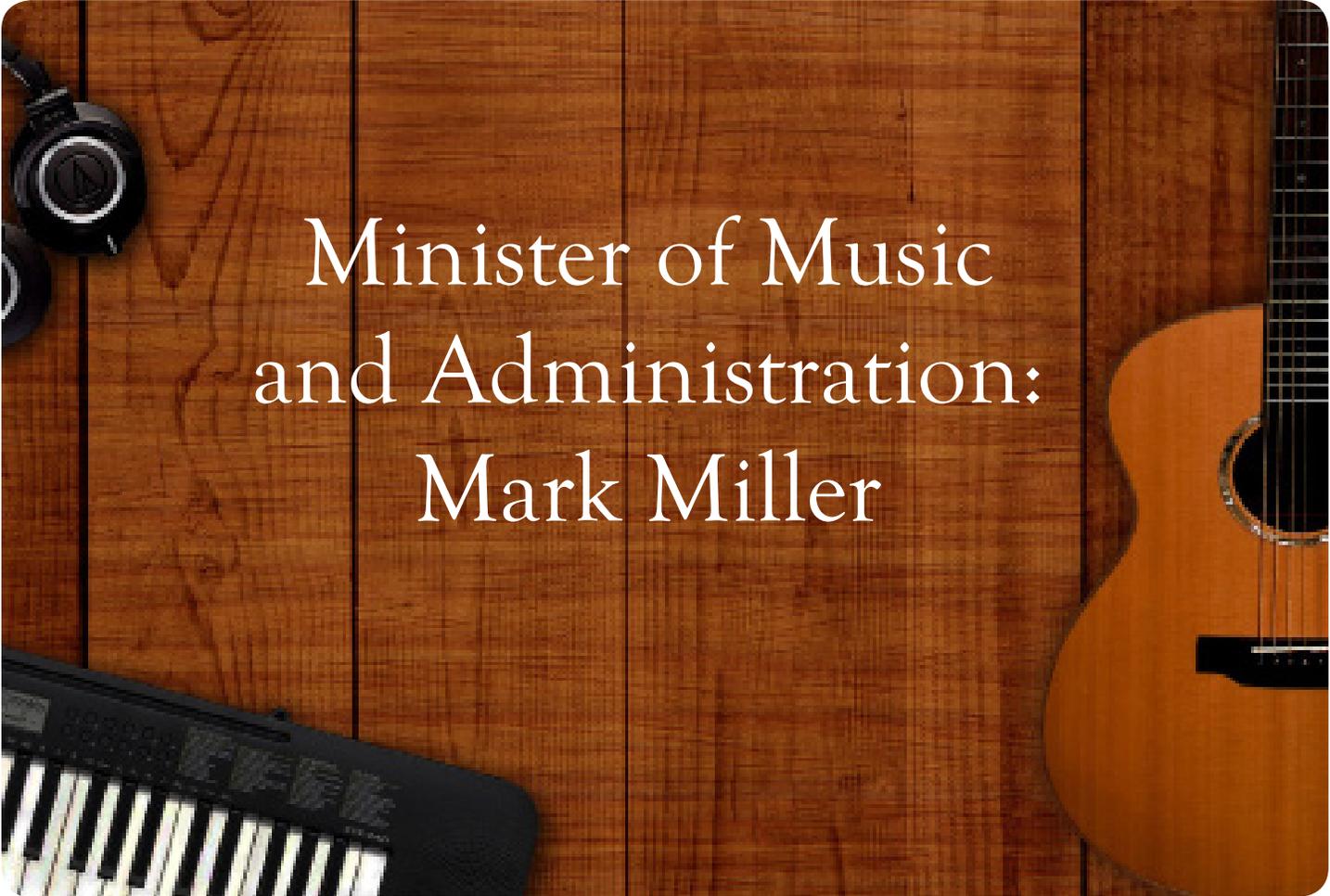


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WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE WE? by Joe Funderburk, senior pastor



Pastor Jim Putman observes that when churches decide to make disciples, they must evaluate their methodology. In other words how will we systematically set ourselves up to accomplish the mission? In our culture today, churches typically have one of four models.

The first is called *Educational*. The bulk of energy centers on biblical education. It is understood the pastor and staff are called to provide this education for the people, and small group ministries are centered on information-oriented objectives, and a strong emphasis is placed on Sunday morning teaching/preaching times. This model typically doesn't emphasize reaching new people as much as it does caring for those already there. These churches typically define a disciple by how much biblical knowledge is learned, and the hope is education translates to Christian behavior.

The *Attractional* model emphasizes high-quality, attractive services and events. The assumption made is discipleship will happen once you get them through the door and they attend services and events more regularly. These churches are very interested in creative platforms, constantly changing preaching, music and programmatic style to reflect new, modern sensibilities. People who are attracted will have needs and hurts these churches do their best to meet. The congregation's role in discipleship is to serve at services and events and invite people so they will come hear the gospel.

