



Dear Church Family,

In Ephesians 6:13, God tells us to stand. There are many times that the saints took a stand for God in the scriptures. One of the most recognized stands is found in Joshua 24:15. The Israelites were surrounded by different cultures, religions, and races each with differing perspectives and points of view much like America and the world today. Joshua was confronted with following God's will versus popular, worldly opinion. He stood before the host and took a Godly stand when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

We are required to take stands all of the time. For example, parents take stands to keep their children safe physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Sometimes we take stands with our friends or loved ones and sometimes at work. Like Joshua, spiritual leaders must take a stand. Scriptural churches take stands in the community and the world. NUMC has recently taken a Godly and scriptural stand by joining the Wesleyan Covenant Association, a "coalition of United Methodist congregations, clergy, and laity that are committed to promoting ministry that combines a high view of Scripture, Wesleyan vitality, orthodox theology, and Holy Spirit empowerment." Stands are important and noteworthy. At times stands have changed the course of a nation or the world. Winston Churchill changed history with his stand against Hitler and Nazi aggression.

It has been said that if we stand for nothing, we will fall for everything. Drawing lines in the sand is often not popular in the post modern world. Too many times the world has an "I'm OK you're OK" mentality. This is far from OK. An "anything goes" mindset is a slippery slope - potentially with eternal consequences. I always remember the words of Christ Himself when He said, "Straight is the gate, and narrow the way, and few there may be who find it," Matthew 7:14.

Our "plumb line" is the Bible, God's Holy Word. Any stand must first and foremost be based on Scripture. Our human perspective must take second place to God's Word. Christ came to bring peace, but that is only possible when we are true to His Word. We must make sure that our stands are of the Lord. Only then will we have His blessing. Unity in a church or denomination is dependent on this. When we stand for God and His Word we are standing together.

Grace and His peace,
Pastor Ralph

Children & Youth

Children & Youth Sunday Night Programs

Kings Kids (3-4 year olds)
Covenant Kids (K5-5th grade)
Youth PAC (Middle School)
Pathfinders (High School)

Invite a friend and join us at 5pm for supper, fun activities,
and to grow closer to Christ and each other.

*Children & Youth Pac will not meet on the 5th.
Children will not meet on the 19th.*

Super Bowl Sunday: Pathfinders will have their Super Bowl Party at the Vinson's home (4173, N. Browntown Rd., Battleboro) on Sunday, February 5 at 6pm.

Attention Pathfinders: We will attend the Stop Hunger Now Event at NCWC on Saturday, February 11. We'll leave at 9:30am from the Hilliard St. lot and return at 2pm. Our trip to Defy Gravity will be on March 5. Deadline for sign up is February 26. See your leaders for more information and to sign up.

Sunday School: Build lasting friendships and explore and learn strong Biblical teachings. In this group, 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.

Shine On! Pathfinders will continue to meet at Sheetz at the intersection of Old Carriage and Sunset on Wednesday mornings at 6:15am for a time of prayer and encouragement. We will not meet when school is out, but encourage everyone to come on school days and see what all the excitement is about!

Children & Youth 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 info@nashvilleumc.net (Pathfinders), Nichole@nashvilleumc.net (children) or ps1powell@suddenlink.net (Youth PAC).

Children's Sunday School: We need additional volunteers to help lead our Children's Sunday School classes. If interested, contact Nichole at Nichole@nashvilleumc.net to learn more about joining a Pre-K through 5th Grade rotation team. Sunday school is one of the most intentional ways you can invest in the spiritual lives of the children at NUMC. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Note from Nichole

Mid-morning yesterday, my cell phone showed an incoming call from my children's school. Like most parents I'm sure, seeing the school's number on the Caller ID is always a bit alarming to me. As my mind raced and my fingers fumbled to answer, I whispered a prayer that everything was okay. I was quickly greeted by the innocent voice of our tearful 9-year-old daughter, Addison, who had gotten sick and needed to come home. *"It'll be okay, shug. I'll be right there."*

Once Addison was home, she headed straight to our bedroom. Somewhere over the years, a sick day to our kids has come to mean the right to curl up beside Mommy in her bed. It means conversations and cuddles, rest and relaxation, and most importantly, it means knowing I'm by their side—a continual source of comfort and security. Yesterday, though, once Addison was snuggled up next to me, she looked up and sweetly apologized. *"I'm sorry, Mama. Did you have work to do today?"* She asked. *"Yes, I did,"* I told her. *"But it can wait until tomorrow."*

"Because you love me?" She asked. *"Because I love you."* I said.

