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SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC BRINGS TOGETHER THE GENERATIONS



Relaxed. That was the mood of the Summer Family Picnic on Sunday, July 1. More than 100 Nall family members, new and longtime, came together under the bountiful shade of Shelter 10 in Shawnee Mission Park for an evening of food and games. Pastor Joe and Cecil Wysong grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and the congregation supplied sides and desserts. Children, teens and adults alike enjoyed rousing games of corn hole, bingo, tug of war and three-legged races.



The picnic was designed to be a low-key affair that drew together all generations for fellowship and relationship building. Staff are already looking at the 2019 calendar for another potential picnic at Shelter 10. Stay tuned.

LEWIS JONES APPROVED AS PERMANENT MINISTER OF STUDENTS

At a Special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, July 29, the congregation voted unanimously to approve the Search Team's recommendation to call Lewis Jones as Minister of Students, a role he had been serving as interim since last summer.

"I am so thankful I have to opportunity to continue to be a part of Nall Avenue Baptist Church," Lewis said. "The Lord has been very gracious to me and my family. When He first led us to NABC in an interim capacity, we had no idea He would call us here in a more permanent position. I cannot tell you how excited I am to not only to continue to serve and be a part of the church as a whole, but minister to the great group of students here at NABC. From day one, this church has felt like home, and serving here has felt so right. I am not sure what all the Lord has in store for the future of the student ministry, but I do know that the heart behind whatever we do will be to bring glory to God and to mature the faith of our students to become more and more in the likeness of Jesus."



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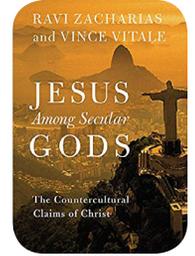
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FALL STUDIES SCHEDULED

Wednesday Night Studies for adults will begin Sept. 5 at 6:30 PM. Child care is available with registration. The studies are:

Finding I Am: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart by Lysa TerKeurst

What is the deep cry of your heart? That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it. Explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Materials are \$15. Led by Marie Clark, women's ministry coordinator.



Jesus Among Secular Gods: The Countercultural Claims of Christ by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale

The Christian worldview has not only been devalued and dismissed by modern culture, but its believers openly ridiculed as irrelevant. This study provides valuable help in articulating why Christians believe that Jesus is who He said He is. Materials are \$13. Led by Pastor Joe Funderburk.

Dinner begins Sept. 5

Wednesday Night Dinner will also start Sept. 5. Food will be served 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Menu and reservations will be available via the church website soon.

MISSIONS WEEK CONNECTS NALL WITH COMMUNITY NEED

Over the course of five days, 185 volunteers participated in one (or more) of 12 service opportunities for organizations around the city. All ages, preschool and up, worked side-by-side. In all, volunteers worked 22 hours on behalf of those in need.

Projects included:

- Working one of two shifts at the Mission Adelante Thrift Store in Kansas City, Kansas.
- Baking cookies and sorting donations at Mission Southside in Olathe.
- Serving meals at the City Union Mission Family Shelter in downtown Kansas City, Mo.
- Serving in the City Union Mission warehouse.
- Packing gift baskets of school supplies for all teachers at Santa Fe Trail Elementary.
- Packing backpacks with school supplies for Mission Adelante.
- Assembling food baskets for Mission Adelante.
- Repairs and small renovations at The Firehouse, the ministry of the Neland family in Kansas City, Kansas.



The week of projects was bookended by special nights of worship and prayer.

“Applying Nall’s vision, we wanted to provide a hands-on opportunity to transform lives (mine is), build relationships and impact the community,” said Gerrie Orr, Missions Committee chair. “We can praise God we saw these things with our own eyes.”

SNAPSHOTS



Gerrie Orr helps Elaina Weese with missions project during “Game On!” VBS, June 27. This year’s VBS ran June 24-28 and had 145 children with four decisions for Christ.



Julie Italiano greets Ray Hildebrand at her retirement reception, July 1. Julie served as administrative coordinator for 7 years. Her husband, Donnie; daughter, Anna; and son-in-law, Ian were also in attendance.



