saturday, April 8

See details below.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 13, 6:30 PM

Commemorate the Last Supper in a unique way. Experience the significant

event at this worship service. Child care is available for ages 4 and younger, with advanced registration. Register your child using the Response Card on Sunday mornings or by contacting the office.

Easter Sunday Breakfast, April 16, 7:30–9:15 AM

Enjoy breakfast before worship or study time. Come and go as you need. Served in the CLC/Gym. As this will be our first church breakfast using the new kitchen, freewill donations will go toward the Feed My Sheep Campaign for the kitchen and remodel project.

Easter Sunday Worship and Study, April 16

Our regular Sunday schedule will be in effect. Traditional-style worship will be at 8:15 AM; children will be with their parents. Contemporary-style worship will be at 10:45 AM; children's programming will be available. Core Group studies and Children's Sunday School will also meet at 9:30 AM.

ROAD TO RESURRECTION PRESENTS GOSPEL IN ENGAGING WAY FOR ALL AGES



Last year, more than 170 people heard the Gospel at Road to Resurrection. Young and old alike enjoyed the hands-on activities and the chance to see and hear the Easter story in a new way.

Road to Resurrection takes participants on a "tour" of the events of Jesus' last week on earth, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem through the Last Supper, all the way to the discovery of the empty tomb. Whether it was

creating their own palm branch to honor Jesus, tasting the bitter herbs at the Last Supper or hearing from a Roman soldier who witnessed the stone removed from the tomb, participants experienced the story leap off the pages of the Bible.

Tickets remain for this year's event, scheduled for Saturday, April 8, with tours departing every 15 minutes between 1 PM and 5 PM. Tours last about one hour.

Tickets are required to attend, but they are available at no cost.

Go to www.nallave.org/roadtotheresurrection to reserve tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Build a Basket Luncheon, April 2

Noon, CLC/Gym. For those who have signed up to build and personally deliver an Easter basket to a homebound Nall senior.

Men's Coffee, April 3

6:30 AM, HyVee at 95th and Antioch. All men welcome. Meet in upstairs cafe.

Road to Resurrection event, April 8

Tours depart every 15 minutes between 1 PM and 5 PM. See details below.

JOY Luncheon, April 13

11:30 AM, CLC/Gym. Featuring Civil War photography. Bring a potluck dish to share or \$4.

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 13

6:30 PM, Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 14

Reflect on Jesus' sacrifice.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Regular worship and Core Group schedule; come-and-go breakfast 7:30–9:15 AM. See details at left.

Men's Work Day, April 22

Nall men will help members with home and lawn projects. To volunteer or suggest a project, contact the office by April 12.

Nall 101 begins, April 23

See details on Page 3.

UP NEXT

Final Wednesday Night Dinner and Discipleship for spring, May 3.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Virginia Grable, who passed away on March 23 at the age of 100. She had been a faithful member since 1962.



Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays

- 8:15 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Core Groups
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Senior Singles Lunch Bunch

Tuesdays

- 4:30 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesdays

- 9:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
- 5:00 PM Dinner service starts
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night studies AWANA
- 8:30 PM Men's Basketball

April Activities

- 2 Build a Basket Luncheon/NOON
- 3 Men's Coffee, 6:30 AM
- 6 MOPS meeting, 9:30 AM
- 8 Road to Resurrection, 1:00 PM
- 11 KC Rescue Mission, 5:30 PM
- 13 JOY Luncheon, 11:30 AM
Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM
- 16 Easter Breakfast, 7:30–9:15 AM
- 20 MOPS meeting, 9:30 AM
- 22 Men's Work Day, 8 AM–5 PM
- 23 Nall 101, NOON, CLC
Committee/Team Meetings, 4 PM
- 29 Janey Leeka's Birthday Party, CLC, 2–4 PM
- 30 Nall 101, 9:30 AM, Chapel

Note: The church building is used by various groups throughout the week. To check room or building availability, see the calendar on our website, or call the church office.

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We welcome
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Dorothy Thereon

New Core Group member:

Jack Hiles



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SENIOR SINGLE ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH

Sundays at noon. Family and friends welcome.

April 2: Panera, 7070 Martway, Mission

April 9: Pie Five, 6809 Johnson Dr., Mission

April 16 (Easter): Hy-Vee, 6655 Martway, Mission

April 23: Jose Pepper's, 6870 Johnson Dr., Mission

April 30: Culver's, 6005 Metcalf Ave., Mission

