

The Nall Call

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PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.

1 PETER 1:3



Happy Mother's Day!

“There is nothing more important in this world than participating so directly in the work and glory of God, in bringing to pass the mortality and earthly life of His daughters and sons.”

Jeffrey Holland

Summer In The Student Ministry by Lewis Jones

Summer is almost here! The feeling of warm sunshine on your skin, running through the sprinklers on hot afternoons, spending the day swimming, taking in some baseball games, catching fireflies at dusk; no matter our age, there are many moments that we look forward to during the summer. While we look forward to these, my prayer is that summer is also a sweet time for discipleship! In student's lives, summer is the perfect time to focus on building relationships and maturing in their relationship with Jesus.

This summer, students will have the opportunity to have lot of fun at gatherings like, "Zoo Are You?!", Summer Missions Camp in Colorado, the pool party, a *Chosen* marathon, serving together at VBS, Core Group lunches, and more. Students will also have lots of moments where the Gospel of Jesus is the continued focus. We will begin a new Wednesday night study where we study the fundamentals of our faith and a summer charge to read God's word on a daily basis.

When summer ends, my prayer is that those sweet moments student's look back at will be filled with memories of spiritual growth with friends in Christ! Would you pray this prayer with me as well? If you have any questions about what the summer holds for students in the Student Ministry at NABC, please contact me (lewis@nallave.org), I'd love to share more!



The next church business meeting will be Sunday, May 23rd following the 10:45 service. Lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Please RSVP with Bri in the office if you will be in attendance for lunch at 913-432-4141.



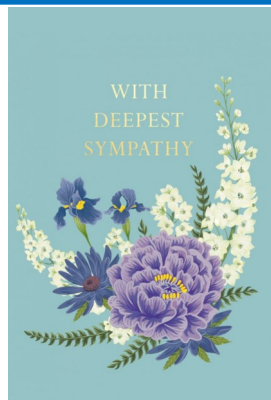
1st Monday of every Month
Santa Fe Café
on 87th Street
No RSVP Needed
6:30 am.



Deepest Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends:

- Anelda Clancy—wife of Stephan Clancy
- Nita Tomlinson—niece of Sarah Stober
- Nola Reed— daughter of Patsy Jones
- The family of Inalie Painter



Join us in prayer! The next prayer gathering will be Monday, May 17th at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

2021 D6 Conference Recap by Lewis Jones

When you hear the term “as you go...” what comes to mind? In all honesty, my brain went to a feeling of exhaustion from busy days filled up on a calendar. Go, go go...that can often feel like the theme of many of our lives. How can we add even one more item to a busy agenda?

The first week of April, myself and Lizzy Bishop, along with our spouses, attended a family ministry conference hosted by a ministry called D6 (which stands for Deuteronomy 6). Let me first say, what a blessed time for fellowship with other believers, great ministry discussions with other leaders from all over the country, and wonderful reminders of what we are called to do as a staff and most importantly as believers...make disciples!

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 says “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” I believe many of us in the church have heard this passage of scripture. We know of the command to love the Lord with every ounce of our being, and we try our best. We even love the idea of teaching our families and modeling following Christ in every aspect of our lives. We often fall short though, and we know it. Read the Deuteronomy passage above again and look for the words “when you.” Seriously, go for it.

These words convey the idea of “as you go” which was the theme of our conference. Yes, we fall short of the Deuteronomy passage because of the effects of sin, but as believers we’ve been given the Holy Spirit to not be defined by our sin, but by the blood of Jesus, forgiven and free from sin’s slavery. You know what this means? “As you go” does not have to feel like a chore but a blessing and gift to be invited into the ministry of the Gospel to make disciples in every aspect of our lives. We heard from many speakers and break-out session leaders at our conference; each one, whether the discussion was on making disciples as we navigate technology with our families, to multi-generational relationships’ lasting effects within the Body of Christ, disciple-making is not just a command, but a gift given to His children. “As you go” is not another item to add to our calendar or agenda, but a reminder of the gift that God has put us on this Earth to glorify Him by making disciples of Jesus. Yes, even during the busyness of life. If you have any questions about the conference, please let us know. We would love to talk with you.