Chad Shipley publicly declared his faith in Christ with believer’s baptism on Sunday, July 15. Chad is the son of Phil and Nancy Shipley.

Have a Nall snapshot to share? Email it to Sara Brunsvold, sara@nallave.org

RENEW WOMEN’S RETREAT

“Renew” Women’s Retreat will take place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15, at Webster Conference Center in Salina, KS. The keynote speaker is Lina AbuJamra is a pediatric emergency-room doctor and founder of Living with Power Ministries. Worship leader will be Shelly E. Johnson from North Point Community Church, a multi-campus church in Atlanta. Breakout sessions and meals also included. Cost is \$75, plus lodging.

Registration is due by Aug. 21. Contact Marie Clark, women’s ministry coordinator, marieclark4455@gmail.com / 913-424-5900, or visit www.nallave.org/womensconference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men’s Coffee, Aug. 6

6:30 AM, HyVee at 95th and Antioch. All men welcome. No RSVP needed.

KC Rescue Mission, Aug. 14

5:30 PM. Carpool from church to serve meal at men’s center.

JOY Luncheon, Aug. 9

11:30 AM, CLC/Gym. Performance by the Senior Barn Players. Bring potluck dish or \$4 contribution.

First day of school, Aug. 10-15

For most local schools, start days fall in this date range. Please pray for the kids and their schools.

Deadline to register for Renew Women’s Conference, Aug. 21

See details about conference at bottom of this page.

LOOK AHEAD AT FALL 2018

Wednesday Night Dinner starts Sept. 5.

Awana Club and Youth Study start Sept. 5. Register for Awana: www.nallave.org/awana.

Adult Bible studies start Wednesday Sept. 5: Jesus Among Secular Gods (led by Pastor Joe) and Finding I Am women’s study (led by Marie Clark). Register: www.nallave.org/wednesdaystudies

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) starts Thursday, Sept. 6. Register: www.nallave.org/mops.

Hope ministries start Sept. 10: See details on Page 4.

Fall Festival is Sunday, Oct. 28.

Full list of all events and activities:

www.nallave.org/events.

UPDATES TO THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Every library and bookstore faces the same question at some point: Which books are truly meaningful to patrons? Melissa Jackson, the Nall library coordinator, realized it was time to ask this question. With the help of Debbie Gomer, she began to go through the library's inventory and put aside any books that had not been checked out since the 1980s. These books were collected into boxes (pictured) and donated to Mission Southside and a local prison ministry. The project began in late May and should be completed in August.

The paring down of books means less need for bookshelves, which opens up space in the room for other use. The plan is to put more comfortable seating in the library for groups that meet there. Melissa also aims to stock the library with materials that patrons desire. As such, she is open to donations from the congregation. To donate materials, contact Melissa or place them on the library desk. She will determine if the materials would fill a need for the library.



NEW MINISTRIES TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE HURTING

Starting in September, Nall will host several community ministries designed to meet people in their hurt to help them find the support and the hope of Christ they desperately need.

“These groups are led by trained Nall members who have experienced divorce, grief, mental health challenges and other areas of hurt, and these leaders have a deep compassion for those who are walking through these valleys,” says Kelly Jackson, minister of family life and operations.

The leaders have been in training and planning mode since spring and are already receiving registrations for their groups. The groups are:

- **Discovering Hope:** a mental health support group teaching a whole-health approach to living with mental illness.
- **DivorceCare:** for those experiencing the pain of divorce, separation or end of a long-term relationship.
- **DivorceCare4Kids:** for ages 5 through 12, blending games, music, stories, videos and discussion time.
- **GriefShare:** a place to draw strength and learn from others experiencing grief.
- **Prodigal Hope:** a support group for those with loved ones involved in anything that separates them from God.
- **Renew:** a self-care class teaching practical skills in a hands-on approach to help participants form a strong foundation of health for life.

The groups meet at 6:30 PM, Mondays, starting Sept. 10, 2018. Child care provided with registration.

Register at the table in the Foyer or at www.nallave.org/hope.

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