



Dear Church Family,

Jesus – there is truly “no other name” by which man can be saved. Acts 4:12 tells us that “salvation is found in no one else.” John 3:18 says that anyone that does not believe in the name of God's Son is condemned already. Christ has many names in Scripture such as the Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley, and Lion of Judah. All of them describe who He is, but all we really have to remember is the name given to Mary by the angel – Jesus.

In the Old Testament, the name is Joshua. Joshua, Jesus, and “Yeshua” all mean the same thing but in different languages – SAVIOR or HE WHO SAVES. Jesus is salvation itself. There is no other way. The Lord was very clear about this. If there were other ways, why did Jesus suffer? If Jesus is not the only way, why did He die? He was, is, and always will be our hope, and all need to embrace Him.

Jesus is the cornerstone of our salvation. The cornerstone is the most important stone when building. According to Psalm 118:22, the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is a prophetic reference to Jesus, the one who saves. Glory to God! Although not all yet believe, God remains faithful. He sent His Son to live with us, to die on the cross for our sins, and to be resurrected so that we, too, may be resurrected and live with Him forever.

Jesus said of himself, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) Even though the world may reject Him and the hope, love, and peace He brings, the “truth” of who He is does not and will not change. Despite spiritual, emotional, and even physical attacks from diverse sources, Christ and His church will triumph. And because He triumphs, so can we. Praise God!

Jesus is the Cornerstone. He is Salvation. He is the Savior of our souls. Jesus is our hope and strength. He is our very present help in times of trouble. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Take confidence today in whom you believe and trust in the name of the Lord . . . JESUS.

Grace and His peace,
Pastor Ralph

P.S. For an inspirational revelation of Jesus in every book of the Bible, type this link in your browser: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=jyKZO1X93mE>

Children & Youth

Children & Youth Sunday Night Programs

King's Kids (3 year olds—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.

Night of rest May 14 & 28. Enjoy the Sabbath with your family!

End of Year Parties

King's Kids, May 21 Youth PAC, June 4
Pathfinders, May 21

Check your email update for details

(See below for more information about getting emails)

VBS Volunteers: Our first VBS training will be held on Monday, May 1 at 6:30pm in Cockrell Hall. Interested in volunteering? Visit www.nashvilleumc.net to sign up for a team. We'd love your help! If you need safe sanctuaries training, we'll have sessions on May 8 & 25 at 6:30 in Cockrell Hall.

Blooming Festival Parade: Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 13 to ride on the NUMC float in the Blooming Festival Parade! All children PreK through 5th grade and parents are invited to ride (children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by a guardian). Our float will promote our children's ministry and upcoming Vacation Bible School to the Nashville community. We will also need help decorating the float the week before. Contact nichole@nashvilleumc.net to sign up!

Attention Seniors: We have sent out scholarship letters to our high school seniors. If you didn't receive one, contact the church office. Applications are due by Friday, May 5.

Pathfinders' Senior Brunch: All Seniors and their parents are invited to the Senior brunch on Sunday, June 4 at 10am in Cockrell Hall. Seniors are encouraged to bring family and those that have been influential in their lives. Be sure to RSVP to the church office by Friday, May 26. Parents of seniors will receive a letter about senior displays and slideshow submissions.

Mother's Day: Our children will be singing during the 8:30 and 11:00 services on May 14. Be sure to have them at church for this special treat for their mothers and the congregation.

KidSpace Registration: Enroll now for our Summer Day Camp for elementary age children. Visit www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/KIDSPACE for more information and applications.

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

Note from Nichole

April Showers Bring May Flowers

As the sun finally broke through the clouds today after three solid days of rain and a week of scattered showers, I couldn't help but smile at a comment Bryan made when leaving the house. *"This weather sure is messy, but I should have the greenest grass around when the sun finally comes out."*

See, just prior to a recent bout of rain storms, Bryan took time to aerate and fertilize our yard. He sowed new centipede and even worked through a few scattered showers to make sure everything had been tended before the heaviest rains set in. He knew he couldn't escape the forecast, so he decided to make the most of it. And when the sunshine returned today, my heart warmed remembering his optimism.

And then I was reminded of how this isn't much different than our walks with the Lord.

In this life, we are assured there will be rainy seasons, gray skies, and scattered storms. *But we are promised blessings will follow if we are in Christ Jesus.* Like tended lawns will flourish after rain, so our faiths will flourish after storms if we've been intentional in tending to our spiritual health.

*I will make them and the
places surrounding my hill a blessing.
I will send down showers in season;
there will be showers of blessing."*
Ezekiel 34:26

In the book of Ezekiel, the people of God receive promise of the coming Messiah. He is the hill upon which we're to stand, and with salvation comes the assurance that our Jesus can overcome whatever storms we might face. Moreover, He will use them for our good (Romans 8:28). Remember, May flowers need April showers to fully bloom.

Whatever season you're in right now—whether rain, sunshine, or drought—how are you preparing your heart and faith for what lies ahead? Are you sowing seeds now that God will cultivate later? Are you in fellowship with other believers? Pouring His Word into your heart? Spending time in prayer?

