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## **DETERMINING THE RIGHT GIFT by Joe Funderburk, senior pastor**



As we begin a stewardship campaign for the new kitchen, storage and CLC floor (details page 4), I thought this story might be helpful. A little humor is always good when discussing money.

Four wealthy brothers discussed the gifts they gave their elderly mother who lived in another city. The first had a big house built for her. The second gave her a \$100,000 home theater. The third gave her a Mercedes SL600. The fourth found a parrot that could recite the entire Bible thanks to 20 preachers spending 12 years teaching it. Although he had thought about contributing \$100,000 to the church every year for 20 years, he decided the parrot would be better because his mother could no longer read due to poor eyesight. The other brothers were impressed with his gift. Shortly afterward, their mother sent out the following thank you notes:

“Milton, the house you built is so huge I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway.”

“Marvin, I never use the Mercedes because I am too old to travel, I am always home, and I have my groceries delivered. Thanks.”

“Michael, you gave me an expensive theater that can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I’ve lost my hearing and I’m nearly blind. I’ll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same.”

“Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you.”

It can be difficult to determine the right gift in each situation, and that is especially true when we are asked to give to a building capital campaign. On Sunday, June 29, we will have a special Commitment Sunday Service to give each person and family in our congregation the opportunity to make their commitment to the Lord concerning our campaign. My prayer is that we all will be willing to be a part of this campaign and to have the good sense to give more than a little thought to our gifts. May we dedicate time in prayer and in conversation with our families to support the needs of our church ministry well into the future.

God bless you, and thank you all for your consideration and support.

## **TOP 5 REASONS YOU SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN VBS by Kelly Jackson, family life and operations**



Vacation Bible School is more than a tradition. In the four years I have been at Nall, Vacation Bible School (VBS) has become my favorite time of the year. Nall has an incredible culture of service and evangelism around this week-long event.

Here are the top 5 reasons why everyone should play a role in VBS this year:

1. VBS is our most evangelistic event of the year. We get the opportunity to host families from all over our community as we creatively and uniquely share the truth of God’s love.
2. VBS builds community within our church. As we serve as a team, friendships are built and continue long after VBS week. If you want to meet people and make new friendships, please consider volunteering.
3. We create a safe place when we are adequately staffed with loving and enthusiastic volunteers.
4. We provide an environment of invitation for our children to invite their classmates and neighborhood friends. When the kids walk into our elaborately decorated church full of compassionate adults, church makes a very positive impression.
5. When our children see us serve they notice that we enjoy church and we prioritize their faith in Jesus.

VBS runs from Sunday, June 26, through Wednesday, June 29. On Thursday, June 30, we will have the Splash Bash (water games party). It’s a great time to meet the families who attended, build relationships and invite them back to church on Sunday. There are plenty of other ways to participate: volunteering, attending the adult class, praying, donating supplies, or by inviting. Find out more at [www.NallAve.org/VBS](http://www.NallAve.org/VBS).

## SNAPSHOTS



Truth and Training (TNT) Awana students enjoy their recognitions at Awana Awards Night, May 4.



Lane Smith's General Lee presentation entertained and educated the crowd at the monthly JOY Luncheon, May 12.



Kim Jeffers recognizes the high school and higher education graduates in the Nall family on Graduation Sunday, May 15.

## MARIE CLARK TO LEAD WOMEN'S MINISTRY



I never imagined that I would be a director for Women's Ministry, but God had other plans! I have always been an active

leader with Sunday School, general discipleship and teacher training. Since last fall, God has been leading me step-by-step in a new direction.

First, I led a women's Bible study in the fall, and was blessed to get to know three women new to Nall.

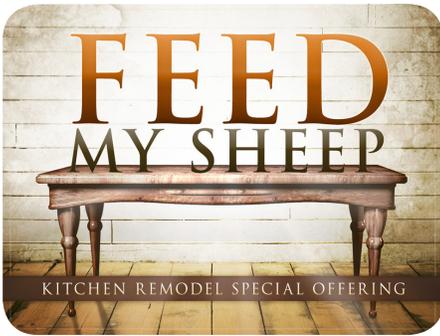
Next, I facilitated a table of nine women during the church-wide War Room study. All of us were in a different place: single, married, divorced and widowed. We had a powerful time together. We bonded, prayed for each other's requests and celebrated God's continuous answers. Our table continues to meet every few weeks to pray and celebrate.

