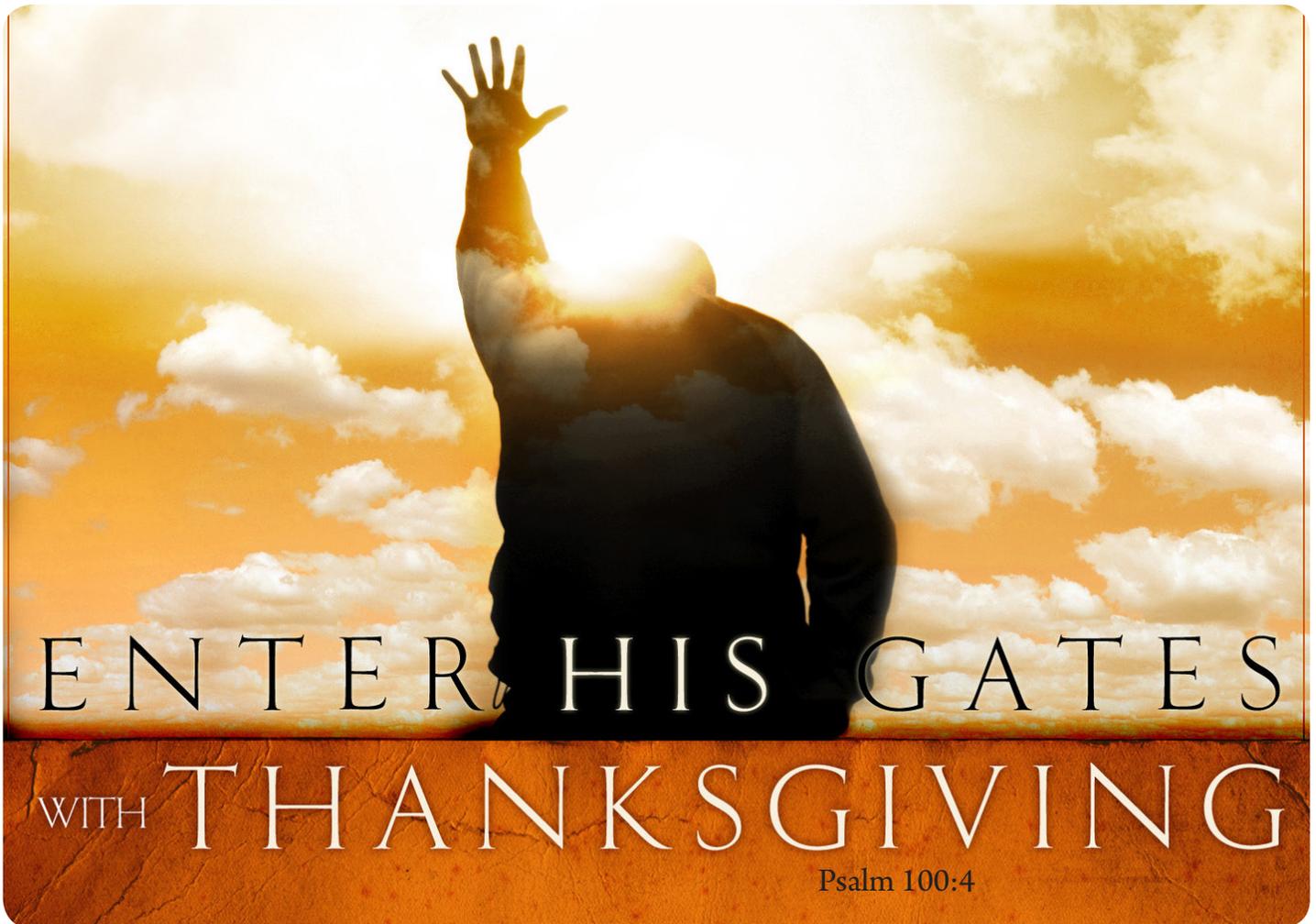


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## NOT RESTING ON OUR LAURELS *by Joe Funderburk, senior pastor*



At one time in their dreadful history, the Northwestern Wildcats football team set an NCAA record by losing 34 consecutive games between 1979 and 1982. Before the 1995 season rolled around, they had not had a winning season in 24 consecutive years. In 1995 however, under Coach Gary Barnett, the team finished with a 10-2 record, won the Big 10 conference, and represented their conference in the Rose Bowl ranked eighth in the nation. Coach Barnett was widely recognized for the accomplishment and won 17 national coaching awards.

As the team gathered in the spring of 1996 to prepare for the new season, Coach Barnett looked for an angle to challenge his team not to rest on their laurels. It is common for a team to grow complacent after a highly successful season, and he knew the danger his team was in heading into 1996. Barnett called a team meeting, where he announced he would hand out awards for the players for the previous year. The guys cheered and celebrated for each recipient, who received nice placards. The coach also showed the national coaching awards he had received. After the celebration died down, Coach Barnett did something that stunned the players. He walked to a big trash can with a sign that read "1995." He took one last look at his placards, then threw them in the trash. In the long silence that followed, Coach Barnett stepped to the side. One by one, team leaders came forward to discard their own awards. Coach Barnett had delivered a loud message without saying a word. He made clear to them that day that 1995 was a wonderful year with great success, but it was now 1996 and time to start anew.

