



NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTING POINT

November 2011

Dear Church Family,

The plan of salvation, the doctrines of Christianity, and even the miracles of God are actually quite simple. God created the universe with mere *words* and during the end times when Christ rides the white horse, the sword proceeds out of His mouth showing that the simple *Word of God* will overthrow the enemy and establish everlasting eternity. It is we, in our need for instant gratification, frustration with situations, and struggles with belief, who make it complicated - especially when it comes to faith.

I hear Christians say, "My faith is weak," or "I wish I had more faith." The truth is that we do not have faith on our own. We cannot create or generate faith. It is God's and He gives a measure of faith to each of us (Romans 12:3). But, faith is like a muscle. If we exercise the faith God has given, it grows and becomes stronger. If we wallow in unbelief, our faith begins to shrink and atrophy becoming weak and ineffectual. But as we learn in Mark 9:24, we are not in this alone. God is faithful to . . . that (good work) he has begun in you and will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6). We can begin to see our faith grow as we begin to move in faith. We begin by having faith for small things and then for even larger things as our faith grows. While in Tulsa, we knew Dr. Twila Fox, a Spirit-filled psychiatrist. Dr. Fox left her practice for a

full-time healing evangelism ministry. Her early meetings were held at Will Rogers UMC, and we were privileged to hear her speak. Dr. Fox said that in the beginning she had faith for small things like colds or stomach aches, but that as God demonstrated His faithfulness in response to her belief, she began to see more dire conditions made whole! We must remember that it's all God to begin with even if our faith is small (Matthew 17:20).

One guaranteed way to grow your faith is to spend time with God. This can be accomplished in as many ways as there are Christian believers. You just simply find the best way for you. I have spent quality time with God while driving - keeping my eyes open, of course. Time in His presence energizes a Christian and strengthens faith. I believe the angels get their glow from God's presence and return to His presence after assignments to be empowered again. It is very important to spend time with God and not just time for God. This way our time spent for God is powerful, full of faith and effective. A great evangelist I used to listen to with my parents always ended his sermons with the statement, "You don't have any trouble. All you need is faith in God." And so it is that all things are possible if we only believe.

Grace and His peace,
Pastor Ralph



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Please consider preparing a box for a child in need. Information and boxes are located in the gathering area. If you are unable to prepare a box, you can still make a donation to help with shipping. Shoebox deadline is November 13.

Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister



Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following - faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement or knowing - consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's new one-to-one care giving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for! The training classes will begin in January. Contact Lynne Hobbs, Ellen Ward, or the church office to obtain an application and to learn more about this ministry.



This year our church family can support Kairos prison ministry by purchasing poinsettias. You may choose to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one for use in decorating the church, or purchase some for yourself or others. We will offer 7" for \$12, 8" for \$15 and show plants & trees for \$20. Order forms will be placed in Nov. bulletins, or you can call the office at 459-7178 to place an order by Nov. 20th.

Special People

Special People will be having their Holiday Luncheon on November 15th at 12:00pm. Cost is \$5 per person. Please turn in money to Linda Brannan by Nov. 6th.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates to decorate the church for the Advent Season:

Sunday, Nov. 20 @ 7:15 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 21 at 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 26 @ 9:00 a.m.



All willing workers who enjoy decorating for the holiday season are welcomed. Come and join in the festivities!!



Mark your calendars for Sunday Evening, November 27th at 5:30 pm as we celebrate the beginning of the joyous Christmas season with:

- ◆ Hanging of the Greens
- ◆ Pathfinder's Spaghetti Dinner



The finance committee would like to inform you of our current financial state. As of the end of Sept., we are almost \$95,000 in the hole. We are through 75% of the year, but have only collected 56% of our anticipated revenue. The finance committee has made some changes to offset the deficit, but we need your help. We recognize the economy has taken a hit over the last couple of years and there are many within our community who have lost jobs or taken pay cuts. The finance committee will continue to monitor the budget and make good stewardship decisions as needed. We also ask for your continued support and gifts as we draw close to the end of the year.

Methodism 101

Everyone is invited to Methodism 101 classes that will be given by Pastor Ralph on Sunday, Nov. 13th and 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Join Ralph as he discusses:

- Our Core Beliefs
- Our Statement of Faith
- Christian Ethics
- History of the Methodist Church
- And many other topics

There will also be a Q&A session to answer your questions about membership at NUMC.



You Are Invited!!

**Emmaus Gathering in Braswell Hall
 Friday, Nov. 4th at 7 p.m.**

Come join us for a special Emmaus Gathering. We will have a message from Arthur Wall, 4th Day talk by Chris Rehm, music with Deb Murphy and amazing worship

Please come and join us in this special time of worship!

