



Dear Church Family,

In today's world, people often "network" with friends and loved ones on their devices more than any other way. We share and receive knowledge by networking professionally. We network regarding hobbies and other things like, "How do I fix this sink?!" Our lives are abundantly blessed because of the technology that allows us to do this.

It really boils down to staying in touch. In the church we network every day, like this Newsletter for instance. Most folks are up to date on most things because we network. Teams must network most of all. What would happen if the catcher did not network with the pitcher, or the quarterback with the receivers? What would happen on Sunday morning if the musicians did not network? My wife is away in another state and I realize that I "network" with her also!

Too often I have not only failed to realized the crucial need to network spiritually with like minded saints, but also, and especially, with the spiritual beings: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Sometimes communiqués have passed between saints and angels as well. God wants to network with us. That's a wondrous thing! Who are we that God wants to stay in touch with us?

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them." Wow, not even a device! We just share with God out loud or in our hearts. I figure the Lord has given us two ears and one mouth so that we can do twice as much listening as talking when we "network" with Him. The important thing is to stay in touch....constantly. Without this our relationship with God weakens the same as it would with anyone that we may have "unfriended". So relish the relationship and check in often because His tweets are the best!

Grace and His peace,  
Pastor Ralph

# Children & Youth

**Weekday School Registration:** Registration is now open for the 2016-2017 Weekday School. There are just a few spots still open. For more information and an application, visit [WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WEEKDAY\\_SCHOOL](http://WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WEEKDAY_SCHOOL).

**Youth Summer Bible Study:** Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-Rising 9<sup>th</sup> are enjoying their study on the book of John on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-3 pm. It's not too late to join them. They start at church and go somewhere in Nashville for lunch, so please bring money with you. Contact the church office if you need transportation.

**Shine On!** During the summer, you can sleep in on Wednesdays. The Pathfinders' Bible study will take place at 7:30pm. Join Luke & Kaitlyn at the Sheetz on Old Carriage Rd.

**Pumpkin Patch:** We are very excited about the return of the Pumpkin Patch in October. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to volunteer and to help raise funds for our youth going to camp, retreats and on mission trips. All proceeds will be used for our youth ministries. We'll have volunteer signups in the Gathering Area. Watch for more information about other fun activities going along with the sell, including Saturday Porch Jams, crafts and story times for kids and more.

**Fall Retreat:** Registration will open soon for our Pathfinders Fall Retreat to Camp Willow Springs at Lake Gaston on September 15-17. It's a special, Spirit filled weekend for our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders with worship, Bible Study, skiing, wake-boarding, tubing, swimming, fishing, canoeing, soccer, lots of food and fellowship. Be sure to request via the church office ([info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net)) to be included on the Pathfinders Weekly Email Update for more information later this month.

**Back to School Sunday:** We'll have a special blessing over our children, youth and teachers on Sunday, August 20 during both services. Kick off the year with the Lord's anointing and invite your friends and teachers to this special service.

**Sunday School:** Build lasting friendships and explore and learn strong Biblical teachings. In these groups, you'll feel free to join in discussions of Bible topics and share your insights. High School meets in the Basement, Middle School meets upstairs in A201, and Children meet in the classrooms behind Braswell Hall at 10am every Sunday.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Sunday night activities will resume for children & youth on Sunday, September 10. Children who did not attend VBS should register online at [WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/CHILDREN](http://WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/CHILDREN).

**Safe Sanctuaries Training:** Training is required yearly and Wayne Lamm will have classes on Monday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 15 - both at 6:30pm in Cockrell Hall.

**Children & Youth Email Updates:** Weekly updates are sent to parents of Pathfinders, Youth PAC, and Children. If you do not currently receive these or need them sent to a different or additional e-mail, contact [nichole@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:nichole@nashvilleumc.net) (children), [info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net) (Pathfinders), or [ps1powell@suddenlink.net](mailto:ps1powell@suddenlink.net) (Youth PAC).

# Note from Nichole

## A Cord of Three Strands

In July Bryan and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. To publically commemorate the milestone, I posted my favorite wedding picture on social media much like I do every year. It's a simple picture taken in front of the church altar. Between our smiling, twenty-something faces shines a brass cross perfectly situated in the middle.

At the time the picture was taken, I'm not sure I realized the cross was behind us. Over the years, however, the sweet snapshot has come to serve as a reminder that the key to keeping our marriage successful is *God has to be at the center*.

