

# The Nall Call

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TRANSFORMING  
LIVES



BUILDING  
RELATIONSHIPS



IMPACTING  
COMMUNITIES

**AND ABOVE ALL THESE, PUT  
ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS  
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PERFECT HARMONY.**

**COLOSSIANS 3:14**

## Happy Valentine's Day!

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

Wishing you a wonderful Valentine's Day,  
filled with the love of Christ!

# The New Life Baptist Church by Bri Nicoletti

Many of you may remember that in 1975, Nall Avenue Baptist Church began ministering to several Laotian families, helping them to make their way to Kansas City and to our church. A Laotian Sunday School was organized at Nall, and the ministry provided basic needs of life to the new immigrants. Thira Siengsukon, who was attending Central Baptist Seminary was called as Pastor for the Lao Congregation that was forming. Thira and his wife presented the idea for a Lao-speaking congregation to our former pastor, Owen Dahlor, and under his leadership, as well as the KNCSB, and Midwestern, the Lao School of Ministry began. In the first two years, all seminary classes were taught here at our church.

In 1994, the Laotian congregation had increased significantly and they adopted the name “New Life”. There were some difficulties at first, but by late 2000, Nall and New Life established the Lao Building Fund, and the goal of \$50,000 was reached. Meanwhile, the Lord was at work, and Ridgeview Baptist Church’s building became available, and with the assistance of the Association, a plan was developed that Nall would accept the property. On August 24th, 2001, the title for the building was officially transferred to Nall. Maintenance and work was done to the building, and their first service was on Sunday afternoon, October 14th. They are now operating on their own successfully. One of the Laotian church members recently shared that their grandson, who was a soccer player in France, felt a calling to serve and is now planning to become a minister. He shares praise that God has done so much with so little, and He is so great!

I recently met with the current Pastor of the New Life Baptist Church who shared that they could use continued prayers for their church to continue to bless the lives of the Laotian people. I know this church is faithful in prayer, so please lift prayers for this church and this mission to continue to succeed and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Laotian people.

## Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in the CLC for Wednesday Night Dinner! Below are the upcoming menus. We hope to see you there!

**February 15**—Pot Roast, Corn, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Rolls, Salad

**February 22**—Ham and Beans, Corn Bread, Salad, Apple Pie

**March 1**—Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies

**March 8**—Pulled Pork on Buns, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Chocolate Cake

**March 15**—No Dinner, Spring Break!



## 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 March 9th. We look forward to seeing you there!

## With Deepest Sympathy

Former church member Annette Bright passed away at age 62 on January 25.



## Discipleship Corner by Ty and Kristi DeMint



Some stepping stones of Disciple Makers include praying, inviting, sharing and celebrating.

After Jesus sends out the 70 two by two in Luke 10, everyone returns and shares about the journey, and then they celebrate their obedience together with worship and fellowship. We too need to incorporate regular celebration of our weekly missional journeys as we go out into the community to share God. This can be easily incorporated in small groups and home groups by asking each other how the week within your neighborhood went. Celebrate being obedient to teach of the steps of disciple making. Start with prayer, invite the person God lays on your heart, share what God has done in your life. Regardless of the response to your invitation or sharing, celebrate with your fellow believers that you were still faithful in the call to “go and make disciples.”

## Missions Corner by The Missions Committee

In the month of March, we will be focusing on the North American Mission Board and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The North American Mission Board sees a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With the partnership of churches around the United States and their generous donations, they are committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses through missionaries who are walking out this mission. More than \$2 Billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to date to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. In the coming weeks, we will share the stories of some of those missionaries. On the Annie Armstrong website, each missionary has a specific place where they have listed their prayer requests. Would you join us in prayer for the following:

- Kay Bennett of New Orleans, LA runs Send Relief's Baptist Friendship House, providing hope and help for homeless and those who have experienced human trafficking. She requests prayer that people experiencing homelessness would be drawn to Baptist Friendship House for help, that human trafficking victims would be able to escape exploitation, and for strength and encouragement for staff and volunteers.
- Vergil and Kelsey Brown of Portland, Oregon, are church planters who planted a successful church in Portland, and after 10 years, felt the call to leave the church they began and plant again in an area that Christians are considered an “oddity”. The home prayer group they started quickly grew into Redemption Church. They request prayer that Redemption Church would be faithful and bold in their evangelism efforts, for unity in the growing young church, and for joy in the journey for their family.
- Matt and Amanda Hadden of Porcupine, South Dakota visited the Pine Ridge Reservation, home of the Oglala Lakota tribe for a construction mission trip, and after seeing the need there, felt God's call to that population and people. They lead the Chanku Waste Ranch, which is a ministry center on the reservation, and they help the population with construction needs to give them safe homes. Their prayers are for wisdom to meet the many needs of the Oglala Lakota people, for continued favor and partnerships with tribal leaders, and growth and support for wellness and construction ministries.
- Angel and Vanessa Viveros of Lincoln, Nebraska left their church in Mexico City after hearing about the great need in the Midwest. They are planting Cosecha Iglesia Biblica in a multicultural community. They request prayer for the Spanish-speaking community in Lincoln to find community and gospel hope, for outreach opportunities to build relationships and for people to understand the true gospel.

For more information on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and some of the missionaries they have highlighted, go to [anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com).

## Christ First Counseling Center by Pastor Bob Mills



On March the 5th, we are planning a learning lunch after church on the awareness of mental health needs and resources. We will have Christian mental health experts present to make a presentation on resources available through Christian services in our community. You will also find out how you can be a part of this vital ministry.

We are fortunate to have Christ First Counseling Center housed at First Baptist Shawnee. Therapists from the Shawnee center will be present to make the presentation on available services. By the way, I understand that Kansas is ranked 50th among our states for available mental health services.

Christ First Counseling Center has been around since 1991. It started out as a ministry of First Southern Baptist Church of Topeka. This would be a counseling ministry supported by the church rather than any individual. After a lot of planning and some searching for space, Lew Shannon, Ph.D., Brendan Lewis, L.M.S.W., and Zobel began a counseling service at the church beginning on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, slowly growing to become known as the Family Ministry of First Southern Baptist Church. Notice that our own Dr. Lew Shannon was involved right from the beginning of this ministry.

CFCC's mission capacity has expanded to include increased community outreach trainings and consultations, community partnerships, and multiple locations. CFCC is currently working through 9 clinical outpatient sites and two equine assisted locations, and the staff now includes over 20 licensed therapists, interns and 8 support staff members. God is guiding CFCC to fulfill the mission of being a "compassionate ministry of hope and healing for all people".

Plan now to attend our March 5th learning lunch in the CLC immediately following the morning services. A light lunch will be provided. Please contact the church office to make your reservations.