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LEARNING TO LOVE GOD AGAIN *by Joe Funderburk, senior pastor*



In 2013 an Oklahoma woman named Angela Sartin-Hartung moved to New York City to be with her daughter as she entered the BLK Ballet company. One day, as Angela crossed a busy intersection, she was struck by a police vehicle and suffered multiple injuries including brain trauma, facial fractures, nerve damage, and partial hearing and vision loss. She woke up in the hospital believing it was 1998. She believed her daughter was a toddler and had no recollection of her first husband's death, much less that she remarried in 2001, to Jeff Hartung.

She moved back with her family to Oklahoma, and for the last five years has been learning to love Jeff all over again.

Angela says her "memory is still completely gone, and it takes me a lot to remember" but she takes it one day at a time. Her life now is about making new memories and learning about the man who has been there through all of it with her.

"I have pictures all over the house of Jeff and me," she says, "and he's just such an awesome man. It makes me cry." She and Jeff will renew their vows this month in Central Park, not far from the sight of the accident.

I'm not sure what struck me more about this story, the husband's faithful patience or the way Angela fell in love a second time. I imagine it takes two special people to endure such a physical and emotional ordeal.

I thought of how this story applies to our relationship with God.

It is possible for us to lose our way and for our love of God to grow cold. There are many reasons why this might happen, but one day we wake up and we don't recognize where we are spiritually, or how we got there. We have to learn how to love God all over again. The good news is that God is always faithful. He never leaves us or forsakes us, but He will call us to a point of commitment again. The question is never about God's faithfulness but about our response. Are we willing to trust Him again and renew our commitment to love and honor Him the rest of our lives?

STUDENT SERVE NIGHT BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS *by Lewis Jones, interim minister of students*



Serve Night has been a monthly occurrence in the Student Ministry since the beginning of fall. On the last Wednesday of each month, we have used our Wednesday night gathering time to serve in various ways. As I shared in December's Nall Call, the vision came out of prayer during last summer when the Lord kept reminding me to "get outside yourselves."

Since then we have tried to continue to get out of the youth room and care for those around us through small hands-on projects and visiting Nall members who are not as mobile or are homebound.

As we have continued Serve Night, I have seen Gospel-centered relationships form. Some of the relationships have deepened among students as peers, and other relationships have been intergenerational, but all have been in Jesus' name for the purpose of living out the inward transformation that takes place as we follow Christ.

This summer, Serve Night will continue in different formats. For instance, students will serve with the Children's Ministry during VBS at the end of this month, and they will serve alongside others during Nall's Missions Week in July (see Page 4 for more). What I love about each of these opportunities is the students are serving alongside the larger body of our church and continuing to build those Gospel-centered relationships.

SNAPSHOTS



Nola Reed leads Cubbies in performing their memory verse for the audience at Awana Awards Night, May 2.



Children give roses to the women of Nall on Mother's Day, May 13.



Youth and their sponsors enjoy the 'Zoo Are You?' event, May 20.

SUPPORT TEAM FOR CARE NIGHT

The vision of Care Night is to reach and help the hurting in our community. It launches this fall and will include DivorceCare, DivorceCare4Kids, GriefShare, Mental Health Support Group, Parenting Challenging Adult Children.

Team meetings will take place regularly throughout the summer, starting Thursday, June 7, 6:30 PM, Library.

Hospitality/welcome and other support roles available. Contact Kelly Jackson if interested: kelly@nallave.org / 913-432-4141.

VENDORS SOUGHT FOR WONDERMART

The Mothers of Preschoolers' (MOPS) annual Winter Wondermart vendor fair is Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 AM–4 PM. Nall members and regular attenders are given advanced registration privilege.

Vendor space is \$25 for a shared 8-foot table and \$50 for a full 8-foot table or floor space. Vendor fees go towards the MOPS ministry.

Register at: www.nallave.org/mops.

MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM PLAYS ON MONDAYS

The Men's Summer Softball team plays on Mondays at 7:30 PM at Heritage Park in Olathe. Games run June 4 through July 30. Come cheer on the guys.

A 'REWARDING' SERVE NIGHT AT MISSION SOUTHSIDE

When asked if they would go back, the volunteers gave a resounding yes. This was after a full evening of baking, sorting, moving and doing whatever else needed to be done.

On Thursday, May 10, approximately 30 people from Nall traveled to Olathe for Serve Night at Mission Southside, a faith-based organization that seeks to serve the underserved in Johnson County. The volunteers ranged in age from elementary school to retired. Twelve of the volunteers served on the Baking Brigade, and they were charged with making upward of 15 dozen cake-mix cookies. The "bakers dozen" got creative with their cookie flavors, said Serve Night coordinator Gerrie Orr. They ended up with strawberry lemon as well as chocolate vanilla versions of their treats.



"I was excited to do it," said Bailey Parke, one of the Baking Brigade members, "because baking is one of my favorite things to do and to be able to do it while serving the community and helping Mission Southside share the love of Christ was really exciting and rewarding."



Meanwhile, the other volunteers were busy helping Mission Southside with various light-labor tasks, such as unloading and sorting donations, helping prepare snack packs for local schools and preparing space for one of the mission's monthly "free garage sales." Each month the mission will host a "garage sale" for low-income families to find clothing, home goods, furniture and more, all for free.

Plans are currently being made for additional service opportunities at Mission Southside.

SAVE THE DATE: MISSIONS WEEK, JULY 22-29

In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." We are empowered through the Spirit to be witnesses for Christ wherever He may lead, whether across an ocean, or across Kansas City.

