



Dear Church Family,

Becoming a Christian means much more than merely joining a worthy club or organization. It is more than allegiance to a good cause or social group. Christianity means a relationship with God in which and during which, we grow and grow and grow spiritually - or at least this is what He intends. The scriptures are clear about this in I Peter 2:2 and Hebrews 5:12.

Humans have been good growers and now the agricultural industry has drones and robots! We have become very proficient in America. We grow food for foreign and domestic use. We grow all sorts of products in the world like gum and rubber. We grow in other ways as well. We focus on physical growth through eating the proper foods and physical activity. Children want to grow taller and many adults want to grow smaller, but we are good growers. We are encouraged to grow intellectually from birth. We spend money on books and education, and discover that we learn new things as long as we live.

With all of this growing going on we must not leave out the spiritual part, which makes all of the rest possible or even relevant. Remember that the spiritual realm created the physical realm and not the other way around, Psalm 100:3. Spiritual growth is the most important growth of all, but unfortunately we get stuck. Sometimes we stop growing. This has nothing to do with how long we've been a Christian. Growth and discipleship go hand in hand. We will not grow otherwise.

We all need something to get us going again and intentionally seek God more. Nothing could be better than a good revival for the Spirit to challenge and empower us to grow more. "Change our hearts, O God. Move us again and stir our souls for You. Help us to grow until we are gone and in Your presence." AMEN

Grace and His peace,
Pastor Ralph

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Children & Youth

Children & Youth—Sunday Nights: Our Children & Youth Programs are going strong on Sunday nights beginning at 5pm. Schedules with special activities are available online and in the Gathering Area. Children & Youth won't have their regular activities on the 9th. Youth PAC & Pathfinders should meet in the basement at 5pm on the 9th to prepare for Revival. Everyone is encouraged to come to Revival at 6:30pm in Braswell Hall.

Children's Musical: Mrs. Joanna is busy working with speaking parts for the play at 4:30 in the Choir Room. All other children are learning the music for another fun filled and often surprising Christmas Musical. Save the date of Sunday, December 11. We'll have a show at 10am and 6pm.

Baked Goods : ASP will have baked goods available on Sunday morning, October 2. Youth PAC will have baked goods on Sunday morning October 23. Come hungry and get breakfast or something to take home for later and offer a donation to support these ministries.

Pumpkin Patch & Porch Jams: Have you signed up for Pumpkin Patch? Lots of help is needed and you can benefit with funding for retreats, camps and mission trips—along with service hours. The sign up book is in the Gathering Area. All hands on deck on Friday October 7 at 4pm when the pumpkins arrive to help unload the truck.

Pathfinders' Boston Butt Sale: Sell enough meat and your winter retreat could be free. All profits from this sale go towards your balance for Winter Retreat. If you don't sell, you don't raise! Tickets go out October 18 and must be turned in with money on November 6.

Attention Pathfinders & Youth PAC: Have you signed up to attend the David Crowder Concert on October 29? Be sure to sign up online (www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/PATHFINDERS) and pay the \$35 ticket price by October 2.

Pilgrimage: Our youth will be attending Pilgrimage on Nov. 11-13 in Fayetteville. This is a life-altering weekend filled with amazing artists and thought-provoking speakers that call everyone to a new or stronger faith in Jesus. Register online from October 7—23. Youth PAC parents are invited to an information meeting at 5pm on October 9 in Cockrell Hall.

Trunk or Treat: Your help is needed! The Youth PAC Sponsored Trunk or Treat will Sunday, October 30 from 4-6pm. We'll have blow ups, games and more. In order to make this outreach a success we need volunteers to bring their vehicles, decorate the trunks and pass out candy. We also need candy donations. Trunk sign-ups and a candy donation box will be in the Gathering Area beginning October 9. Invite your friends and come out for a fun time in a safe and Christ filled environment.

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.

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.

Letter from Luke

Hundreds of years ago in Germany, a group of Moravian believers settled - looking for a new home on a beautiful hillside in the eastern corner of Germany. Just north of the Czech Republic border, the land belonged to Count Zinzendorf, a fellow believer in Jesus.

In the 1720's, he gave this land to the Moravian refugees who were looking for a place to live out their faith. They called the community, Herrnhut, meaning "watch of the Lord." As years went by, people did what people do when they've been together too long - they fought.

Zinzendorf urged the new tenants to seek unity, although he felt useless in his efforts. God's efforts, however, were not useless and God did what God does when He has a purpose for something - He carries out His purpose. God moved on that tiny town and the Holy Spirit poured out an incredible anointing.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit hit this once sleepy village in a God sized way. It was the first documented revival to occur after the Protestant Reformation and was so powerful, it impacted the soon to be formed USA - sparking every revival that would follow.

People of the community were so moved by the power of the Spirit, they began a prayer vigil that lasted 24 hours a day for over 100 years! Prayer became not a means to an end for them, but the very essence of living. The Moravians were sleepy no more and convinced they were to be in mission and making disciples.

