



Dear Church Family,

At the Sunday night Small Group several weeks ago, we watched a video on healing. The message highlighted prominent evangelists in history including Oral Roberts, A. A. Allen, and Kathryn Kuhlman whose ministries focused on healing. Today God continues to spread His healing power to all who believe. We watched most of the video and then entered into a time of worship and prayer ourselves. The most amazing thing happened. As we prayed for each person's need, everyone claimed to have been healed as we prayed for him or her. One had suffered hip surgery and was still limping and using a cane. After prayer, this person put the cane overhead with both hands and walked like a young person again - with no limp!

The fact is that the Lord wants to heal us even more than we desire to be healed, Isaiah 53:5. There is no example of one remaining in need after a Christ encounter. He healed all who he ministered to. In Acts 5, too many were sick for Peter to pray for individually so they placed people along his path. As Peter walked by, his shadow was cast over the sick, and they were ALL HEALED!

We need God's touch in mind, body, and spirit. Families need to be healed. Marriages need to be healed. Addicts need to be healed. Healing is not just for our bodies, but for the whole person, and as it says in Colossians 2:14 for "anything that is against us." Not just individuals, but our community, state, and nation need God's healing touch. There is hatred, division, abuse, and neglect. Thanks be to Him who is able to heal all things.

May 2017 be a year of healing. May 2017 be a year when more and more people trust God and receive His love. Jesus stands ready to hear your cry and to answer your prayers. He is interested in every detail of your life. He knows you better than you know yourself. Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus!

Grace and His peace,  
Pastor Ralph

## Note from Nichole

*Our hope is not in the New Year,  
but in the One who makes all things new.*

2016 proved to be a year of noteworthy changes for me—from making a significant career move to most recently finding out we are expecting Baby #3. Through it all I've learned two things: (1) Change is constant, and (2) God is in control.

Understanding God is in control and surrendering our control are two different things, however. Slowly I'm beginning to do both. Thankfully (and prayerfully) I'm finding it easier to trust that while I may not know what tomorrow holds, I know who holds tomorrow. My friends, there is great peace in that.

I have always loved the untapped potential of a New Year. I don't know how 2016 was for you, but overall it left me *tired*. Tired from running at full speed in opposite directions. Tired from wrestling with God—constantly questioning His ways and His plans. Tired from searching for a new normal. (Not to mention, tired from the first trimester of pregnancy!)

But 2016 also left me *hopeful*. Hopeful for a New Year, trusting that beautiful things are on the horizon. It left me *thankful* that the Creator of the universe knows me (Isaiah 43:1), loves me (1 John 4:16), and promises to strengthen me every step of the way (Isaiah 41:10). And maybe most importantly, it left me *yielded*. As you've likely heard Pastors Ralph and Luke say countless times, God isn't looking for perfect vessels—He's looking for yielded ones.

As you begin 2017, I pray that whatever your circumstances, you find rest in the Lord. That in Him you find comfort and peace, hope and promise. I pray that you place your trust in Him and let His love surround you in the New Year. Here's to 2017 and to the One who makes all things new.

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.*

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

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

# Children & Youth

All Children & Youth Sunday Night Programs  
will start back on January 8 at 5:00pm.

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

Invite a friend and come for supper, fun activities,  
and to grow closer to Christ and each other.

**Sunday School:** Build lasting friendships while exploring and learning 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!** After a Christmas break, Pathfinders will start back with their weekly Bible study at Sheetz at the intersection of Old Carriage and Sunset on Wednesday mornings at 6:15am. All high school youth are encouraged to come and see what all the excitement is about!

**Children & Youth Updates:** Update are e-mailed 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](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net) (Pathfinders), [ps1powell@suddenlink.net](mailto:ps1powell@suddenlink.net) (Youth PAC), or [Nichole@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:Nichole@nashvilleumc.net) (children).

## Staff Note

Your NUMC Staff would like to give thanks for the generous donations given to the love offering.

Your love and support means the world to us and we look forward to serving you all in 2017.

Feel free to contact us if we can help in any way.

## Library News

Check out the new additions to the library! We have several new DVD's and there are lots of books for children and youth. The bookcase in the Gathering Area features many new DVD's including *God's Not Dead*, *Coat of Many Colors*, *Return to the Hiding Place*, *Unbroken*, and *Risen*.

Visit our Library in Room B104 for many more books and DVDs to help you grow in your walk with Christ.

