

# The Nall Call

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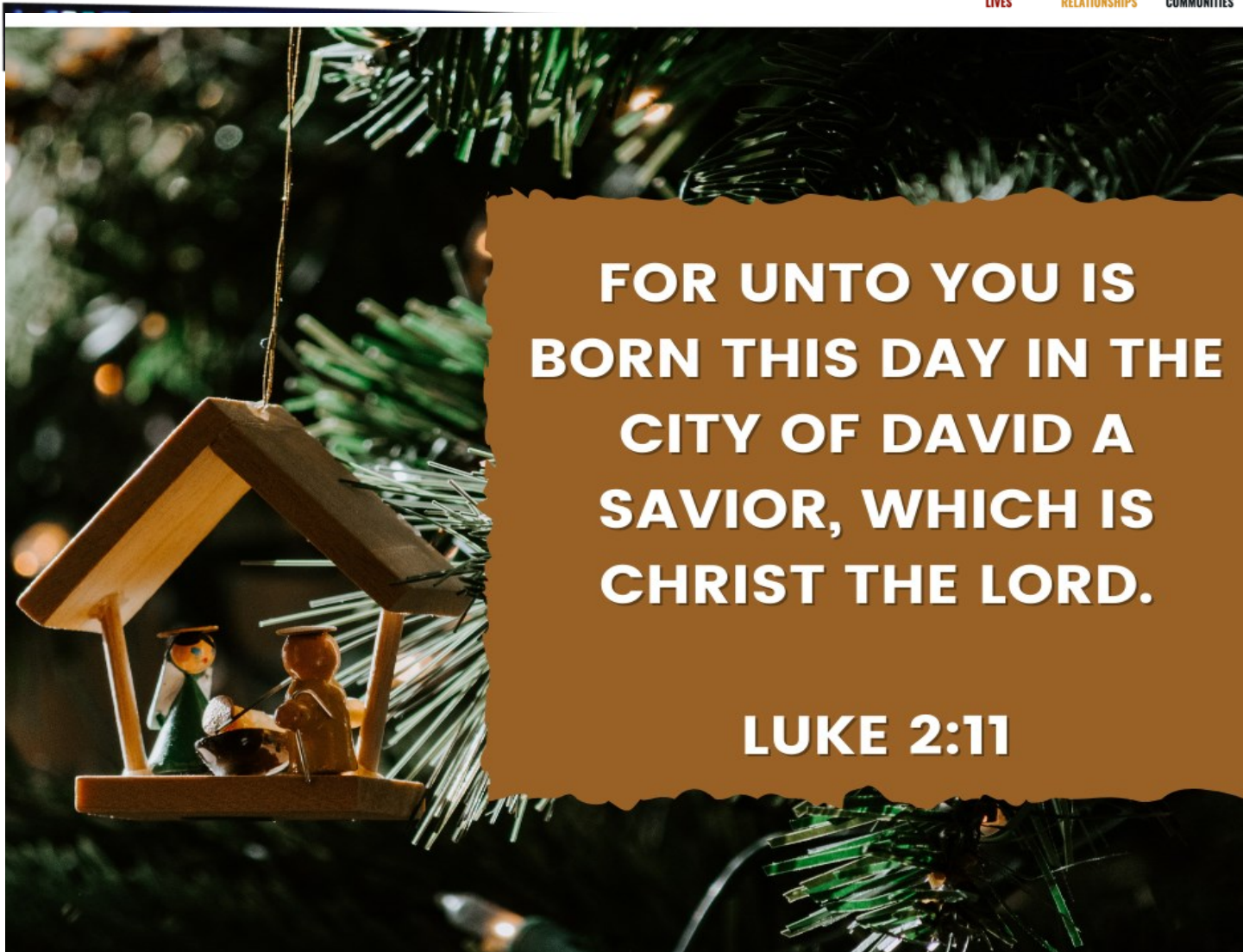
TRANSFORMING  
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**FOR UNTO YOU IS  
BORN THIS DAY IN THE  
CITY OF DAVID A  
SAVIOR, WHICH IS  
CHRIST THE LORD.**

**LUKE 2:11**



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICE  
5:00 PM  
DECEMBER 24**

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Please join us for worship on Christmas Eve at 5 PM. All are welcome to celebrate this most holy night!

# Santa Fe Trail Upcoming Events by Gerrie Orr

**December 9 and December 14**—Wish List Gift and Holiday Shop donations drop off. Please bring gifts unwrapped with the gift tag adhered. Volunteers needed!

**December 16**—Volunteers needed to assist with organizing gifts by family and sort Holiday Shop donations

**December 20** –Volunteers needed to help complete sorting of donated items and set up the holiday shop in the CLC.

**December 21**—The Holiday Shop will be open and families can pick up food baskets and gifts. Volunteers needed to greet families and load up food and gifts.