Holding back my tears until she drifted off to sleep, I was overwhelmed by the reminder of the almighty love the Father has for us. Although our earthly relationships pale in comparison, they do offer simple glimpses at the picturesque love of Jesus. Of how He urges us to *Be Still* and to rest in His arms, curled up in the promise that He is our stronghold. Our source of comfort; our source of strength. He is our God and we are His children.

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

1 John 3:1 (NIV)

Just like Addison didn't need to apologize to me, we don't need to apologize to Jesus for calling on Him. Not just in our times of need, but always. *Because He loves us.* He is never too busy to wrap His arms around us and offer His warm embrace. God is inviting us—*His children*—to draw near to Him because He longs to draw near to us. But we first have to believe in and receive this love before we can share it with a world that so desperately needs Jesus.

To show God's love, mercy, and goodness, we must know and experience Jesus firsthand, believing that we are worthy. *And if we listen closely enough, we may hear Him call us "shug" too.*

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

Events

NUMC Ministries & Officers: Our 2017 Ministries & Officers Booklet is now available in the Information Centers. Get your copy for a complete list of teams and officers.

Boy Scouts Sunday/Scouting for Food: February 5 is Boy Scouts Sunday. We encourage all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and adult leaders to wear their uniform to be recognized. We will also be collecting food for Scouting for Food through February 12. Contributions can be brought to the food bin in the Gathering Area.

Souper Bowl: Camp 4 Kids will host their Annual Souper Bowl Potato Bar meal on Sunday, February 5 from 10:45am-1pm in Cockrell Hall. Come for Taco Soup, Pasta Faggioli, Chicken & Rice Soup, Baked Potatoes with toppings, and homemade desserts. As a thank you from Camp-4-Kids for your support throughout the year, the meal is free (donations accepted).

Methodist Men's Breakfast: Our UMM Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 12 at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall. All men are invited for great food, fellowship and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events. Chief Bashore will be our special guest this month and will speak on the Hope Initiative.

Women's Ministry: We have a new Bible Study beginning February 13. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30pm or Tuesday mornings at 10am for a 6 week study as we explore the life of David through "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed". Sign up online or in the Information Centers. Books are \$13 and can be paid for at the first class.

Pork Chop Plate Sale: Our Methodist Men will be having their Annual Pork Chop Plate Sale on Friday, February 24 for lunch and dinner. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased from any of our Methodist Men or at the church office.

Valentine's Banquet: Mark your calendar for February 11 at 6:00pm in Braswell Hall. This annual event with dinner, fellowship, and games is a favorite for couples and singles alike. Sign up in the Gathering Area, online or via the Facebook event.

S.A.M: Our Senior Adult Ministry will meet at 12pm on Tuesday, February 21 in Cockrell Hall. We'll have spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Cost for the meal is \$5 (pay at the door). Entertainment will be provided by Paul Jones. Contact Victoria (kvcfrazire@gmail.com or 459-2396) with any questions.

Save the Date: Our Women's Ministry will be hosting a Priscilla Shirer Simulcast on Saturday, April 8. Be watching for more details.

Weekday School Registration begins on Monday, February 6 for church members, students currently enrolled, and siblings of currently enrolled students. Visit WWW.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WEEKDAY_SCHOOL for registration information and applications.

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Bible Study: Join Pastor Luke on Wednesday nights at 6:15 in the basement as he discusses the Gospel of Mark. Even if you haven't been attending—you can come anytime.

Nursery Help Needed: Our nursery is growing and we need more volunteers as we work on a new schedule. If you currently have a child in the nursery or just love children, please consider helping. See Nichole or Ann in the nursery or contact the church office.

