

The Nall Call

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TRANSFORMING LIVES



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



IMPACTING COMMUNITIES



Vacation Bible School was a wonderful weekend full of games, music, Bible stories, crafts and friendship! We learned how important it was to build our lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

Aug 2020 – A Well-Balanced ‘Listening’ Diet by Mark Miller

Let me start by talking about that question that plagues every family on Sunday afternoons... “Where do you want to eat for lunch?” Well, maybe your family doesn’t wrestle with this question, but mine does. Funny enough, everyone has their own preferences on what to eat but are too ‘selfless’ to admit them. Therefore, it is never an argument of where to eat but rather a verbal ping-pong match back and forth of “I don’t care. Wherever you want to eat.”

Despite how I may have started this article, what I want you to ‘chew on’ and think about is not what you ingest through your mouth but through your ears. I believe this is an important topic because, just like with food, what you intake is what you output. An unhealthy diet will result in an unhealthy life. So in the context of this article, maybe your current ‘listening diet’ is like my food exploration days as a young college student - - I didn’t care about the ingredients of things I ate as long as it tasted good. Similarly, are you just listening to what satisfies your ears without questioning its content? We need to get in the practice of weighing and measuring what we are listening to before letting our minds gorge on it. And this is not just with music, but movies, news, and even ‘Christian’ outlets.

Let me be clear in saying that not everything outside of God’s Word is bad to listen to. But we need to understand just because it isn’t bad doesn’t automatically make it good. It is like my affection for Oreo cookies. I thank God for ‘milk’s favorite cookie’ but eating a whole sleeve of them in the evening results in a very unpleasant bedtime... not to mention revealing a possible idolatry problem. Seriously, though, as Christ’s disciples we need to be examining the content of what we are putting in our ears, and we need to adopt a healthy listening diet.

Below is a list of radio options that I cycle through regularly that might be helpful for you in creating this balanced diet. Though I do not always agree with every message or lyric offered, I have found these stations overall to be beneficial in my daily life.

FM 88.1 – Family Life Radio. Based in Topeka, KS it is a contemporary Christian music station with local updates.

FM 88.5 – Life 88.5. Another locate station that is a ministry of University of Northwestern. They play contemporary Christian music and offer local updates.

FM 97.3 – K-Love. A nationwide station whose mission is “to create compelling media that inspires and encourages you to have a meaningful relationship with Christ.” This includes not just music but daily bible verses, devotionals, and testimonials.

FM 107.1 – Air1. Another nationwide station whose format is very similar to K-Love but whose music is focused more on what modern worship teams are singing.

Deepest Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends:

Dorothy Coleman, mother-in-law to Debbie Coleman.

Corky Nason, father to Todd Nason.

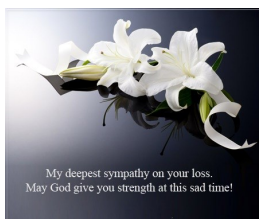
Ed Bayless, father to Bruce Bayless

Richard Scott, brother-in-law to Alice Gowler.

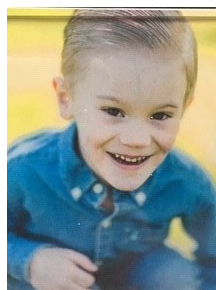
Betty Vail, longtime member.

Hugh Rapp, former member.

Alogene Henderson, longtime member.



New Members by Baptism



Daniel Piguet July 26



Liam Jones July 5

Youth Ministry Summer Internship Recap

Over the past two summers, Ava Andersen and Luke DeMint have worked mostly behind the scenes here at Nall Avenue. These two, once NABC students themselves, now young adults, took a risk and accepted the challenge of the Student Ministry Summer Internship. The main goal of the internship has been to help equip individuals to disciple and minister to those around them. While Ava and Luke have had the opportunity to learn and work alongside the staff of our church in many areas, their primary focus has been our student ministry and to work alongside Lewis Jones, the Minister of Students (now Minister of Family Life).

When they gather, they have a morning devotional to connect with the Lord. There is team prayer, where they pray for students and families by name. Discipleship Training and seminars help teach them about different aspects of ministry as a whole, and team meetings where they help plan and lead student ministry gatherings like Wednesday Night Study, Sunday Core Groups, and other summer activities, even Vacation Bible School!



Next time you see one of them, ask them how the Lord has used this internship in their lives. Until then, here is Ava Andersen's testimony of how she has developed as a disciple and a leader;

I am so extremely thankful for the opportunity I have gotten to explore my call to ministry these past two years with my Nall family. I have learned so much about God, my calling, and myself throughout these summers. Each summer was different and taught me different things. Last year I first got a feeling for what working in ministry was like and was able to explore the dichotomy of crazy games and sharing the gospel.

Through this internship I have not only been exposed to youth ministry, but children's ministry, worship, and pastoral ministry. As a child within the ministries you don't see how much the staff works to help and care for each individual. Being able to see how the staff works together for the good of everyone who steps into Nall was inspiring. This internship has given me a much better work ethic, and given me a lot of insight into my ministry calling. Working in ministry does not exclusively mean being the head youth minister, the only thing you need to be able to minister or simply help out is a heart for students and the drive to be helpful and kind. I have made some amazing friendships through this program with the students in the youth group.

Last summer we had the opportunity to join another program and go to seminars with so many amazing people. I learned about theology, teaching styles, and scripture. Luke and I worked together to come up with games and introduce new events to keep our growing group engaged. This summer we were able to focus more on the teaching side of ministry. We have both had opportunities to teach in core group, lead small groups over lessons, and spend time in God's word and explore theology as we grow in our own spiritual lives. We also got to spend some time interior decorating in the newly improved youth space. But most importantly I started to see how important it is to follow God and not my own ambition in this life because worldly success could never match up to the pure joy God gives!

Recap of Business Meeting by Joe Funderburk

On July 26th, the church had its regularly schedule business meeting to catch up on several things since the onset of the covid-19 pandemic. The last time the church had a business meeting was back in January.

New deacons were presented for vote to serve a three year term including three men who will be ordained in the coming weeks: Michael Fox, Phil Shipley, and Bruce Bayless. All were approved unanimously through voice vote.

The Nominating Committee presented their lengthy report for nominations of the various committees and service leaders. This report was received and also approved unanimously by voice vote.



The Personnel Committee then presented their report and recommendation for changes on the existing staff. Kelly Jackson spoke and explained her request to the personnel committee a month ago to move to part-time in August because she will be taking over the family business (Baskin Robbins on Johnson Drive). Roy Dennington, the outgoing chairman, reported that the committee had been meeting in July to discuss the options. They considered three options: moving to three part-time positions (youth, children, and operations), moving on from Kelly Jackson completely and beginning a search for her vacated full-time position, and moving Kelly Jackson to part-time Minister of Discipleship and Operations and moving Lewis Jones to full-time Minister of Family Life (youth and children's ministries). The personnel committee's recommendation was the latter and it was presented for discussion, along with specifics on pay for those positions. New job descriptions were presented (available to members through the office) and questions were asked of the committee, Kelly, and Lewis.

The meeting was also broadcast through a link on our homepage and we answered a few questions remotely from those watching from home. After a time of questioning the motion was voted on and unanimously approved. Kelly and Lewis will begin their new positions on August 1st. The meeting closed with a report from Mark Miller. He detailed a number of updates and changes that have allowed us to livestream our worship services the past few months. He also mentioned that we will continue to purchase some equipment that will improve our capabilities moving forward.