A successful marriage doesn't mean every day is a walk in the park. Sure, there are some days that are sunshine and rainbows, but there are many others filled with clouds and rain. Over the past 15 years, we've had both periods of drought and seasons where we've flourished. There have been days when we've chosen to love one another even when the love doesn't come easily. Together we have faced fears, conquered heartaches, and chased dreams. We continue to do it all together trusting that when we seek God first, He will guide our steps and see us through.

*"Two people can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone.  
A rope made of three cords is hard to break."*

Ecclesiastes 4:12

In a wedding ceremony, a cord of three strands symbolizes the joining of one man, one woman, and God into a covenant relationship. Remember, it was God who first taught us to love unconditionally—and by keeping Him at the center of our marriage, His love continues to bind us as one. We've learned that without Christ being intentionally woven into the fabric of our relationship, it will ultimately unravel.

Fifteen years later, I'm so thankful to have "tied the knot" with a cord of three strands. In a society that doesn't make it easy for marriages to thrive, we all need the strongest rope possible from which to hang—*Jesus*.

In His Love,  
Dr. Nichole Huff  
Director of Children and Family Ministries

# Events

**Methodist Men's Breakfast:** Our August UMM Breakfast will be on Sunday the 13th at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall. All men are invited for great food, fellowship and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events.

**Chancel Choir:** After a summer break, our choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30. This is a growing group who welcomes new singers. If you enjoy singing and glorifying God, please join them in the choir room.

**Bookbag Buddies:** Be a part of this Outreach to our community by purchasing a unisex book bag and filling it with school supplies. Supply lists are available in the Gathering Area. Filled book bags should be returned by August 20.

**Methodism 101:** This class with Pastor Ralph is for anyone interested in joining NUMC or members who want a refresher on our core beliefs and mission. No need to sign up, just come to the Parlor on Monday, August 14 at 6:30. If childcare is needed, contact the church office.

**Road Runners:** Our final trip will be on Aug. 11 to Shucker's Oyster Bar & Grill in Wake Forest. The bus will leave the parking lot at 10:30am and return by 2:00pm. A \$5 donation to S.A.M is requested. Contact Victoria at 459-2396.

**Ladies Summer Book Club:** Our final book discussion will be on Seven Women by Eric Metaxas. Discussion will be on Tuesday, August 29 from 6:30-9pm in Cockrell Hall. Sign up online at [www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WOMENS\\_MINISTRIES](http://www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WOMENS_MINISTRIES). Please note if childcare is needed.

**2018 Appalachia Service Project:** You can be a part of our trip in the summer of 2018 and make a huge difference to those in need. Come to an informational meeting on Sunday, August 27 at 5:00pm in Cockrell Hall. All youth that will be 14 or have completed 8th grade by the trip date (June or July) and adult leaders are encouraged to come learn more about ASP.

**Bells of Praise:** The handbell choir will resume on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 in the Handbell Room. If you just enjoy the bells or have ever played in the past, please consider joining us for the fall and learning (or relearning) to play this unique instrument. Contact the church office or Laveita Brinson and a time can be arranged to introduce you individually to the instrument before the first scheduled rehearsal.

**Costa Rica Missions:** Now that our ASP Missionaries have returned, it's time to start planning for our next mission trip! If you are interested in helping with building improvements and ministering in Liberia, contact Reid Hildreth (373-1131) or Dennis Coggins (908-4033).

**Fall Softball:** Sign up now for Fall Softball. We'll have more details coming soon or you can contact Matt Reams (469-3411) or Adam Richardson (213-5678) for more info.

# Events

**A Day with God:** Forgiven Ministry seeks to build ties between prisoners and their children. They will be hosting A Day with God event at NUMC on October 6-7. We are partnering with many churches in the area to provide support for the children and families involved. Volunteer applications are available in the Gathering Area and are due by August 31. Contact Kirk Woodard at 904-4917 for more information.

**Holy Land Trip:** We're coming close to the deadline for signing up for the Holy Land trip on October 30—November 8, 2017. Brochures are located in the Gathering Area. Call the church office for more information or visit [www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET](http://www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET) for a link to the tour site.

**Fall Blood Drive.** NUMC will sponsor a Blood Drive in Cockrell Hall on Monday, September 11, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. A single half-hour donation can mean additional life for up to three people. For information or to schedule a donation, contact Brian Lindquist, Blood Drive Coordinator, at 252-314-7211 or [Link2Brian@aol.com](mailto:Link2Brian@aol.com).

**Prayers with the Pastor:** Join our Prayer Warriors every Tuesday morning at 7am in the Parlor as we pray for those in our congregation and community.