Then I was asked to lead The Armor of God study this spring. Our "small" group ended up being 24 women. Though not small, God helped us make and strengthen personal relationships.

I once read, "Look to see where God is working and join Him." Since last fall, I have had glimpses of Him transforming women in so many ways—prayer life, jobs, marriage and family, and spiritual growth.

Over and over, God helped me recognize His call on my life at this time to lead Women's Ministry. I have seen Him at work in the lives of women, and I am excited to join Him.

## FEED MY SHEEP SPECIAL OFFERING BENEFITS KITCHEN, CLC PROJECT



Feed My Sheep is a special offering campaign that asks members and regular attenders to pray about and commit to being a part of the project to build a new kitchen, replace the CLC floor and convert the current kitchen into storage.

At a Special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, May 22, the congregation voted to approve a proposal from the Properties Committee to undertake the project. The congregation also approved a Stewardship Committee recommendation to pay for the project through a combination of using existing reserve funds, acquiring a line of credit loan and starting the Feed My Sheep campaign.

“The [project] will initially be paid for by a construction loan,” says David Langford, in a video presentation shown during services on May 22. “But Nall Avenue has a great history of paying off our loans quickly.”

The congregation voted to use \$50,000 of current reserves and begin Feed My Sheep to pay off the remainder of the costs as quickly as possible.

“This is a great opportunity to be part of building the future of Nall Avenue Baptist Church,” David says in the video. “We would like everyone to pray about how they would like to participate in this special offering.” This could mean financial commitments or prayer commitments, or both.

Commitment cards will soon be distributed to members and regular attenders. Commitments could be financial or prayer support, or both. June 26 will be Commitment Sunday. During both services, the congregation will have a chance to offer their commitment card. All financial commitments are anonymous.

Learn more about Feed My Sheep and watch the video at [www.NallAve.org/FeedMySheep](http://www.NallAve.org/FeedMySheep).

## VOICES: Courtnie Williams, The Impact of Faith Path

I had the pleasure of attending a Faith Path Lunch and Learn in April. This study has had major impact on my life and my children’s lives. It has given me the tools to be more intentional in following God’s Word and to teach my children how great God truly is. I felt the need to share some of the great experiences/blessings the good Lord has blessed my family with.

1. My prayer life has grown, which in turn has improved the girls’ prayer life. We now pray every night together before bed. We take turns saying a prayer and finish by saying a prayer together.

2. I posed this question to the girls: “Is there anything that you can’t see or touch but you know is real?” I fully expected them to say air. Without hesitation Gracelyn said, “God.” Alivia said, “Jesus.” Angels was another answer.

3. I had one class that I needed to finish my RN. I and many others prayed that a spot would become available in the class in May. Not only did I get a spot, I was able to get enough financial assistance to pay for the class. I recently completed my RN! I am also blessed with a strong, supportive family who makes sure I don’t have to worry about the girls while in school.

Thank you, Nall, for introducing my family to Faith Path.

*Want to share your testimony in Voices? Contact Sara, [sara@nallave.org](mailto:sara@nallave.org) / 913-432-4141.*



## SUMMER (AND CAMP) IS HERE! by Kim Jeffers, students

School is out and summer has officially started! For many of my students that means days of sleeping in, going to the pool and traveling on “much needed” trips. Last week we talked about how our summer months can seem just as busy as our school year and how it’s important to take time to “rest” and ensure we are intentional about inviting God into our summer lives.

Youth leave Thursday, June 16, for Centrifuge Camp in Glorieta, N.M. We are renting a bus so we can all travel together in safety. A few spots are still open! If you would like to sign up for camp, please e-mail Kim at kim@nallave.org.

This year’s theme is UNASHAMED. We will learn what it means to live unashamed of a Gospel-centered life. This is opposite to what the students see on a daily basis at school.

