

The Nall Call

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HUMBLE
YOURSELVES
THEREFORE
UNDER GOD'S
MIGHTY HAND,
THAT HE MAY
LIFT YOU UP IN
DUE TIME.

1 PETER 5:6

NABC 70th Anniversary Celebration



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Join us September 10th for a celebration of 70 years of Nall Avenue Baptist Church! There will be celebratory components in the worship service, followed by a fellowship meal in the CLC! All are welcome!

Mission Corner by Gerrie Orr



A group of twenty from our church will be going on a Mission Trip to Ecuador October 23-29. While twenty are traveling with Filters of Hope to Ecuador, this is a mission trip that everyone at Nall can be a part of! Filter of Hope works alongside their Ecuadorian staff and local church pastors in order to build up the local church as we share clean water and the gospel with people in the Otavalo area. For this mission, our first priority is prayer. Prayer is critical for Kingdom movement, so we ask that you pray that God will prepare our hearts and

the hearts of those who will be receiving a water filter and hearing the gospel in the Otavalo area. Pray for the Ecuadorian staff and pastors who we will be working alongside. Scripture says “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8. We have received the power, and now it is time to go!



We have also begun collecting gently used shoes for a shoe drive. The funds raised with this shoe drive will be used to recover the cost of Santa Fe Trail Elementary with new shoes to give to students in need. Our goal is to collect 750 pairs of shoes over the next several weeks, so if you have shoes in any style or size that does not have extensive wear or holes, please bring them with you to church to help clear out space in your home and help us reach our goal of helping as many children as possible at SFT Elementary! We will be engaging our community partners with Santa Fe Trail to help us reach our goal, and we ask that you connect with friends, neighbors and co-workers to collect shoes as well. For more information or questions, please contact Gerrie Orr at gerrieo5135@gmail.com.

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 August 10th. We look forward to seeing you there!

• Our Deepest Sympathies

- Church member Nancy Forsee passed away July 17.
- Church member Beverly Knight passed away August 8.



Kid's Camp Update by Lizzy Bishop



Kid's Camp 2023 was amazing! This year we took 16 kids and four adults, double what attended last year. It was a great week of building and furthering relationships between kids and adults, fun in the (hot) sun, and learning to see beyond the surface.

All week long the kids focused on 1 Samuel 16:7b, "Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart." They learned that what lays beyond the surface of appearance, grades, and accomplishments is way more important. God wants us to have a pure, humble, trusting, merciful and willing heart. God sees, knows and cares about our hearts. The kids heard this reinforced throughout everything they did, whether it was Bible study, recreation, track times, or the worship service.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement as we ventured to camp. I truly believe it is a great opportunity for kids to learn about and experience God in a way that is totally on their level. I love being a part of a church body that loves and encourages kids!

Wednesday Night Activities

If you can believe it, it's nearly September! Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday, September 6th, beginning with dinner at 5:00 PM. There will be several studies to choose from. Please contact Bri in the office to sign up for any of the studies listed below.

- A Women's Study led by Marie Clark, *As For Me* by Adrienne Camp
- A Men's Study led by Richard Miller, TBA
- A combined study for men and women, TBA
- Real Life Discipleship Study led by Ty DeMint
- Nall Student Ministry Study & Nall Kids Wednesday Night Study

Student Camp Update by Lewis Jones



In the world of Student Ministry, mission trips and summer camps for middle and high school students go hand in hand. If you had the opportunity to be part of a youth group or serve in a youth group, I bet you have some impactful and fun memories of how the Lord encountered you in those moments. This summer, a group of students from Nall Avenue traveled to Siloam Spring, Arkansas for a combined camp and mission trip with a ministry called Student Life. We have partnered with Student Life for the last few years and the Lord has continued to use this ministry in powerful ways in the lives of Nall Avenue's students and for the Kingdom.

Looking back at this year's mission camp, if I could sum up the week in three words, they would be service, worship and community.

Service

This year, we partnered with a special needs ministry called Ability Tree. They lovingly consider themselves a ministry, not just to the needs of kids with special needs, but the kids AND their families. As you walk into their beautiful and well planned our special needs facility you'll see Matthew 11 written on their wall, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." They want to be a place of respite for families and engage kids with special needs with joy and the love of Christ in a space of their own. This specific week we were able to partner with them in that endeavor. These kids from Ability Tree were so sweet and watching our students work with and build relationships with them made this pastor's heart proud.

Worship

Each year, Student Life always has a great topic for students to study together. This year, the topic was the Trinity. Our camp pastor for the week did an amazing job of not just sharing the scriptures, but describing the importance of The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, how they work together, the implications that has for us, and how that should lead us to deeper worship...and it did! Students without fail love worshipping the Lord together at camp. It's powerful to hear their singing and see their hearts engage together to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Community Building

I had to go back and count, but this is my 18th year taking middle and high school students to camp over the summer. Every year, an aspect that brings me joy is to see them not only grow in their relationships with Jesus, but also their relationship with one another and other believers. Camp is special in that students are in close community with one another and the Lord everyday, all day. They're in God's word multiple times throughout the day. They're discussing how the Lord is working in their life with people they come to know and trust. Finally, they're having fun and the many stresses of life are able to be shared with those they've grown close to that week. My prayer returning from camp is always that those moments of service, worship and community building that were so special to students at camp can be experienced at some capacity with the church body here at home. Please join me in that prayer.