

# The Nall Call

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**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD: HIS LOVE  
ENDURES FOREVER**

**PSALM 107:1**



**Happy Father's Day!**

**“Blessed indeed is the man who  
hears many gentle voices call  
him father!”**

**Lydia M. Child**



# Why We Say “Yes” to VBS by Lizzy Bishop

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! An outreach program that we have participated in for years, some may be wondering why we continue to say “yes” to VBS year after year. If you listen to the very catchy song “Yes to VBS” by Jeff Slaughter, you hear that we say “yes to the blessing of studying God’s Word” and “yes to the best thing, Jesus is Lord.” While both of these statements are accurate, there is so much more we say yes to when we do Vacation Bible School.

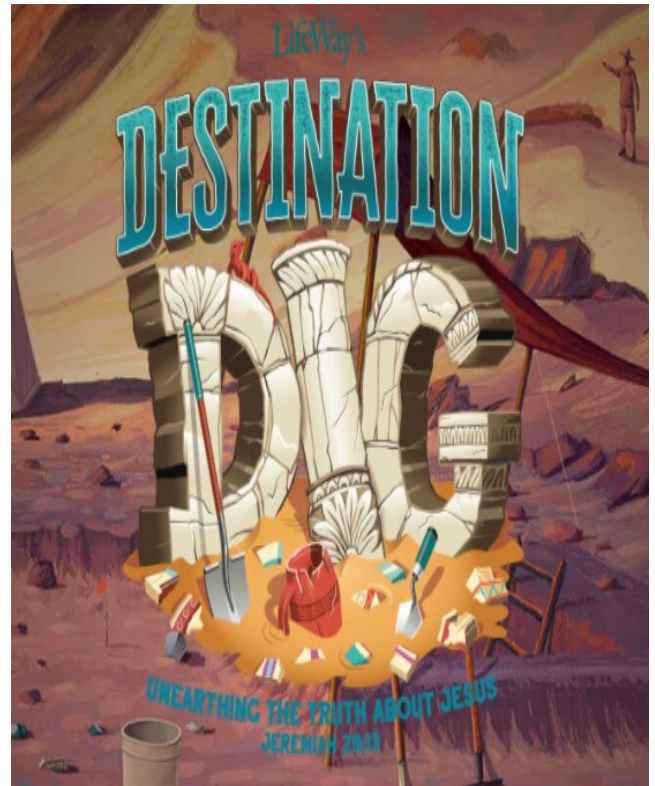
We say YES to the discipleship of kids.

We say YES to sharing the Good News of who Jesus is.

We say YES to the kids and families who may not have a church home.

We say YES to intentional relationship building both within and outside the walls of our building.

We say YES because we want to be intentional in all we do as the Body of Christ in how we reach our community and our world. We want to give everyone the opportunity to say YES whether that is praying, volunteering or attending Vacation Bible School. How will you say YES to VBS?



As we move toward summer, please note that we will be moving to one service until further notice at 10:45 am on Sundays. The livestream will continue on YouTube for those watching from home. Masks at this service will be optional. We look forward to uniting in Christ together!



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

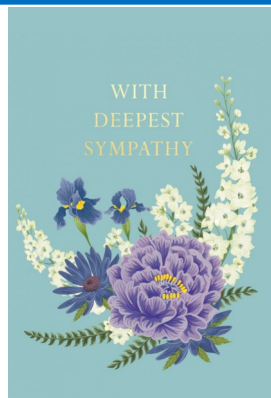


## Deepest Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends:

Bill Chick, passed away on May 17th

Bud Maier, passed away on May 14th



Please join us for a Parking Lot Potluck Picnic Party on July 11th after worship service! A sign up sheet will go out in late June to select a dish to bring.

## Rebuilding Fellowship by Pastor Joe Funderburk

Of all the disruptions the past year has introduced into our lives, it is the lack of fellowship that has been most devastating for believers and churches. The need to practice social distancing quickly led to emotional and spiritual distancing among God's people. Connecting online through a virtual service is a tool that can be useful in the future, but is a poor substitute for genuine fellowship. There is a good reason why the book of Hebrews challenges believers not to forsake a regular practice of assembling (physically) in worship. All this distancing has led to a disconnect in fellowship, and even though it was an unintended consequence, it now lingers and threatens the viability of churches large and small. This has been very disorienting for all of us, but we should put our efforts on the positive. Instead of focusing on what has been lost, we need to point our attention to the Lord and His plans for the future. We need to be a part of rebuilding a sense of connection and meaning among God's people.

Because fellowship is a foundational necessity for churches to function in a healthy and effective way, we want to focus this summer on reconnecting to one another. In the coming weeks there will be opportunities for us to connect at different times and in different activities, but the purpose behind them all is restoration of fellowship. We need to build relationships again and spend time with one another. Several groups have begun meeting again and that is key in moving fellowship back to the forefront. I want to encourage group leaders to plan times of fellowship this summer as well. Take time as a group to reach out to those you have not seen in awhile and be intentional in connecting them to the group again. If we all work together this summer, we can build momentum in recovering that sense of connection that has been limited in the previous year.



## Welcome Kirk!

Please join us in welcoming Kirk Merritt as our Part Time Interim Worship Minister!

Kirk comes to us with several years of experience in worship ministry. He is a versatile musician with experience playing keyboards, guitar, bass and drums as well as singing. He also has extensive knowledge of sound systems and technology. He has a deep desire to teach and lead willing hearts to focus their God-given talents for the glory of the Lord and to grow with a body of believers to worship Him. We are very excited to have you with us, Kirk!



Join us for a fun night of fellowship at a Kansas City Royals game on Friday, June 18th at 7:10 PM! Bri will be sending out an email with more information on this fun event. Please RSVP and purchase your tickets using EventBrite or by contacting Bri in the office if you plan to attend before June 11th. We hope to see you there!



## Church Updates by Bri Nicoletti



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

There have been several updates going on behind the scenes here at NABC! You'll notice in the photos above that the Youth Room has received quite a face lift! With the modern paint colors, twinkle lights, and updates to make the space comfortable and engaging for our youth, this space is a great place for them to spend time in fellowship together and engage in learning about and building a relationship with Jesus.

We also had some upgrades done to our children's rooms! The children's rooms have not only been painted to represent the room color (blue room, red room, etc.), but they have also gotten new floors which look great! Many thanks to Melody Davidson for her help in coordinating the floor replacement. Come by and take a peek at how great the rooms look!

Richard Miller and the Properties Committee have also worked with contractors on getting the concrete refinished in the back parking lot of the church.

We are continually grateful for the ability to update our church to fit the needs of our growing ministries, and we cannot wait to utilize these spaces more as things continue to return to normal.