New Interim Minister of Family Life

We are very excited to welcome Lizzy Bishop as our Interim Minister of Family Life! Lizzy has a heart for working with children and we are very happy she is here at NABC!

“I grew up here at Nall Avenue and got my start in Kid’s Ministry right here! I attended Southwest Baptist University where I received a degree in Children’s Ministry. I love all things Kid’s Ministry: Sunday mornings, Vacation Bible School, camp, goldfish, coloring, and more! I served at another church in the area for 7.5 years where I met my husband, Brett. We were married May 4, 2019 and welcomed our daughter, Leah Beth, in November of 2020. In our spare time, we like to watch game shows, go bowling, and watch our sweet baby grow! I am so excited to be here at Nall and have the opportunity to serve families and the community!”



Worship Team Manifesto by Mark Miller

Throughout my time here at NABC, I have tried to lead our worship team in a set of values that has been labeled as “The Worship Team’s Manifesto.” This is a list of 10 statements that has helped our worship team in fulfilling their mission statement; to be a ministry that exists to lead the church in God-honoring worship, through faithful service and active praise, in order to be and lead disciples of Christ. My hope is that these have made an impact not just on the team that leads our corporate time of worship, but those whom we have sought to serve.

- 1. We esteem the Word of God.** We believe in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, that “All scripture is breath out by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” If we want to be satisfied and full, we need to be disciples that read, sing and listen to God’s word.
- 2. We depend on the power of the Holy Spirit.** The presence of the Holy Spirit is essential to the growth of a Christian and the spiritual impact on others. We cannot be the spiritual leaders until we are surrendered to the work of the Spirit through us. 1 Samuel 10:6-8.
- 3. We love and worship Jesus above anything else.** Jesus preached an exclusive gospel declaring that He was “the way, the truth, and the life” and that no one can come to the Father and His kingdom except through Him. Then Jesus made the sacrifice that only He could make for the salvation of the world. Therefore, Jesus is worthy of all our praise, sacrifice and adoration.
- 4. We are a community of shepherd leaders.** Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd and we are his sheep. Yet, God also calls out those to serve as under-shepherds of the flock they are part of. As leaders of worship, we value this opportunity to share in some capacity in the leading of others to God. 1 Peter 4:10
- 5. We choose camaraderie over comparison.** Church life/ministry is intended to thrive in community context, both on a church-wide scale and on smaller scale within the worship ministry. We combat jealousy or envy with encouragement and edification. Hebrews 10:24-25
- 6. We choose servanthood over stardom.** Jesus Christ is the only one that deserves a platform, audience and spotlight. Therefore we humble ourselves before God and serve Him and others for His glory and not our personal gain. Colossians 1:18
- 7. We are not moved by applause or criticism.** Praise and criticism both will be received and considered with grace, but never allowed to puff up or offend us. We are confident our identity is not defined by our own works and art, but rather in the justifying work of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:10
- 8. We value excellence in everything we do.** In whatever form our worship of God is manifested (in our work, hobbies, service, relationships, etc.) it reflects the level of adoration and devotion we have toward Him. 1 Peter 2:9
- 9. We focus on character over competency.** We fight the natural tendency to highlight our skillfulness or knowledge by instead pursuing those things that are of higher importance to God. 1 Peter 1:5-6
- 10. We consider others more important than ourselves.** Setting aside the satisfaction of our own desires in order that we might fulfill the desires of others, we choose to ‘let go’ of self centered efforts in order to be like Christ. Philippians 2:3-5



Graduation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 23rd at the 10:45 service. If you have a graduate to recognize, contact Lewis at lewis@nallaveorg to sign them up!