

The Nall Call

Monthly Newsletter of Nall Avenue

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**THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN
CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS
COME: THE OLD IS GONE, THE
NEW IS HERE!**

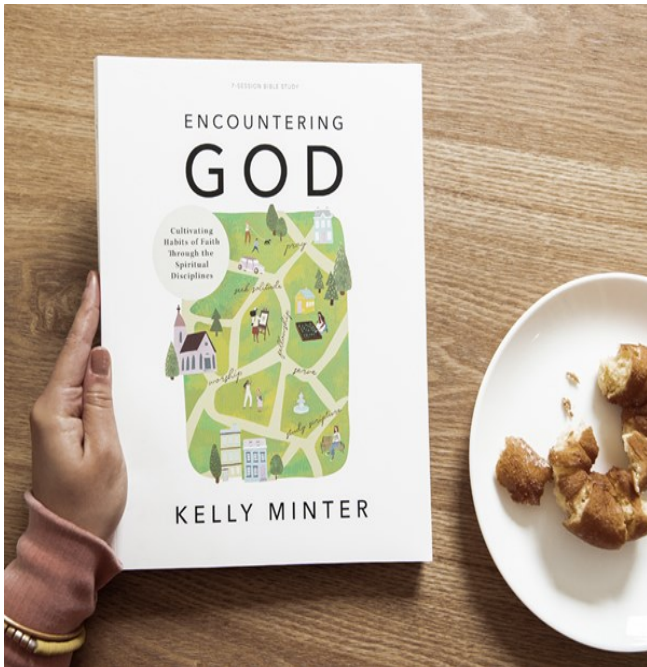
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



Happy New Year!

Wishing you a blessed and happy 2022! Here's to a new year of glorifying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, being together in fellowship, and growing as a church body!

Adult Ministry Studies by Bri Nicoletti



Beginning on February 9th at 6:30 PM, we will dive into our Adult Ministry Bible Studies after a wonderful month of studying prayer with Bob Mills.

Our Women's Ministry will be studying Encountering God by Kelly Minter. Spiritual disciplines are essential to a more vibrant spiritual life and knowing God more intimately. In this 7-session Bible study, we will study the biblical foundation for these sacred habits along with approachable ways to practice disciplines like prayer, study, worship, rest, etc. Book cost is \$17.

Additionally, there will be a 13-week study on the Book of Revelations for men and women led by Gwen Wright. Study material will be provided. Please bring your Bible, willingness to share, and friends and family are always welcome to join!

If you are interested in either of these studies, please contact Bri in the office at 913-432-4141 to let her know you plan to attend.



1st Monday of every Month

Santa Fe Café

No RSVP Needed

7:30 AM

Deepest Sympathies

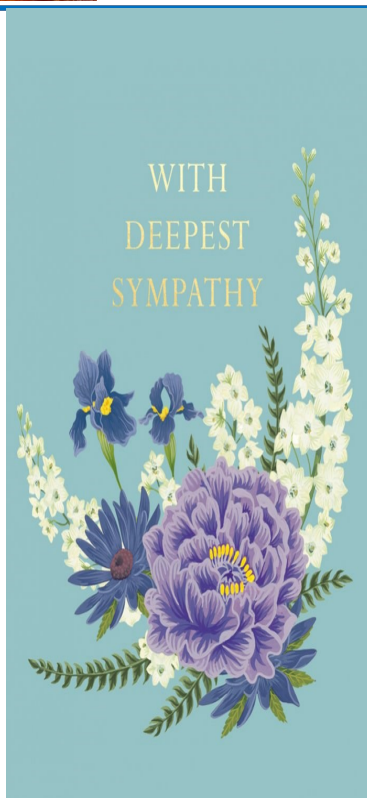
We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends:

Longtime member Opal Pearce, December 6th

John G Falcone, father of Angela Funderburk

Larry Rink's mother on January 3rd

Jane Welch, sister of Charles Rocklage on January 2



Wednesday Night Dinner Menus

January 26th

Salmon, Pork Loin, Asparagus, Baked Potatoes, Green Peas, Garden Salad, Salmon Dip, Kids Menu

February 2nd

Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes and Carrots, Green Beans, Yeast Rolls, Garden Salad, Kids Menu

Volunteer Spotlight by Lizzy Bishop

This year, we want to take more time to highlight those who volunteer their time to make our church great! Thank you, Clint Stull for all you do for Nall Avenue Baptist Church!