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.

ASP Sponsorships: Everyone can support our 2017 ASP team through tax deductible sponsorships. Gifts can be made through the church offering, online by visiting the NUMC website www.NashvilleUMC.net/give.shtml, or mailed to NUMC, PO Box 86, Nashville, NC 27856. With a sponsorship of \$50 or more you will receive a 2017 T-Shirt. Just indicate your t-shirt size with your donation. If you have any questions about ASP contact Lewis Smith, at 252-903-9848 or eatnsnake4u@gmail.com.

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 to be added to the e-mail or phone distribution list.

Send prayer request to info@nashvilleumc.net or call 252-459-7178. 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 e-mail or view the newsletter anytime at www.NashvilleUMC.net/newsletter.

For Announcement & Communication guidelines, visit the website under *About Us*.



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Facts & Figures

Attendance

Year-to-Date Averages

Contemporary: 229 Traditional: 88
Thursday Nights: 53

Average of all Services: 483
Includes combined
and special services.

Do You Have an Announcement or Upcoming Event?

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

Changes or additions to the bulletin and requests for Sunday morning announcements should be sent to the church office by Mondays at noon.

Newsletter deadline is the 10th. Visit the website under About Us for more info on submitting news, scheduling events and reserving rooms.

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 3:30pm Youth Band Practice : Basement
- 5:00pm Children & Youth
- 6:00pm Small Group : Bus Garage
- 6:15pm Youth Worship : Basement

Monday

- 7:00am WICK Emmaus : Hardee's
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study : Basement
(Beginning 2/13)
- 7:00pm Bells of Praise : Bell Room

Tuesday

- 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor : Parlor
- 8:30am Men's Bible Study : Bus Garage
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study : Basement
(Beginning 2/14)
- 6:30pm Disciple III : Library
- 7:00pm Praise & Worship Band Practice
- 7:00pm AA : Bus Garage

Wednesday

- 6:15am Youth Bible Study : Sheetz
- 6:15pm Mark Bible Study : Basement
- 6:30pm Choir Practice : Choir Room
- 7:00pm Rockfish Practice : Braswell Hall
- 8:00pm NA : Bus Garage
- 8:00pm NarAnon : Cockrell Hall

Thursday

- 6:30pm Praise & Worship

Saturday

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

Contact the church office
about getting your newsletter
by e-mail or on the webpage.

Also, get prayer requests
on our prayer chain.

E-mail info@nashvilleumc.net
to get on either or both

Special Dates

- Feb. 5 - Camp-4-Kids Souper Bowl Meal
10:45am-1pm : Cockrell Hall

No Children or Youth PAC

- Pathfinders Super Bowl Party
6pm : Vinson Home

- Feb. 6 - Celebrate Life Banquet
Signup Deadline

- Feb. 11 - Valentine's Banquet
6:00pm : Braswell Hall

- Feb. 12 - Methodist Men's Breakfast
7:30am : Cockrell Hall

- Stephen Ministry Meeting
5pm : Men's Bible Class

- Feb. 13 - Women's Bible Study Begins
6:30pm : Basement

- Feb. 14 - Women's Bible Study Begins
10am : Basement

- Feb. 19 - No Kings/Covenant Kids

- Feb. 21 - S.A.M, 12pm : Cockrell Hall

- Feb. 24 - Pork Chop Plate Sale

Administrative Team Meetings

- Feb. 7 Trustees, 7pm : Parlor

- Feb. 13 C.A.T, 6pm : Library

- Feb. 21 WDS Team, 6pm : Chapel
Finance, 7pm : Parlor

- Feb. 26 Youth Council, 4pm
Library

Staff

Pastor : Ralph A. Brown

Associate Pastor : Luke Whitehead

Director of Children & Family Ministries : Dr. Nichole Huff

Receptionist : Jackie Swindell

Administrative Assistant : Dana Nethercutt

Bookkeeper : Dot Binkley

Minister of Music & Worship : Gary Rapp

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Thursday Night Praise & Worship Leader: Kevin Shaw

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