No matter what successes we have had in the past, we cannot live on past glory. This is true for individuals as well as for church families. We have been given a charge to go and make disciples and that challenge remains no matter what level of success has been achieved in the past.

I feel strongly that God is asking us to throw whatever trophies we have away and head back onto the field to win at the task at hand. To win people for Christ and to intentionally disciple them is the only way our team will win, and we have a great Coach who will train and encourage us each step of the way. Are we willing to put the past behind and reach for future success in the kingdom of God?

## FIRST TRIVIA NIGHT BRINGS FUN, DONATIONS *by Lewis Jones, interim minister of students*



Is it a coincidence that "fun" is in the word fundraiser? Perhaps, but that doesn't mean that we can't take advantage of the situation! At the Oct. 13 Trivia Night FUNdraiser, the Children's and Student ministries joined together to fund summer camp scholarships for kids and students in third through twelfth grade. It was a blast! The Trivia Night had 10 volunteers and 56 participants comprising friends, neighbors, family, church members,

students and parents. The "tacky prom" theme brought hilarious outfits of all kinds, for which participants earned extra points for their team. It was a joy to see the wild clothes, fun hair-do's, velvet suits, tuxedos (real and t-shirt variety) and fake mustaches. The trivia itself ranged from boy bands to presidential facts, potato chip flavor guessing to sports, and, boy, did everyone get into the competitive spirit!

We raised \$1,675, and the response was so positive, we have plans for another Trivia Night FUNdraiser. Mark your calendar for Friday, April 13, 2018. If you were unable to attend the last Trivia Night but would still like to donate, please contact Lisa Clark at [lisa@nallave.org](mailto:lisa@nallave.org).



## SNAPSHOTS



Approximately 120 people attended the Darwin Delusion presentation on evolution by guest speaker Todd Funk, Oct. 8.



Veterans Day is Saturday, Nov. 11. Nall is home to many veterans, including several who served in World War II. Read their stories on the Senior News bulletin board in the main hallway, nearest the Sanctuary.



Nall contributed more than 2,666.2 ounces of peanut butter for the City of Prairie Village's annual drive to benefit Harvesters. The drive was Oct. 8–15.

## DEACON-LED WORK DAY PLANNED

All ages of the Nall family (children through adults) are invited to participate to help fellow congregants with tasks such as leaf raking, light trimming and small household fixes. Other projects considered if capable volunteers are available.

To request help or to volunteer to help, call the church office, 913-432-4141, or email Bob Clark, Sr., bobclark5401@gmail.com, by Monday, Nov. 13.

## 2018 BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED TO CHURCH

At the Nov. 12 Business Meeting, the 2018 budget will be presented to the congregation for consideration. Members will vote on the budget at a Special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 3, just before second service.

## THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

For the 49th consecutive year, Nall will host a pancake breakfast on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 23, in the CLC/Gym. Food will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, with a devotional to follow.

All family and friends are welcome. No RSVP needed. Freewill donations will benefit missions projects.



## FALL FESTIVAL CONNECTS NALL AND NEIGHBORS

The largest crowd we have had turned out on Sunday, Oct. 29, for the annual Fall Festival. Many new faces, many new opportunities to make connections with the community. The Caramel Apple Dippers served by the students were a nice complement to the 11 varieties of chili. Randy Gowler took top prize in the Cookoff, with Neal and Jackie Williams in second and Claudia and Lew Shannon in third.

Both kids and adults had a blast in the Donut Eating Contest, and the Gaga Ball Pit for kids saw constant action. Traditional fun offerings like fall-themed carnival games and the Trunk or Treat line tickled kids of all ages. Balloon artistry and glitter tattoos from Sister Act Face Painting were a big hit with all ages.

Thank you, Nall family, for making the 2017 festival a fun, community-centered event!



## CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 5, look for the Christmas tree in the main hallway for ways you can contribute to the upcoming Christmas party for ReVision families.

ReVision is a local nonprofit that ministers to children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers. The children range in age from infant to teenager. ReVision's mission is to remove the stigma of having an imprisoned parent and encourage the community to work together to transform the families affected by incarceration.

Nall will host a nativity-themed Christmas party for the children and their caregivers in the CLC/Gym on Saturday, Dec. 2, 4-6 PM. The party will include a meal, gifts for the children and the caregivers, games with prizes, crafts and more.

Specific donation requests will be posted on the Christmas tree in the main hallway. All gifts should be returned to the tree unwrapped and with the star tag attached.

Volunteers for the party will also be needed. Sign-ups will be available near the Christmas tree, as well as through the church website.