Tell us something about yourself!

Danica and I joined Nall about 8 years ago and have felt so blessed by the relationships that we have built. We live in Prairie Village, so taking an ownership in our church to have a community of believers is important to us. We want Nall to be spiritually healthy and a place that people want to bring their family of all ages to for worship and a relational environment. I often say my passions are faith, family and football. I am a Financial Advisor at Northwestern Mutual and you will often see me in Red on Sundays supporting our Chiefs.

What areas do you serve in?

Upward Director, Deacon, Personnel Committee Member, Rotating Core Group Leader, VBS Recreations Leader

Why do you serve?

To spiritually lead my family and peers as someone who loves the church. I am blessed with the energy, health and flexible work schedule to be active in the things that God is doing at Nall.

What is an unexpected blessing you have experienced because you serve?

Hearing a youth basketball player pray for perhaps the first time in their life at practice. God is always willing to hear what's on our hearts and seeing that joy in a child's eyes and voice, what a blessing I will never forget. Also, a senior Nall member said to me recently they were proud of me as a younger adult for the efforts, volunteering and being engaged in the church during these interesting times. I had not spent much time with this fellow member and it meant a lot to be noticed by a respected leader.

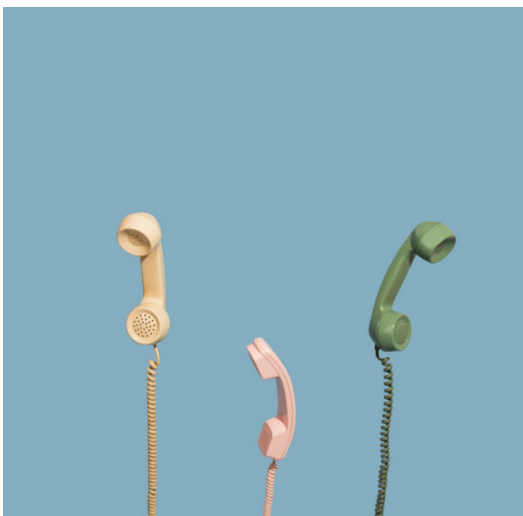
What would you say to someone who is thinking about serving in one of Nall's ministries?

Pray and listen to what God has for your life at Nall. It's easy to say next year, but those who are waiting for the perfect day to serve are still waiting for the perfect day. You will capture so much joy from service. Our church needs you now more than ever!



Telephone Class and Livestream

If you are someone who is not currently able to make it to church each Sunday, or if the current state of the pandemic has you at home on Sunday mornings but you would still like to participate in Core Group on Sunday mornings, please feel free to join our Telephone Class that meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Contact Don Reed at donwreed@outlook.com for more information. Afterwards, you can find the Livestream of our service on YouTube at 10:45.





A Note From Interim Senior Pastor, Bob Mills



As we begin to take a fresh look at prayer, let us consider how we might define prayer.

Prayer is direct conversation and communion with God, whether vocal or silent, planned or spontaneous, individual or corporate.

Prayer, according to Scripture, is *not* a form of magic (the manipulation or appeasement of spiritual forces in order to bring about a desired result) nor merely a form of mental contemplation (though meditation on scriptural truth that engages in conversation with God is a form of prayer.) Prayer in Scripture is never addressed to angels or humans, nor is it ever addressed to God through the agency of any angelic or human intermediary.

Prayer, according to Scripture, is conversation directed to God that, like human conversation, may take many different forms. It may come as an expression of desire or appeal, of sorrow or apology, of love or admiration, of gratitude or appreciation, of dissatisfaction or frustration—or of hopes and joys, fears and doubts, questions and curiosities. All these forms of communication can be broadly grouped under three major conversational categories: (1) entreaty (or request), (2) esteem (or worship), and (3) fellowship (or communion). In Scripture, prayer may take any or all of these forms. (Faithlife)

Gazing into the future requires that our focus be on the face of Christ and His purpose for Nall. I have found that it is always good to reflect and evaluate our journey's results. Are we maximizing all of our resources? When it comes to stewardship, have we managed the people resources appropriately? The task of reimagining our future depends on the family called Nall Avenue Baptist Church's willingness to pray and seek the face of God. Join the staff, Senior Leadership Team, and Deacons in praying for God to give us direction for the days ahead.

-Bob