This July, Nall will host a Missions Week focused on local community needs. From Sunday to Sunday, July 22 to 29, you will have various opportunities to join with your fellow Nall family members to serve our city.

Plans are being finalized now. Look for more information coming soon on how you can be part of the work set before us. Possible service opportunities could include assembling care packages for children or teachers, serving a meal to those in need, or helping out at Mission Southside or another faith-based organization. Projects will be available during the day and the evening to fit a variety of schedules, and many will be family-friendly. Mark your calendars now, and watch for details to be announced in the coming weeks.



SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC IS JULY 1

Join your Nall family for a good, old-fashioned summer picnic. The good times will start at 5 PM on Sunday, July 1, at Shelter 10 in Shawnee Mission Park (87th and Renner).

Pastor Joe and company will grill hot dogs and hamburgers. The congregation will be asked to provide potluck sides. Look for sign-ups to begin soon.

Games for all ages will inspire fun and intergenerational fellowship.

The shelter has accessible pathways, plenty of shade for a hot July day, picnic table seating, a large playground, and restrooms.

Details coming soon!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Making Marriage Work Lunch and Learn, June 3

Noon, CLC/Gym. Guest speaker: Dr. Doug Burford. Freewill donations accepted.

Men's Coffee, June 4

6:30 AM, HyVee at 95th and Antioch.

Men's Summer Softball season begins, June 4

Games are Mondays at 7:30 PM, Heritage Park, Olathe. Come cheer on the guys.

Women's Summer Studies begin, June 5

9:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Register online: www.nallave.org/summerstudies.

Care Night team meetings begin, June 7

Training for volunteers who wish to be part of the Care Night ministries starting this fall. See Page 3 for more.

Widows and Senior Single Women's Luncheon, June 10

Noon, CLC/Gym. Catered luncheon hosted by deacons.

VBS training kick-off, June 10

4 PM, Sanctuary. For all volunteers.

JOY Luncheon, June 14

11:30 AM, CLC/Gym. MoKan Reunion Band to perform. Bring potluck dish or \$4 contribution.

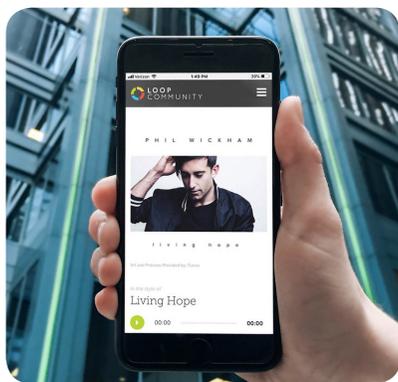
VBS Prep & Pray, June 23

10 AM, CLC/Gym. All are welcome to help with VBS decor and prayer walk around the building.

VBS, June 24—28

6-8:30 PM each evening. For ages 3 (potty-trained) through 6th grade. Register: www.nallave.org/vbs.

MUSIC NOTES: WHAT IS 'LIVING HOPE'? *by Mark Miller, minister of worship and administration*



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3, NIV) What a great call to worship, but what does “living hope” mean?

We always hear people talk about pursuing all their hopes and dreams. Consider this: What are your ‘hopes’? Depending on your stage in life, your hope may be graduating high school and going to college, marrying that special someone, starting a family, owning your own home,

getting that promotion with the corner office, retiring at a young age or spoiling your grandchildren. Those seem pretty typical and relatable. If you want to test where you hope lies, ask yourselves these three questions: Where do I give my money? On what do I spend my time? On what do I exhaust my energy?

Unfortunately, most of these hopes are things that we spend our whole lives pursuing, depleting our energy, time, and bank accounts, and to what avail? On the other hand, based upon what 1 Peter 1:3 says, because Jesus gave of himself entirely (all his possessions, time and life), we have been given a hope that is different. This is a hope that does not disappoint or die but is living.

Keep reading 1 Peter 3 to see more about the hope we have been given. Also, take a listen to the song “Living Hope” by Phil Wickham on your favorite music website or player.

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays

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

Tuesdays (not 6/26)

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Studies
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Studies

Wednesdays (not 6/27)

- 6:30 PM Bible Study
GriefShare
Men's Basketball
Youth Study
- 7:00 PM Simply AA KC

Saturdays (not 6/23)

- 10:00 AM Simply AA KC

June Activities

- 3 Bob Mills, Guest Speaker
Lunch and Learn, NOON
- 4 Men's Coffee/HyVee, 6:30 AM
- 5 First day Women's Studies
9:30 AM and 6:30 PM
- 10 Lord's Supper Celebrated
Special Called Business
Meeting, 10:40 AM
Widows'/Senior Single Women's
Luncheon, NOON
- 12 KC Rescue Mission, 5:30 PM
- 14 JOY Luncheon, NOON
- 17 Child Dedication, 10:45 AM
- 24-28 Vacation Bible School, 6 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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FREE MUSIC AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY

A large collection of music CDs are available in the Library for anyone would like them. Please take home what you wish.

All leftover CDs will be donated after Sunday, June 17.



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SENIOR ADULTS LUNCH BUNCH

Sundays at noon. Family and friends welcome.

June 3: Jose Pepper's, 6870 Johnson Drive, Mission

June 10: Widows' and Senior Single Women's Luncheon

June 17: PepperJax Grill, 5922 Barkley., Mission

June 24: Dos Reales, 8841 W. 75th St., Overland Park

