


# The Nall Call

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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**

We hope you will join us on Christmas Eve for worship beginning at 5 PM. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, together with our church family!



## Upward Basketball Concessions

Calling for Upward Concession Volunteers! On Saturdays in January and February, we will have Upward Basketball games starting at 8 AM and finishing at 7 PM. We will have schedule sheets made up and ready to enter your name! The schedule is in one hour increments, however, if you can take a two hour shift, that would be much appreciated. We need two people per shift—and what better way to volunteer than with a friend? The job is easy, kids and adults will pick out what they want to buy and pay for it. Your job is to take their money and maybe serving a hot dog or nachos. It's that simple!

To make this even easier, we would really like to keep all correspondence going to one person. Please contact Lisa Clark at [lisa@nallave.org](mailto:lisa@nallave.org). Please let Lisa know if you have any questions. We look forward to a fun year in Upward!



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

If you have volunteered in any capacity throughout this year at NABC, please join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, December 14th at 6 PM in the CLC. We will have a delicious dinner and then enjoy seasonal music from The Pic and Bow! We appreciate our volunteers so very much, and we are so grateful for all you do to make our church great and serve the Lord!



## JOY Luncheon

Seniors, join us the second Thursday of each month for our JOY Luncheon at 11:30 AM! This is a wonderful time of fellowship for the seniors at NABC. Please bring a potluck dish to share, or \$5 at the door. There is always entertainment to enjoy as well! Neighbors, friends and family members are all welcome to join! Our next JOY Luncheon will be January 12th. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Staff December Worship Playlist

Here is a list of worshipful songs that we have been praising the Lord to lately. Would you join us in lending your heart and your ears to these songs this month in your own worship time?

1. Behold—Phil Wickham
2. O Come All You Unfaithful—Sovereign Grace
3. Joy to the World—Paul Baloche
4. Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah) - We The Kingdom



## Home Groups and Disciple Making by Ty and Kristi DeMint



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:18-20. You may recognize this passage of scripture. Jesus commands us to go and make disciples, and disciple making is a central focus here at Nall Avenue Baptist Church. Many of you are connected with our Core Groups on Sunday mornings, but you may not know we also have Home Groups that meet throughout the week in smaller groups to continue to spread the good news of the Gospel and study the bible together in fellowship. Anyone interested in being an intentional disciple maker could reference the below schedule regularly if they find someone who is interested in joining a Home Group at a specific location or day of the week.

- Brett and Lizzy Bishop host a Home Group in Merriam, KS on Thursday evenings, (913) 904-2467
- Byron and Linda Briggs host a Home Group in Mission, KS on Tuesday evenings, (913) 217-8424
- Rob and Paula Hink & Lewis and Becky Jones host a Home Group in Overland Park, KS on Sundays, (816) 305-4900
- Craig and Lindsay Piguet host a Home Group in Merriam, KS on Thursday evenings, (503) 396-1024
- Darol and Deborah Phillips host a Home Group in Shawnee, KS, (913) 677-2276

If you have someone you would like to intentionally disciple, would like to join a Home Group yourself, or just have questions about Disciple Making, please contact us at [mcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:mcprayer@gmail.com).

## The Nativity of Jesus by Pastor Bob Mills



Is there a birth narrative in the Gospel of John? Generally, we do not turn to the fourth gospel to discuss the birth narrative of Jesus. That is unfortunate, because I think there is a nativity without the remembrance of an animal stable, simple shepherds and wise men.

When John sits down to write his account of Jesus' birth, he replays all the events of the birth in his mind—which Mary has no doubt recounted to him again and again—and he goes straight to the heart of the matter. He begins by telling us about the one he calls the Word and his coming into this dark world. As he writes, two words seem to dominate his thinking throughout the Gospel of John: Light and Life. These two attributes reminded John of Jesus.

“In Him was life”, John wrote. Jesus was not merely alive, though He was...Mary remembers the sound of His cry. But more than that, Life was in Him. Life that was more than breathing and a heartbeat; it was whatever it is that breathing and beating hearts are a result of. Life, the very thing itself, was in Him. He was life come alive. It was in Him, so it was His to give. In fact, that is exactly why He came.

“That Life was the Light of Men”, John writes. John reflects for a moment and begins to remember incident after incident of how Jesus was the light that gave life to countless numbers of people living in dark places. Life that is alive is light.

I believe there is a birth narrative in the first chapter of John's Gospel. Specifically, it is John 1:5, “The LIGHT in the darkness shone, and the darkness did not understand it.” This is John's nativity. Perhaps it should be read before one reads Matthew and Luke because it prepares us to hear them more clearly. The Light that is Jesus shines into, around, and above the darkness in the stable, the darkness of the world, and the deep darkness of our own hearts. The Bible says the light is not understood, not by the shepherds or the wise men, or by you and me.

My prayer this Christmas, is for the Life (Jesus), to come to life in us.