

The Nall Call

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**PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU NATIONS.
PRAISE HIM, ALL YOU PEOPLE OF THE
EARTH. FOR HIS UNFAILING LOVE FOR US
IS POWERFUL; THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS
ENDURES FOREVER.
PRAISE THE LORD!**

PSALM 117:1-2



Home Groups

If you are interested in joining a Home Group this fall, join us for a Lunch and Learn on Sunday, September 11th immediately after service in the CLC. If you are unable to attend but would like to join a group, contact Ty or Kristi DeMint for more information.

Health Update by Lewis Jones

Church Family,

I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support over the past week since sharing my colon cancer diagnosis (the announcement below). The power of prayer is very real. Not in a mythical, genie, grant three wishes sort of way, but a peaceful assurance of being held in the Lord's merciful hand. Shana Rains and I briefly discussed how comforting it is to know that our church body prays powerfully for intercession before the Lord and you bear one another's burdens. I want to thank you and encourage you, continue to love one another and seek the Lord in prayer.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in Him.—Nahum 1:7

From August 30, 2022

"I have been trying for some weeks to put into words and also figure out when to share with you all some heavy news that hit myself and my family unexpectedly. A few weeks ago, I was diagnosed with colon cancer. If you know me well, you know I'm not one that likes to draw attention to myself. However I share this with you all because I believe this is something that I can point to Jesus Christ during to give Him glory. To be transparent, the first week I was diagnosed I was pretty scared; I still am to an extent, but I haven't been tempted to ask the Lord, "Why?". A major part of my testimony is learning through medical issues involving kidney disease and a kidney transplant that the Lord is good in the blessings and trials of this life that He has given to us. I see this as an opportunity to draw near to Him, abide in Him, and know that His grace is sufficient for me, in all circumstances. I know there will be days ahead that will be hard and discouraging, but I pray this will continue to be my heart and to trust in His sovereignty. Will you pray that same prayer for me and my family as well?"

I know there are others in our church body who are personally struggling with cancer, other major medical concerns, or painful situations. I'm continuing to pray with you and lift your requests before the Lord. This church body is one that supports and cares for one another well. Let us each continue to bear one another's burdens and lift each other up to the Lord in prayer. We live in a broken world corrupted by sin and there will always be trials and struggles until the Lord's return. What never changes in the midst of those trials is God and His character. He is holy and mighty.

While there are still some unknowns on specifics as far as my treatment, I do know I will begin chemotherapy this week, radiation therapy and surgery to remove the tumor will be down the road as well. Please forgive me if I have spoken with you and did not share this diagnosis personally with you. There was no heart of deceit, just a need to process this with the Lord and my family for a while and a concern to wait to share this diagnosis until I knew more information after visiting with my physicians.

If you have any questions or would like to talk, I am always willing. I care for you all deeply and ask for your prayers. May the Lord be exalted and receive our worship, always."



Staff September 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. 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus—Casting Crowns
2. A Thousand Hallelujahs—Brooke Ligertwood
3. I Speak Jesus—Here Be Lions
4. Christ Be Magnified—Cody Carnes
5. Hymn of Heaven—Phil Wickham
6. There Is One Gospel—CityAlight

We hope these songs will help you to draw closer to the Lord this month!



SAVE THE DATE—FALL FEST 2022

October will be here before you know it! Join us on Sunday, October 30th from 3PM—5PM for Fall Fun at NABC! More details to come!

Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer Spotlight for September is Linda Smith! Thank you for serving our church, Linda, and thanks to all who volunteer to make our church great and serve the Lord!

Tell us about yourself!

I have lived in Kansas City all my life. I teach three year olds in a preschool setting. I love spending time with family and friends. I enjoy reading books.

What areas do you serve in?

I serve on the nominating committee. I serve as the church clerk for Business Meetings. I co-teach the Mary and Ruth ladies core group with Ruby Dado.

Why do you serve?

We are called by God to serve. I Samuel 12:24, only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you. It is a blessing to me to serve in the church. By serving in the church, I can show my love for God and help further His work.

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

Several years ago I felt called by God to co-teach the Ladies Core Group class. The unexpected blessing was getting to know each lady in a very close relationship, we are like family to each other. I had not experienced this type of sweet closeness in any other Core Group class.

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

I encourage you to find an area to serve. Think about your gifts that God has blessed you with. Using those gifts to serve, you will be furthering the Lord's work but also you will be richly blessed.



Wednesday Night Dinner

Let us do the cooking and join us for Wednesday Night Dinner with your church family! We would love to share a meal and fellowship with you beginning at 5:00 PM on Wednesday evenings. Dinner is \$8 per person, but no more than \$20 per family. Children under four eat free! Afterwards, if you would like to join us for a study, we have a Women's Study, a Men's study, and a study on the book of Daniel from 6:30—8:00 PM. Call Bri in the office if you would like more details on how to join a study. Please see below for upcoming dinner menus. We hope to see you there!

September 7—Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Chocolate Cake, Kid's Menu (Chicken Nuggets and Fries)

September 14—Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Jello and Kid's Menu (Chicken Nuggets and Fries)

September 21—Salmon, Broccoli Rice Casserole, Bread, Lemon Cake, and Kids Menu (Chicken Nuggets and Fries)

September 28—Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Ice Cream, Kids Menu (Chicken Nuggets and Fries)





Church Health and Vitality by Pastor Bob Mills



Every church should do an assessment of their church's health and vitality every three to five years. This type of assessment is critical for a clear understanding regarding health. At Nall, we have taken a serious look at our vitality using several instruments to objectively evaluate our current condition and to look at measures and actions that will facilitate growth in the days ahead.

I will be working with the Senior Leadership Team and perhaps a few key leaders to develop specific growth plans. Some of those plans need to be implemented soon, while other plans will need to be implemented when the new senior pastor is on the field.

One of the examples of something needing to be done now would be a ministry audit. A ministry audit involves looking at all the ministries we are currently doing that require volunteers, budget and is labor intensive. We will evaluate their effectiveness from the standpoint of its alignment with our vision and mission (Transformation and Disciple Making). What results are these ministry activities yielding? Is the ministry bringing about desired results? I think the budget of Nall Avenue Baptist Church should be given to those ministries that are in keeping with our mission and vision.

NABC has a rich impactful past. We however cannot live on our past accomplishments. Our current culture is not what our church enjoyed 40 years ago. We cannot be driven by a church program based approach, but rather a relational based approach. In other words, our future will be more about building significant relationships rather than programs we offer.

Just my thoughts,

Pastor Bob