

The Nall Call

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*The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling
among us. We have
seen his glory, the glory
of the one and only Son,
who came from the
Father, full of grace
and truth.*

JOHN 1:14

Christmas Eve

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:45 AM

5:00 PM



NALL AVENUE
BAPTIST CHURCH

We hope you will join us on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We will have a worship service at our normal 10:45 AM time. Core Group meetings that morning are based on the discretion of your leader, so please check with them directly. We will also have an evening service where we will participate in a candlelight singing of Silent Night together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mission Corner by Gerrie Orr



Holiday Support For Santa Fe Trail

The Holiday Shop is on December 9th and we will begin collecting donations on Sunday December 3rd. Gently used children's clothing, holiday decor, home decor, and small appliances are needed for the holiday shop. There will also be drop off nights on 12/5 and 12/7 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Holiday Shop will be from 9 AM - 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to greet and assist families as they shop.

Rebecca Grant, SFT counselor has identified families in need of support for Christmas gifts. Nall as a community partner with Asbury Methodist, the SFT PTA and Casey's Automotive will be donating gifts to assist the families identified. Wish

List gift tags are available in the foyer at the Welcome Desk. Gifts should be returned no later than Sunday, December 17th and need to include the gift tag and should be unwrapped. There will be drop events for our community partners on December 12th and 14th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

Volunteers are what make our SFT support successful. There is a sign up sheet for these events at the Welcome Desk. Please stop by and sign up to assist for an hour at one of these events.



If you have volunteered in any capacity throughout 2023, let us show you our appreciation at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, December 13 in the CLC at 5:00 PM. We will enjoy dinner together and then a fun game of Bingo! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Bri in the office by Thursday, December 7th so we can ensure we have enough food for all in attendance. Thank you, volunteers, for all you do to make Nall great!

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 December 14th. We look forward to seeing you there!

• Our Deepest Sympathies

- NABC member Evelyn Wagner on October 17
- Betty Langford, NABC member and mother of David Langford on October 18
- Jeff Sturkie, former NABC member
- Mother of Heidi Langford, Natalie Bender, on November 20

Fall Fest 2023

What a wonderful time we had at Fall Fest this year! We had several church members, neighbors, and new faces join us for Fall Fest this year. We had our Chili Cookoff (congratulations to first place winner, Paula Hink!), Trunk or Treat, Pumpkin Painting, Roasting S'mores, Bounce Houses, a raffle, and more! It was such a fun time of fellowship. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this event a success, to the Prairie Village fire department for joining us, and thank you to David Ashburn for these wonderful photos!



Ecuador Mission Trip by Bri Nicoletti

At the end of October, many of our church members headed to Ecuador with Filter of Hope to bring fresh clean water to the residents and to share the good news of the living water, Jesus Christ. On December 10th after worship, we will have a lunch and learn with members who went on the trip to share their experiences. After the trip, I asked a few who traveled with the group to share a story of how they saw the Lord move while they were in Ecuador. Their responses were moving, and surely only a taste of what you will hear at the Lunch and Learn on the 10th. Thank you to those who traveled for blessing this community, and thank you to each of you for your prayers over those traveling and over those receiving the Gospel.

Paula Hink: “Getting to go to Ecuador was a privilege in itself, but getting to go as a whole family felt like a gift. We were able to experience the whole thing together and especially go share the gospel together! I loved that our kids could hear the gospel, participate in its telling, and soak in the illustrations we were using. I also loved that they could see another culture and standard of living. I saw God working in the presentation but also in people’s hearts as they heard, some for the first time, that God’s gift of forgiveness/salvation is free and they could accept it for themselves. My favorite was when an older Quichuan lady said she had wanted to know about these things and had no one to explain it to her. I said that maybe God sent us to do just that! Thank you SO much to our generous Nall family for providing the prayer and funding we needed to go on this trip. It was truly life changing.”

Clint Stull: “When speaking to the people of Ecuador, they were genuinely interested and curious to learn more about Jesus. To them, Christ was consistently just a character or symbol apart of a religious tradition. Our goal was to share how much Jesus loves them no matter how much they believe they have sinned or fallen short. They were humble, kind and gracious people to visit with. It was evident that having an authentic relationship with Christ was not something they thought was possible. The Holy Spirit was at work in both our hearts in sharing and their hearts in receiving. It was moving to watch children’s eyes light up with their first taste of non-soiled crystal clear water. I believe the combination of these deliverables will change many of the Ecuadorians lives forever!”

Gerrie Orr: “ God moved to unite Nall in purpose and we have seen the evidence in the giving of time, finances and prayer. We received text messages from those who were praying for us and through that God encouraged me. I watched God unite us with Pastor Clint and our translator friends. We went out together of one mind and one spirit with those we had just met. It was great to provide water filters so that the people had clean water, but it was far greater to share the love of Jesus. One gentleman, Jose, shared that he had suffered several head injuries and his memory failed him. I saw God give him hope as we shared the gospel and assured him that God would never forget him. We met Esperanza who told us she became a believer because Baptist missionaries had come several years before and she accepted Jesus. It was a sweet visit as she shared that God had answered her prayer for her son. He wanted to come to the states and she did not feel it would be safe for him, so she asked God if it was his will to stop her son from going. She said that shortly before he was going to leave, his plans fell through and he decided to stay. She was thankful God had answered her prayer. She also shared with us that her husband had abandoned their family two years before. When she asked that we would pray that her husband would return and there was no malice in her heart toward him, God moved me in reminding me of his power to help us forgive. The way God orchestrated all the details of our trip and the way people responded to the message we shared about God’s love, hope, and gift of salvation, was evidence that God was moving in us and in them. We want to go back so we can see what God does with the seeds planted. Thank you Nall for your support to make disciples throughout the world.”