Church family, I pray God's blessings rain upon you this Spring and always. That you bask in the beauty and optimism of our Risen Savior, knowing the Son is never far behind the clouds.

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

Events

Hot Topics Series: Join Luke and Nichole for their new monthly discussion series, "Seasoned with Salt," which will explore how to live out Colossians 4:5-6. We will discuss tough topics and how we can equip ourselves with Truth. We'll research better ways to gracefully defend our faith in a society where evangelical Christianity is counter-cultural. The series kicks off with a discussion on gender and homosexuality on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30pm in the basement. Childcare will be provided.

First Responders Sunday: We are blessed to have many First Responders at NUMC. On Sunday, May 7, we'll be honoring these pillars in our community. We have invited other First Responders from Nash County, so be there to welcome, celebrate, and pray for those that serve and protect our community.

Methodist Men's Breakfast: Our UMM Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 14 at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall. All men are invited for great food, fellowship, and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events.

Baby Bottle Ministry: Beginning on Mother's Day, May 14, baby bottles will be in the Gathering Area for families to fill with change to support Your Choice Resource Center. Bottles are due back on Father's Day, June 18. Visit www.YOURCHOICE.ORG for more information about this ministry and the wonderful work they are doing in our community.

Holy Land Trip: Join Pastor Ralph on a 10-day trip to the Holy Land 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 for a link to the tour site.

New Sunday Morning Groups: Are you looking for a place to get plugged in on Sunday mornings? Our newest Sunday Morning Groups would love to have you. Come to the War Room in A203 to pray with other prayer warriors or join the Young Adult group (college age to 30-something) in A202. Both groups meet at 10am.

S.A.M.: May 16 is our final Senior Adult Ministry fellowship until September. We'll have a catered meal by our Methodist Men's ministry for \$6 in Cockrell Hall at noon. Menu includes ham, potato salad, string beans, rolls, tea & dessert. Special Music will be performed by Mrs. Betty Drake. Sign-up with Victoria at kvcfrazier@gmail.com or 459-2396.

NUMC Softball: Our Softball Team has their first game on May 2 at 7pm against Sunset Baptist. Come show your support at the Rocky Mount Sports Complex. They'll be playing on field #9. Get a schedule of upcoming games on our website and in the Information Centers.

One Day with God: Mark your calendars for October 6 & 7 as we host One Day with God. This ministry focuses on improving relationships between prison inmates and their children. We will have many opportunities for service. For more information about this ministry event, visit www.FORGIVENMINISTRY.ORG.

Events

Directory: We have many new faces at NUMC and it's time to update our directory. Weather permitting, we'll be taking pictures in May before the 8:30 service and during Sunday School in the Prayer Garden and at the Collins St. entrance. We'll also be taking pictures before our Thursday night worship. You can also submit pictures to info@nashvilleumc.net.

Weekday School Graduation: Everyone is invited to Braswell Hall on Wednesday, May 24 at 7pm as we celebrate our preschoolers who are graduating and moving on to Kindergarten.

Memorial Day: The American Legion Post 110 will host a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 28 at 6pm at Forest Hills Cemetery. In case of rain, the service will be held at the NUMC Sanctuary.

Graduation Sunday: We're busy planning for our Graduation Sunday on June 4. If you are graduating from high school or college and would like to be recognized in the service, contact the church office at 459-7178 or info@nashvilleumc.net by May 26.

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

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 email or phone distribution list.

Send prayer requests 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 email 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: 266 Traditional: 95

Thursday Nights: 59

Youth Worship: 53

Average of all Services: 476

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
- 4:00pm 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
- 6:30pm Choir Practice : Choir Room
- 7:00pm Rockfish Practice : Braswell Hall
- 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

Save the date for VBS

**MAKER
FUN FACTORY**

July 16-18

Special Dates

May 1 - VBS Training, 6:30pm : Cockrell

May 1 & 4 - NUMC @ Compassion Café
11am : Bus Garage

May 3 - Hot Topics, 6:30pm : Basement

May 7 - First Responders Recognition
8:30 & 11:00 Services

May 8 & 23 - Safe Sanctuaries Training
6:30pm : Cockrell Hall

May 13 - Children's Float in
Blooming Festival Parade

May 14 - *Mother's Day*

Methodist Men's Breakfast
7:30am : Cockrell Hall

Baby Bottle Blessings begin

No Children or Youth

May 16 - S.A.M., 12:00pm : Cockrell Hall

May 21 - Children & Pathfinders
End of Year Parties (Youth PAC party on 6/4)

May 24 - WDS Graduation, 7pm : Braswell

May 28 - Memorial Day Service
6pm : Forest Hills Cemetery

Team Meetings

May 7 Youth Council, 4pm : Library

May 9 Trustees, 7pm : Parlor

May 16 WDS Team, 6pm : Chapel
Finance, 7pm : Parlor

May 17 Theme Team, 5pm : Basement

May 21 Stephen Ministry, 5pm :
Men's Bible Class

May 22 Church Council, 7pm : Cockrell

May 23 Scholarship Team,
6pm : Parlor

Staff

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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Minister of Music & Worship : Gary Rapp

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Weekday School/KidSpace Director : Denise Calloway

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