Please contact Gerrie Orr if you are available to volunteer for any of these events at [gerrieo5135@gmail.com](mailto:gerrieo5135@gmail.com).



1st Monday of every Month  
 Santa Fe Café  
 No RSVP Needed  
 7:30 AM

## Deepest Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends:

Phyllis Nason, mother of Todd Nason, November 5

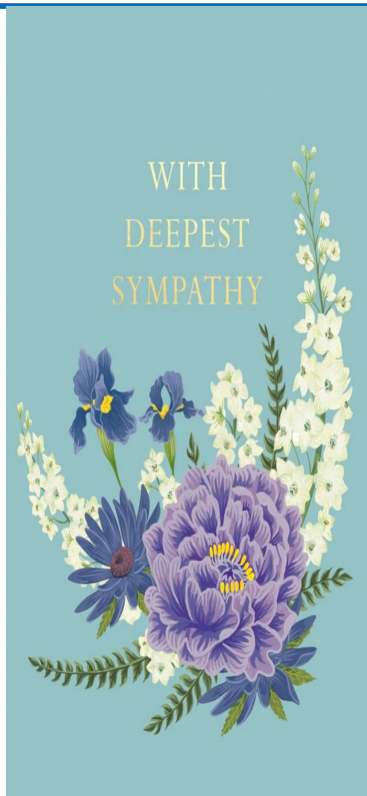
Malory Grace McDougal, November 10

Lee Ebert, brother of Linda Briggs, November 11

Jack Hiles, long time Core Group attendee—November 17

Opal Pearce, long time member, December 6

Son-in-Law of Ruth Hudson



## Upcoming Wednesday Nights

Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00 PM. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Regular Wednesday night dinner will resume on January 12th.





## Farewell to Nall by Joe Funderburk



Saying goodbye to a loving church family is no small matter. Twelve years ago, you welcomed me to serve as your pastor, along with our small and growing family. Throughout these years, you have invited me to travel alongside you in your personal journeys and in our mission together as the church. My call to serve as your pastor never wavered, nor did I ever view this call as a stepping-stone toward another opportunity. Only in the past couple of years have Angie and I been discerning a possible new direction that the Lord may want to take us in. We never thought we would be saying goodbye, so this parting has been as much of a surprise to us as it has been to some of you.

The Lord has used the past twelve years to change me in some profound ways. No area has been rebuilt more than my vision for and understanding of ministry. I am taking a position as a Discipleship Pastor because it is what the Lord has been shaping me for these past several years. As I go to take on this responsibility, I carry with me the things I have learned along the way here at Nall. I am eternally grateful for the patience and kindness you have shown me as the Lord continued to work out my own salvation and calling. In my time here I have never been able to connect with the sentiments of other pastors who tell tales of great stress and anxiety in their current ministries. You have made my time here a complete joy and I leave

knowing that there is a real possibility I may never have that same peace anywhere else.

Nall is also the only place my children remember calling their church home. Many of you have been their teachers, counselors, and extended family. There simply is no replacing those types of relationships, and we only hope to add to the solid foundation you help establish for them. For our entire family there will always be a sense that Nall is home. We will always be grateful for the love and encouragement you have shown our children in their growing faith in Christ.

As we leave, please know that you are all in our prayers and we are asking God to light your way for a bright tomorrow. The coming months may prove difficult for various reasons, but you have the history to weather a great many storms and your faithfulness in times past will encourage the Lord to go before you. God bless all of you, and if you ever need help navigating a vacation in New England, please let us know and we will put out the welcome mat!

*Thank you Pastor Joe, for your many years of dedicated service as our Senior Pastor! If you would like to wish the Funderburk family well, there are cards in the foyer, and there will be a Lunch Reception following worship on Sunday, December 12th in the CLC. Please RSVP with Bri in the office at 913-432-4141 if you plan to attend!*



## A Note From Interim Senior Pastor, Bob Mills

It is hard to believe how fast the days are passing...it's almost Christmas! I am trusting you will have a joyous time with family and friends in the weeks ahead. My prayer is that this will be a special time of remembering the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

I am so looking forward to being with you as your Interim Pastor beginning the first of January. I have so many fond memories of our time together 12 years ago. We will begin our journey by assessing where we are as a church. We will assess how we are doing in various categories related to church health, such as evangelism, worship, ministry, discipleship, structure, outreach, developing leaders, etc. The second step in the process is diagnostic in nature. By that, I mean understanding what kind of steps we need to undertake to strengthen some of the above-mentioned church health issues listed above. One thing I want to make clear: I am not here to change anything. I am here to lead the church on a journey to discover the next steps for Nall Avenue Baptist Church. My plan is that we will approach the whole process together.

Pray with me as we seek the path God has for us in the days ahead.

-Bob



## Merry Christmas!

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and a wonderful start to the new year!

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. “

Luke 2:12-14