The *Missional* model focuses on biblical action. These churches, sometimes called "social justice churches," emphasize things such as feeding the homeless, rescuing those in modern slavery or community revitalization. They are usually contemporary in style but not always. The goal is outreach and change in the community.

Meanwhile, the drive in *Organic or Home* churches is away from organized religion and toward biblical relationships and fellowship. Sometimes called "house churches," they tend to gather more informally and intimately for worship and service, with an emphasis on "doing life together" and discovering God on the journey together.

There might be much to commend about each model and there are certainly pockets of effectiveness, but research tells us we, the Church, are not really making many disciples. If our models are not producing disciples, do you think it might be time to rethink our methodology?

PASSION CONFERENCE 2018 by Lewis Jones, interim minister of students



The Passion Conference began in 1997 by Pastor Louie Giglio. Since then college students and young adults ages 18 to 25 have gathered by the multitudes to be united in worship and prayer. Passion's purpose rose out of the book of Isaiah: "Yes Lord, walking in the way of Your Truth we wait eagerly for You, for Your name and renown are the desire of our souls" (Isaiah 26:8). If you have ever worried about the spiritual condition of the church and specifically if the Lord is working and moving in the younger generations, I wish you could be a fly on the wall and see the Spirit move, each and every gathering. It's a humbling and worshipful experience for all.

The conference has grown exponentially each year and they are now meeting in multiple cities, and the tickets go fast. This year's conference sold out so quickly they created the Passion Online Experience, allowing hundreds of thousands to attend through their computers from across the globe. Our college students attended from a retreat space on the Plaza for the Jan 1–3 conference. We heard the Word of the Lord taught from champions for the Gospel like Pastor John Piper, Christine Caine, Priscilla Shirer and Pastor Giglio. There were many laughs, meals shared, relaxing moments, challenges to grow in our walk with the Lord, along with challenges to be disciple makers, and it was all done in the spirit of worship to our God and Savior.

My prayer is that our college students and all the young adults who attended Passion in whatever form experienced the presence of the Lord in a transformational way, more importantly that God was glorified and the Gospel advanced. I'm ready for Passion 2019. Who's with me?

SNAPSHOTS



Dana Hague (left) and Phyllis Pelts working the concession stand during the first day of Upward games, Jan. 6.



Students and friends enjoy an afternoon of snow tubing at Snow Creek in Weston, MO, Jan. 14.



(Left to right) JoBeth Ryman, Lori Andersen, Kelly Jackson and Angie Funderburk work on mugs for local cancer patients and KC Hospice House during the Cup of Compassion women's event at Ceramic Cafe, Jan. 26.

DEVOTIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE

LifeWay offers a variety of devotionals, magazines and Bible study resources. If you are interested in purchasing a year's subscription to any of these publications, you can submit an order either through Core Group or via the church website, nallave.org/devotionals. You will need to have your payment ready when you place your order, and orders are due by Wednesday, Feb. 7.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, Feb. 11, the church library (off the Foyer) will have an open house from 9 to 9:30 AM. Learn what materials are available, how to check out materials and/or how to donate materials. Questions about the library can be directed to Melissa Jackson.

THANK-YOU RECEPTION FOR KARLA BAUER-TATE

Karla has graciously filled in as worship leader since July as the search for a full-time minister unfolded. All are invited to come to the Foyer after second service on Sunday, Feb. 11, to thank Karla for her service. Light refreshments served.



MARK MILLER CALLED AS MINISTER OF WORSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

The vote was unanimous.

At the Jan. 28 Special Called Business Meeting, the congregation members who were gathered in the Sanctuary voted to call Mark Miller as the new Minister of Worship and Administration. Mark has accepted the call and will begin Feb. 1.

Mark led worship at both services the morning of Jan. 28. Ahead of the meeting that afternoon, he and Pastor Joe participated in a hour-plus-long question and answer session with the congregation. Mark answered questions ranging from his views on worship styles, experience with Christmas programs, administration experience and background in leading worship teams, among many more. The Special Called Business Meeting followed the Q&A.

Kristi DeMint, chair of the search team, opened the meeting by providing details of how the Search Team landed on Mark as candidate for the minister position. She reported that the team received 30 resumes, which they pared down through a strategic process, which included asking the candidates to fill out a questionnaire and conducting in-person interviews. It was clear, she said, that Mark stood out from the beginning.

In addition to in-person interviews with Pastor Joe and with the Search Team, Mark led a “worship experience” with two members of the worship team so the Search Team could observe how he led and interacted with team members. Meanwhile, his references, Kristi added, all gave glowing reviews, including the elders and senior pastor at his previous church in Sedalia, MO.

Kristi added that the Search Team had been “unified” through the whole process and were all in agreement in regards to presenting Mark as candidate to the congregation. Not only did he have the worship leader experience the team sought, he also had business administration experience having worked in the corporate world in project leadership.

Importantly, Mark also shares a vision and passion for one-on-one discipling, which the team felt was a core requirement for the new minister.