At Centrifuge, students are divided into groups for recreation and Bible study based on grade completed. Recreation is facilitated within Bible study groups by a member of the camp staff, who also leads the Bible study. Each activity serves a specific purpose and is debriefed so students can make application in their lives.

Students also participate in Track Times. These are creative, active, performance- and classroom-based activities that give students the opportunity to participate in something familiar, or something new! Students are divided into “tracks” based on a list of activities they indicated during the registration process.

We will return Wednesday, June 22. We will make the long trek back in one day, so please be in prayer for us!

If you would like to join your student in the material they will be learning at camp you can! Centrifuge offers online parent devotionals you and your student can discuss. They are available at [www.fugecamps.com](http://www.fugecamps.com). Follow these steps to access them: 1. On the landing page, scroll and click on the tab titled “I am a Parent.” 2. Click on the “Parent Devotional” tab. 3. Download and print a copy.

### Special thanks and a final note

Thank you to all who came to the May 29 Mission Breakfast and who donated to the Youth Garage Sale!

The young adults will be playing co-ed softball this summer at Heritage Park in Olathe. The games are Mondays at 6:30 and 7:30 PM. Come and join as your schedule sees fit.



Scenes from last year’s Centrifuge camp.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Women’s Summer Bible Studies begin, June 7

Sessions at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

### VBS training, June 8

6:30 PM, Sanctuary. For all who plan to volunteer for VBS. No RSVP required.

### JOY Luncheon, June 9

11:30 AM, CLC/gym. Ray Hildebrand will provide music. Bring a potluck dish or \$4 contribution.

### Guest speaker, June 12

Brad Briscoe, church planting catalyst, Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association, will give the message at both services.

### Fast Track study begins, June 15

6:30 PM. See below for details.

### VBS Pray and Prep, June 18

10 AM, CLC/Gym. All ages welcome. Donuts and coffee served.

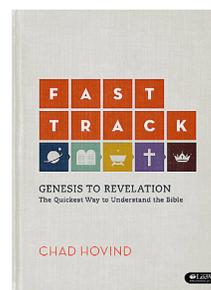
### Commitment Sunday, June 26

Both services. See page 4 for details.

### VBS, June 26-30

6–8:30 PM each day. Classes for kids ages 3 through 6th grade and for adults. Theme is Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface. Register: [www.NallAve.org/VBS](http://www.NallAve.org/VBS).

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY BEGINS JUNE 15



Pastor Joe will lead a Wednesday Night study titled “Fast Track: Genesis to Revelation, the Quickest Way to Understand the Bible.”

The 8-session study meets at 6:30 PM Wednesdays. Workbooks are \$12 each.

Sign up through the office or at [www.NallAve.org/Wednesdays](http://www.NallAve.org/Wednesdays).

## Regular Weekly Activities

### Sundays

- 8:15 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Core Groups
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Singles Lunch Bunch
- 5:00 PM GriefShare

### Tuesdays

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Studies, morning session
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Studies, evening session

### Wednesdays

- 4:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Fast Track study

## June Activities

- 3-4 Youth Garage Sale, 6 AM-4 PM
- 8 VBS Training, 6:30 PM
- 9 JOY Luncheon, 11:30 AM
- 12 Guest Speaker in service: Brad Briscoe
- 14 KC Rescue Mission, 5:30 PM
- 18 VBS Prayer and Prep, 10 AM
- 19 Father's Day
- 26 Commitment Sunday
- 26 VBS begins, 6-8:30 PM

*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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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Nall church family:

Eric Guereca, by baptism.

Carla Smallwood, by transfer.

Chris and Matt Hall, Chris by transfer and Matt by baptism.

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES



Sympathies to the friends and family of Myrle Murphy, 95, who passed away on May 25. She was a member for 43 years.

We also extend sympathies to Julie Italiano, Administrative Coordinator, on the loss of her mother, Gloria Benson.



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### SINGLE ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH

Sundays at noon. Family and friends welcome.

June 5: McAlister's Deli, 11330 Shawnee-Mission Pkwy, Shawnee

June 12: Mi Ranchito, 7148 W. 80th St., Overland Park

June 19: Dragon Inn, 7500 W. 80th St., Overland Park

June 26: Panera, 7070 Martway, Mission