**Men's Bible Study:** Our Men have a Bible Study every Tuesday at 8:30am in the Bus Garage. This study includes men from several other churches in our area. Come study God's word with others who are growing in their faith.

**Church Cards:** We have new church information cards printed. Pick up several in the Information Centers to use as an easy way to invite others to church.

## prayers

Do you have a prayer request or want to pray for those in need? Join our **Prayer Chain**.

Contact our office at 459-7178 or [info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net) to be added to the email or phone distribution list.

Submit prayer requests to 252-459-7178 or [info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net). Join our Prayer Warriors on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am in the Parlor for Prayers with the Pastor. They'll be praying for our community, country, and all known prayer requests in the church.

## stay connected

Get schedules for Children, Youth, and Adults at our Information Centers located at both entrances.

You will also find brochures on various ministry groups, Church Council Minutes, and more.

Save a tree and postage costs by receiving your newsletter via email or view the newsletter anytime at [www.NashvilleUMC.net/newsletter](http://www.NashvilleUMC.net/newsletter).

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# Facts & Figures

## Attendance

### Year-to-Date Averages

Contemporary: 263 Traditional: 95

Thursday Nights: 56

Youth Worship: 52

Average of all Services: 450

Includes combined  
and special services.

***Vacationing on the weekends?***

***Don't miss Church!***

***Come to***

**Thursday Night Worship**

**6:30pm | Braswell Hall**

# Weekly Events

## Sunday

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 6:00pm Small Group : Bus Garage

## Monday

- 7:00am WICK Emmaus : Hardee's

## Tuesday

- 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor : Parlor
- 8:30am Men's Bible Study : Bus Garage
- 7:00pm Praise & Worship Band Practice
- 7:00pm AA : Bus Garage

## Wednesday

- 6:30pm Choir Practice : Choir Room
- 7:00pm Rockfish Practice : Braswell Hall
- 7:30pm Youth Bible Study  
Sheetz, Old Carriage Rd.
- 8:00pm NA : Bus Garage
- 8:00pm NarAnon : Cockrell Hall

## Friday

- 6:30pm Real Life Living Small Group

## Thursday

- 6:30pm Praise & Worship

## Saturday

- 10:00am La Estrella Ministry  
4118 W Hwy 97, Stanhope

# Special Dates

**Aug. 2** - Chancel Choir practice resumes

**Aug. 3 & 7** - NUMC @ Compassion Café  
11am : Bus Garage

**Aug. 7 & 15** - Safe Sanctuaries Training  
6:30pm : Cockrell Hall

**Aug. 11-** Road Runners, leave at 10:30

**Aug. 13** - UMM Breakfast  
7:30am : Cockrell Hall

**Aug. 14** - Methodism 101  
6:30pm : Parlor

**Aug. 20** - Back to School Blessing  
8:30 & 11:00 Services

Book bag Buddies Due

**Aug. 27** - ASP Interest Meeting  
5pm : Cockrell Hall

**Aug. 28** - Handbell practice resumes.

**Aug. 29** - Women's Book Club  
6:30pm : Basement

**Aug. 31** - One Day with God  
Applications Due

## Do You Have an Announcement or Upcoming Event?

All events should be scheduled using the Church Event Form located online at [NASHVILLEUMC.NET/ABOUT US/FACILITIES](http://NASHVILLEUMC.NET/ABOUT_US/FACILITIES).  
Hardcopies are available in the work room.

## Team Meetings:

- Aug. 1 Trustees, 7pm : Parlor
- Aug. 2 Administrative Chair Breakfast  
6am : Dortches
- Aug. 7 Theme Team, 5pm : Basement
- Aug. 15 WDS Meeting, 6pm: Chapel  
Finance, 7pm : Parlor

## Staff

**Pastor :** Ralph A. Brown

**Associate Pastor :** Luke Whitehead

**Director of Children & Family Ministries :** Dr. Nichole Huff

**Director of Welcoming Ministries :** Wayne Lamm

**Youth Ministry Intern :** Kaitlyn Beal

**Receptionist :** Jackie Swindell

**Administrative Assistant :** Dana Nethercutt

**Bookkeeper :** Dot Binkley

**Minister of Music & Worship :** Garry Rapp

**Contemporary Worship Leader :** Joanna Hale

**Thursday Night Praise & Worship Leader:** Kevin Shaw

**Minister of Visitation :** Jim Boehm

**Organist and Membership Secretary :** Ellen Ward

**Weekday School/KidSpace Director :** Denise Calloway

## Connect:

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