## YOU DON'T SEE THIS EVERY DAY AT THE CHURCH, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE *by Kelly Jackson, Minister of Family Life and Operations*

On Oct. 13, the Prairie Village Police Department used our facilities to do an active shooter training. A local Boy Scout troop also took part to earn related badges, including administering first aid. Staff and volunteers also took part by playing parts in the training exercises. It was an incredible experience that was beneficial not only to these community groups, but also to us as a church. We, too, need to be prepared for emergency situations of all varieties.

According to Church Law and Tax, a niche publication of Christianity Today, security incidents at faith-based organizations in the US are on a rise. Last year 67 people were killed and 246 injured in attacks on church property. We are in a time where we must be ready.

Within the last 2 years, we at Nall have significantly increased our emergency procedure measures by forming a trained security team headed by a law enforcement professional and designing evacuation route posters and emergency procedure books for every classroom. Why?

"But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat." Nehemiah 4:9. Nehemiah recognized the threat against rebuilding the wall and Jerusalem's security – we must do the same.

Although we do not see emergency situations everyday at Nall, our hope is to be prepared for them if or when they do happen.



## SHOP THE WINTER WONDERMART



The fourth annual vendor fair fundraiser for the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group will be Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 AM until 4 PM in the CLC/Gym.

Come shop a variety of vendors offering unique, handmade and brand-name products. Enter to win prizes and enjoy free samples.

Admission is free. Vendor booth fees benefit the MOPS and MOMSnext groups at Nall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Legacy Class for Child Dedication, Nov. 5

9:30 AM, Library. For parents wishing to dedicate their children on Nov. 19.

### Special Called Business Meeting, Nov. 5

5 PM, Sanctuary. Regarding the worship minister position.

### Collection drive and volunteer signups begin for ReVision Christmas Party, Nov. 5

See Page 4 for details.

### Men's Coffee, Nov. 6

6:30 AM, HyVee at 95th and Antioch. All men welcome. Meet in upstairs cafe.

### JOY Luncheon, Nov. 9

11:30 AM, CLC/Gym. Guest speaker: HyVee dietician, Louann Floyd. Bring a potluck dish to share or \$4.

### Winter Wondermart, Nov. 11

9 AM to 4 PM, CLC/Gym. See bottom of page for details.

### Business Meeting, Nov. 12

5 PM, Sanctuary. Regularly scheduled meeting. Agenda includes 2018 budget.

### No dinner/discipleship, Nov. 22

Due to Thanksgiving break.

### Thanksgiving Breakfast, Nov. 23

8:30–10 AM, CLC/Gym. See Page 3.

### Coming in December

**ReVision Christmas Party, Dec. 2,**  
4–6 PM (see Page 4)

**Hope is Alive Christmas play,**  
**Dec. 10, 5 PM**

**Candlelight Service, Dec. 24**  
Time to be announced

## Regular Weekly Activities Sundays

- 8:15 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Core Groups
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Senior Singles Lunch Bunch

## Tuesdays

- 2:30 PM Staff Meeting

## Wednesdays (except 11/22)

- 9:15 AM BSF Class Day
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 PM AWANA
- Bible Study
- GriefShare
- Youth Study
- 8:30 PM Men's Basketball

## November Activities

- 2 MOPS Meeting, 9:30 AM
- 5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS, FALL BACK  
Legacy Class, 9:30 AM  
Christmas Program Intro 4 PM  
Special Called Bus. Mtg 5 PM
- 6 Men's Coffee, 6:30 AM
- 9 JOY Luncheon, 11:30 AM  
Upward Coaches Training, 6 PM
- 11 Winter Wondermart, 9 AM
- 12 Business Meeting, 5 PM
- 14 KC Rescue Mission, 5:30 PM
- 16 MOPS Meeting, 9:30 AM
- 18 Deacon-Led Work Day, 9 AM
- 19 Child Dedication, 10:45 AM  
Committee/Team Meetings, 4 PM
- 23 Thanksgiving Breakfast, 8:30 AM
- 23-24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
OFFICE CLOSED
- 26 Upward Practices Begin 2 PM
- 27, 28, 30 Practices, 5:30 PM

*Note: The church building is used by various groups throughout the week. To check room or building availability, see the calendar on our website, or call the office.*

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## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Margaret Allen. Margaret passed away on Oct. 16. She was 97 years old and had been a member since 1986.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Patricia "Pat" Vick, who passed away on Oct. 22. She was 85 years old and had been a member since 1964.



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### SENIOR SINGLE ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH

Sundays at noon. Family and friends welcome.

Nov. 5: Chili's at Merriam Town Center, 5880 Antioch Rd., Merriam

Nov. 12: Panera's, 7070 Martway St., Mission

Nov. 19: Dos Reales, 8841 W. 75th St., Overland Park

Nov. 26: Five Guys, 5922 Barkley St., Mission

