

The Nall Call

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A *New Year* IS GOD'S GIFT

IN THE JOYFUL MOMENTS
THANK HIM

IN THE BUSY MOMENTS
BLESS HIM

IN THE TRYING MOMENTS
TRUST HIM

IN THE QUIET MOMENTS
PRAISE HIM





Students Wednesday Night Study

“Does prayer really change things? Why doesn’t God always answer my prayers? What’s the point of prayer anyway? Is there a certain way I’m supposed to pray? Do I have to be a Christian for God to hear my prayers?”

When God communicates with His children, it isn’t always obvious—certainly not as obvious as our conversations with friends. We won’t receive a text or a phone call. We can’t expect Him to comment on our most recent status update or post. Instead, we are called to meet with Him in prayer.

Over the course of eight sessions, students will discover the importance of communicating with God by taking a closer look at Jesus’ prayers.

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches us how to depend on God through prayer, what it means to pray continually, as well as how prayer can help us gain wisdom, overcome temptation, and surrender our desires to His.”

The Student Ministry will begin this new Wednesday Night Study on January 13th called, Pray Like Jesus, written by Jeff Belcher and Lifeway Students. They will meet weekly from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the NABC Youth Room. For more information, feel free to contact Lewis Jones, Minister of Family Life (lewis@nallave.org).



MOPS Christmas Caroling

On Thursday evening, December 17th, several Moms, their husbands and children and mentor Moms ventured down 67th St. from NABC to Hodges St. in Countryside East. Bundled up, wearing glow in the dark items, ringing sleigh bells and carrying coffee or hot chocolate on a cold winters night, they spread Christmas cheer to neighbors up Hodges St, to 66th, 65th Terr and back! They were able to carol to a half dozen homes!

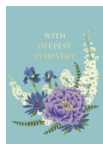
Santa Fe Trails Update



On Dec. 22, with combined efforts of NABC, SFT Elementary PTA, City of Mission, Angel Babies and Casey's Auto Repair, 18 families were reached and blessed. A big THANK YOU to all those who made it possible through prayer, donating items, gifts and volunteering your time. A family who had been a recipient of this giving in the past has now been restored and they were able to help another family by donating. A parent picking up was so overwhelmed by the generosity that they were brought to tears. As we intentionally move to become disciples, God opens the door to discipleship relationships within our Church and our Community. God has given us opportunities to see Jesus working in us and through us.

Deepest Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends:

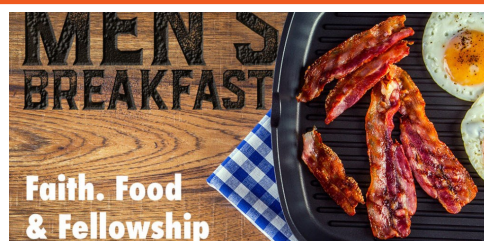


Anne Hoffman, long time member



Third Monday of each month.
Our next prayer gathering will be:

Monday, January 18, 6:30 pm
All are welcome!



Monday, January 4, 6:30 am
All men welcome!
Meet at Santa Fe Café
on 87th St.
No RSVP needed!



Get Your Feet Wet

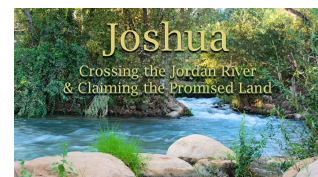
by Pastor Joe Funderburk

As we approached Christmas this year we have been looking at the theme of doing the next, right thing. Throughout the Christmas story we see people who are put into situations that are very challenging and present tremendous uncertainty. From Mary and Joseph, to the shepherds and wise men, we find people making decisions based on limited information. God is doing some amazing things, but the people involved are confronted with confusion, fear, and risk and are unsure of what to do next. Perhaps you feel a little like they do heading out of a crazy 2020 and into an uncertain 2021. If that is the case, then I would encourage you to consider an Old Testament example. Sometimes doing the next, right thing in following Jesus Christ means you must be willing to get your feet wet.



There are a few defining moments at the bank of bodies of water for God's people in the Old Testament. The most famous is the crossing of the Red Sea under the leadership of Moses. But a close second would be the crossing of the Jordan by the people of Israel, under the leadership of Joshua, as they head into the promised land. It is interesting to compare these two crossings.

In the Red Sea crossing we find that God miraculously parts the waters and the people faithfully follow the path to safety. But when you come to the crossing of the Jordan in Joshua 3, God changes the formula. God does not move in a miraculous way until the priests' feet are in the water. This is what Joshua 3:13 says, "And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord... set foot in the Jordan, its water flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap." In other words, God wasn't going to move an inch until the people demonstrated a willingness to get their feet wet.



Doing the next, right thing means taking a step of obedience in uncertain times. That step will often appear to be obscure, risky, or unsafe. When we face uncertain times we always want the Red Sea experience and not the Jordan River experience. We want God to lead us, but we really don't want to take a step in the water. We would rather hold out for God to move powerfully to open a clear, dry path. My experience has taught me, however, that the Jordan River experience is more typical of what it means to walk with God in uncertain times. God always provides a step of obedience even if it appears to be a very small thing. If you are willing to trust him with that step then He will be faithful to carry you through. But if you refuse to get your feet wet and wait on God to open a dry path, you are sure to become mired in continued frustration and obscurity. So whatever small step God is providing for you in order to do the next, right thing, it is time to get your feet wet.