Attendance

Date	8:30	11:00	Totals
Oct. 2	224	82	306
Oct. 9	227	101	328
Oct. 16	280 (combined service)		280
Oct. 23	191	80	271
Averages	214	88	297

November



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Christmas Cantata All those wishing to sing in the cantata are asked to attend practice on Wed. nights at 7:30 or Sun. morning at 10:00. Orchestra practice will be Sun. afternoons at 4:15.</p>		1 7:00 - Trustees - Parlor	2 5:30 - Day School Meeting - Parlor	3	4 7:00 - Emmaus Gathering - Braswell Hall	5
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6 	7 10:15am Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove Manor 11:00 - Compassion Café -	8 7:00 - Finance Parlor	9	10	11 McCord Wedding Rehearsal Youth leave for Pilgrimage	12 McCord Wedding
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13 7:30am Methodist Men's Breakfast - Cockrell Hall Operation Christmas Child Collection Day 4:30 - ASP Meeting Basement	14 Church Council 7:00pm Cockrell Hall	15 12:00pm - Special People - Cockrell Hall	16 	17 Charge Conference 7:00pm Braswell Hall	18	19 12:00pm NA/Nar-Anon Cookout - Cockrell Hall & Parking Lot
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20	21 10:15am Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove Manor	22 7:00p.m. 	23	24 	25 Office Closed	26
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27 5:30pm Hanging of the Greens & Pathfinder's Spaghetti Supper (no children or youth programs tonight)	28	29	30	<p><i>Bear Den</i> 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 - Cockrell Hall</p> <p><i>Tigers Den</i> 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 - Bus Garage</p> <p><i>Wolf Den</i> 2nd & 4th Sundays 2:30 - Bus Garage</p>	<p>Scouting Schedule</p> <p><i>Webelos 1</i> 1st & 3rd Sundays 2:00 - Bus Garage</p> <p><i>Pack Meeting</i> 2nd Tuesday 6:00 - Cockrell Hall</p>	<p><i>Girl Scouts - Troop 1</i> Nov. 20th - 2:00pm Parlor & Men's Bible Class</p> <p><i>Girl Scouts - Troop 2</i> 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:00 - Cockrell Hall</p>
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Recurring Church Activities

<p>Sunday 8:30am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:00am Sunday School/Cantata Practice 11:00am Worship Service (Traditional) 4:15pm Cantata Orchestra Practice 5:15pm Youth & Children's Activities 6:00pm Spiritual Gifts - Sanctuary</p> <p>Tuesday 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor 8:30am Men's Bible Study - B. Garage 7:00pm DivorceCare - Chapel</p>	<p>Wednesday 6:45am Youth Shine On! - Bojangles 5:00pm Emmaus Reunion Grp - Library 6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room 6:30pm Signing Class - Basement 7:15pm Youth Bible Study - Basement 7:30pm Cantata Practice - Choir Room 7:00pm Rockfish Practice - Braswell Hall 8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous - upstairs 8:00pm Nar-Anon - Cockrell Hall</p>
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Weekday School
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kidspace
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ralph A. Brown
Ministers: The Baptized of this congregation
Worship Leader: Joanna Hale
Minister of Music & Worship: Gary Rapp
Director of Children's and
Youth Ministries: Luke Whitehead
Minister of Visitation: Jim Boehm
Rocky Mount District Supt. Caswell Shaw
Bishop of the N. C. Conference: Al Gwinn

Who to contact @ NUMC

Bookkeeper: Dot Binkley
Administrative Assistant: Dana Nethercutt
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Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mon. through Fri.

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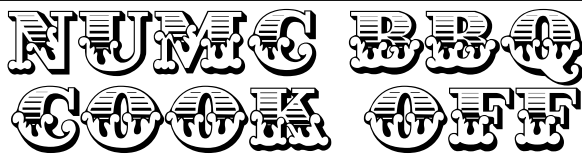
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On March 10, 2012 we will have our 1st Annual BBQ cook off contest. This will be a fundraiser for our four outside mission areas: ASP, Costa Rica, Belarusian, & Youth Works. There will be a grand prize of \$500 with trophy and smaller awards for appearance, taste, and fan favorite. You can cook alone or form a team of up to four participants. We will also have a bake off the same day (cakes or pies) to earn a "Blue Ribbon" and cash.

Your team can consist of friends, family, civic group, etc. One person on each team must be over 18 years of age. Each team will buy their pig, cooking items; including fuel, sauce, etc. Each team will donate the pig to the church to sell for the fundraiser. We will have teams onsite to prepare the plates to be sold.

We would like to keep this "local", as in Eastern NC BBQ, but the competition is open to teams outside the church.

Please contact Bill Lumpp or the church office if your are interested in participating.



Our Community

Thanksgiving Service will be at
Nashville United Methodist Church
on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

The sermon will be delivered by

Pastor Jason Gault of Nashville Baptist Church.

We hope everyone will come and join with other Christians in our community as we worship and thank God for the many blessings he's given us.



The Appalachia Service Project is an organization that provides opportunities for Christian missions through a ministry of home repair, rehabilitation and new home construction in Central Appalachia. ASP's goal is to make homes "warmer, drier and safer." Our church will again be sending around 28 youth and adults on this mission trip to minister and give hope to those less fortunate in the Appalachian region. Participation in ASP is a privilege that is earned. This is accomplished through team work, sharing, skill workshops, and fundraising. We will spend the next 6 months preparing to go on this mission trip.

If you are interested in participating in ASP this year please plan to attend the next meeting. It will be on November 13, 2011 at 4:30 pm. We have received confirmation that our week next summer to go to the Central Appalachia region is July 15 – July 21, 2012. If you have any questions please contact Lynn Ward at 459-5679 .

Charge Conference

Join us on Thursday Evening, Nov 17th at 7:00 in Braswell Hall as we join as the body of NUMC for Annual Charge Conference.

Everyone is invited to learn about and celebrate the accomplishments we have made through Christ Jesus. Our church council meeting is on Mon. the 14th at 7:00.

Everyone is also invited to that meeting as we review items to be discussed during Charge Conference.