Mark’s worship leading experience spans several styles, including traditional, hymn-based worship and contemporary.

Mark brings wife, Amy, and their three children with him to Nall. His first Sunday as Minister of Worship and Administration is Feb. 4.

READY TO BE DISCIPLLED?

As Pastor Joe continues in the Real-Life Discipleship message series, perhaps the Lord is prompting you to consider whether you have ever been intentionally disciplined in a one-on-one relationship.

If this is you and you are ready to be paired in a discipling relationship focused on your spiritual growth, please contact Kelly Jackson, Minister of Family Life and Operations, 913-432-4141 / kelly@nallave.org. She will help you find the right relationship for you.



'CARE NIGHT' MINISTRY COMING TO NALL *by Kelly Jackson*

Every day, people in our neighborhoods and workplaces are experiencing devastating grief, divorce, addictions, health crises and more. Some of life's deepest pains can drive us to seek out Jesus. As a church, we need to be equipped to be ready to offer our hope in Jesus during those dark times. Care Night is just for that.

This September, we will begin to offer Care Night one night a week here at Nall. We will be offering GriefShare, Divorce Care & Divorce Care 4 Kids, as well as one more ministry to be determined based on input from the Nall family.

If you have been greatly supported and helped through a life crisis and would love to share the hope of Jesus Christ during Care Night, please let me know. We will begin training soon on how to be intentional with those walking through the door, we will be planning how to make our environment relational, and we will be ready to disciple those who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are forming our leadership team now and training/planning meetings will be starting this month. If you are interested in serving at Care Night, please let me know.

NEW ADULT PEER-TO-PEER CLASS FOCUSES ON MENTAL HEALTH



This month, a new community group will begin meeting at Nall. Their goal is to help equip adults with mental illness.

The NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class is a 10-session educational program for adults with diagnosed mental illness who are looking to better understand their condition and journey toward recovery. The class is a specially tailored program of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI). Taught by a trained team of

people who've been there, the program includes presentations, discussion and interactive exercises.

The Peer-to-Peer Class helps participants:

- create a personalized relapse prevention plan
- learn how to interact with health care providers
- develop confidence for making decisions and reducing stress
- stay up-to-date on mental health research
- understand the impact of symptoms on your life
- access practical resources on how to maintain your journey toward recovery

Weekly meetings are at 6:30 PM, Wednesdays, Feb. 28 through May 9.

If you know anyone who may be interested in being part of this class, have them contact the coordinator, Rudy Jackson, at 913-424-3819 or peer2peernamijoco@gmail.com.

Learn more about the Peer-to-Peer Class at www.nallave.org/nami.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Coffee, Feb. 5

6:30 AM, HyVee, 95th & Antioch. All men welcome.

New Wednesday Night Studies begin, Feb. 7

See previous page for details.

JOY Luncheon, Feb. 8

11:30 AM, CLC/Gym. Bring potluck dish or \$4 contribution.

Library Open House, Feb. 11

9-9:30 AM, Library. See details on Page 3.

Thank-You Reception for Karla Bauer-Tate, Feb. 11

Following second service. See more on Page 3.

Upward Celebration Night, Feb. 26

5-9 PM, Sanctuary. For all Upward families and volunteers. To commemorate the end of the 2018 season.

NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class begins, Feb. 28

6:30 PM. See this page for details.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We extend deepest sympathies to the family and friends of:

Alexander Phillips, age 1, who passed away on Jan. 10.



Jerry Claussen, age 85, who passed away on Jan. 13. He had been a member since 2014.

Josephine "Jo" Mundell, age 101, who passed away on Jan. 15. She had been a member since 1978.

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

- 9:15 AM BSF Class Day
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 PM Awana
- Bible Study
- GriefShare
- Youth Study
- 7:00 PM Simply AA KC
- 8:30 PM Men's Basketball

Saturdays

- 8:00 AM Upward Games All Day
- 10:00 AM Simply AA KC

February Activities

- 1 MOPS Meeting, 9:30 AM
- 4 Big Game Party for Youth, 5:15 PM
- 5 Men's Coffee/HyVee, 6:30 AM
- 8 JOY Luncheon, 11:30 AM
- 11 Library Open House, 11:30 AM
Thank-You Reception for Karla Bauer-Tate, NOON
- 13 KC Rescue Mission, 5:30 PM
- 15 MOPS Meeting, 9:30 AM
- 18 Committee/Team Meetings, 4 PM
- 26 Upward Celebration Night
- 28 NAMI Peer-to-Peer Class begins, 6:30 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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SENIOR SINGLE ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH

Sundays at noon. Family and friends welcome.

Feb. 4: Long John Silver's, 9900 SMPkwy, Merriam

Feb. 11: IHOP, 9099 Metcalf, Overland Park

Feb. 18: Jumpin' Catfish, 1861 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe

Feb. 25: Popeye's Chicken, 6821 Johnson Dr., Mission