## Events & Announcements

**Called Charge Conference:** God has opened up the opportunity for NUMC to purchase the Walston property at 106 S. Hilliard St. with existing funds on hand. We have been blessed in experiencing record growth at our church and the availability of the property at this time is a blessing. We will have a Charge Conference on Monday, January 2 at 7:00pm in Cockrell Hall. Everyone is invited. We ask for your prayers as we seek God's plans for growing His Kingdom through the ministries of NUMC.

**Bells of Praise:** The NUMC Handbell Choir is participating in the Wilson Area Epiphany Ring on Saturday, January 7, 2017. This is an all day workshop with a closing concert at 3:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to come to the concert to support the NUMC Bells of Praise.

**Methodist Men's Breakfast:** All men are invited on January 8 at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall for great food, fellowship and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events.

**Outreach Opportunity:** Our ladies are joining together on the 2nd Saturday of each month to support La Estrella Mission Outreach by serving lunch. Help out by donating menu items and/or help serve lunch at La Estrella in Stanhope. Contact Meredith Luper at 252-382-7429 for more information.

**Bible Study:** Beginning Wednesday January 18, join Pastor Luke at 6:15 in the basement as he discusses the Gospel of Mark.

**Sunday Morning Baked Goods:** Come to church hungry on Sunday, January 22. Our ASP team will have biscuits and lots of other breakfast goodies, along with items you can take home for later.

**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 Thursday, January 19 at 5:00. Childcare provided.

**S.A.M:** Our Senior Adult Ministry will meet on Tuesday, January 17 in Cockrell Hall. Come at noon for home-made soups, sandwiches, tea & desserts (\$5). Special Entertainment will be by Mr. Parker Phillips and devotion by Rev. Bill Donovan. Payment should be made to Victoria (vcfrazire@mbarqmail.com or 459-2396) by the 10th. Come and enjoy the fun and hear about upcoming trips and events.

**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.

**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.

# Missions

**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](http://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](mailto:eatnsnake4u@gmail.com).

**Costa Rica Mission Team:** Be in prayer for Reid and Wanda Hildreth, Dennis and Kay Coggins, Jason and Ashley Vinson, Bryan and Eve Dickson, Terri Griffin, Dawn Allen and George Beck as they prepare for their mission trip to Fuente de Gracia church. They'll leave on January 19 and return on the 30th. Come support them during their commissioning during the 8:30 service on January 15.



**Did You Know?** The preaching schedule for Luke and Ralph is posted on our website. Visit [www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WORSHIP](http://www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/WORSHIP) to view the schedule for Sunday and Thursday Worship Services.

View upcoming Events at [www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/EVENTS](http://www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/EVENTS). Scroll to the bottom of the page to see a calendar of daily events. Contact Dana at [info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net) with website updates and suggestions.

## 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 e-mail or phone distribution list.

Send prayer request to [info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto: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](http://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: 254 Traditional: 98

Thursday Nights: 59

Sunday Night Youth Worship: 54

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
- 7:00pm Bells of Praise : Bell Room

### Tuesday

- 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor : Parlor
- 8:30am Men's Bible Study : Bus Garage
- 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  
*(beginning 1/18)*
- 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](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net)  
to get on either or both  
distribution list.

## Special Dates

**Jan. 2** - Charge Conference  
7:00pm : Cockrell Hall

**Jan 2 & 5** - Compassion Café  
11:00am : Bus Garage

**Jan. 7** - Bells of Praise Concert  
3:00pm : Wilson Presbyterian

**Jan 8** - Methodist Men's Breakfast  
7:30am : Cockrell Hall

ASP Meeting  
4:00pm : Cockrell Hall

Stephen Ministry Meeting  
5pm : Men's Bible Class

Children & Youth Start Back

**Jan. 13** - Youth leave for Winter Retreat

**Jan. 15** - No Children or Youth (MLK Holiday)

**Jan. 19** - Costa Rica Missionaries Leave  
NUMC 101, 5pm : Parlor

**Jan. 17** - S.A.M, 12:00pm : Cockrell Hall

**Jan. 22** - ASP Bake Sale  
8:30am-12pm : Gathering Area

### Administrative Team Meetings

Jan. 4 Women's Ministry Meeting  
7:15pm : Library

Jan. 8 Youth Council, 4pm: Library

Jan. 11 Theme Team, 5pm : Basement  
Audit Team, 7pm : Library

Jan. 19 WDS, 6pm : Chapel  
Finance, 7pm : Parlor

Jan. 24 Trustees, 7pm : Parlor

Jan. 25 Church Council, 7pm  
Cockrell Hall

## **Staff**

**Senior Pastor:** Ralph A. Brown

**Associate Pastor:** Luke Whitehead

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

**Director of Welcoming Ministries:** Wayne Lamm

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