Many years later, on one such mission, the Moravians were heading home from America. Also on the ship was a stuffy, pity party throwing, Anglican clergyman who had the worst experience of his life in Savannah, Georgia. His name was John Wesley and he was seeking to reach the Indians with the Gospel. The problem he encountered though was that he had the form of religion, yet he was void of power.

While on the Atlantic returning home to England, a storm came upon them and their fate seemed certain for tragedy. Wesley, stood on the boat, worried and fearing the end of his life. In the middle of the storm he heard a sound and looked over in the midst of the chaos and saw the Moravians singing praises to God! They were laughing, carrying on, and fearing nothing in the middle of a hurricane.

The storm eventually passed and the ship made it through safely. A perplexed Wesley made it his duty to inquire of these people who had such zeal for the Lord. The people called Moravians ministered to Wesley, introduced him to the Holy Spirit, and invited him to their Bible Study in England. It was at one of their Bible studies where he felt his heart, "strangely warmed."

From this came the birth of the Methodist movement to what it is today. The Moravians, a bunch of Revival loving, Holy Spirit filled folks taught a stubborn, yet desperate Wesley what it meant to move in the Spirit and have not just religion - but religion powered by God. Wesley, yearning for revival in his life, finally tasted it and never looked back.

How is your life today, do you need revival? Are you tired of living with the form of religion, yet no power? If so, join us at Nashville UMC beginning Oct. 9th for Revival where we know that we know the Spirit will pour out His anointing. God will move and lives will be changed.

Choose Joy,
Luke

Events & Announcements

Revival: Celebration of Praise is only a few weeks away. Rev. John Hobbs will be preaching during Sunday morning services on the 9th. Then come nightly at 6:30, Monday—Wednesday to hear more about how God can revive your lives. If you haven't signed up for a prayer team, see Marilyn Poll or Emmitt Frazier on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Area or drop by our War Room upstairs in A203 to pray.

Thursday Night Worship: Be sure to come to Thursday night worship following Revival on the 13th. We'll have worship with intimate acoustic hymns in the Sanctuary.

Total Commitment: Following Revival, we'll begin our Total Commitment Stewardship Campaign. We'll be focusing on our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness at NUMC. God has been working in amazing ways and we want to continue those good works with our Total Commitment in His church.

Pumpkin Patch: Our youth and leaders are very excited about our first Pumpkin Patch fundraiser! Beginning October 8, our church lawn will look like a Pumpkin Patch. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community, not only to supply their autumn decorations, but also to show the Love of Jesus and what a great community of loving and fun people we have at NUMC. All proceeds will go to support children and youth ministries. Get involved and sign up to volunteer in the Gathering Area. Contact Robin Miller 883-0174 or Janie Herring 443-9924 for more information. View the NUMC website or Pumpkin Patch facebook page (NUMC Youth Ministries Pumpkin Patch) for sale times.

Porch Jam: On Saturday 15 & 22 from 11am-1:30pm, come to Porch Jam at the Pumpkin Patch. We'll have bands from NUMC and the community. On October 15, ASP will serve your fair favorites including funnel cakes, corn dogs and more. On October 22, Youth PAC will have Chick-fil-a and homemade desserts. Visit the website for band lineups.

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.

Methodist Men's Breakfast: All men are invited on October 9 at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall for great food, fellowship and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events.

New Sunday School Class: If you are a prayer warrior/intercessor please consider joining a new War Room class. Come once a month or whenever you feel the need. It will be open to all ages and classes. They meet upstairs in A203.

Brunswick Stew: Our Methodist Men will be cooking Brunswick stew on November 5. Tickets are \$7 for a quart and can be purchased from Methodist Men or the Church Office.

Boston Butts: Pathfinders will once again be grilling Boston Butts for Thanksgiving. They receive their tickets on the night of October 18. See a Pathfinder for more info.

S.A.M.: All Senior Adult adults are invited to our Senior Adult Ministry for lunch and a speaker on October 18 at 12pm. Sign up for Baked Potato & Salad Bar (\$5) by October 14. Contact Victoria @ 459-2396. Leave a message and return contact number.

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Costa Rica: Our Costa Rica Mission Team has scheduled their trip for January 19-30. They will be working on construction as the Fuente de Gracia church expands. If you are interested in going, either the entire week or just part of the week, contact Reid Hildreth at 373-1131 or Dennis Coggins at 908-4033.

Charge Conference: Everyone is invited to the Southeast Sub-district Charge Conference on October 16 at 3:00, First UMC in Rocky Mount. We'll be celebrating the many ways that God has blessed area Methodist churches over the past year.

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, October 17 at 6:30pm. Childcare provided.

Cantata: Our Cantata, Go Sing it on the Mountain, will be on Sunday, December 18 at our 11:00 service. This Cantata is a mix of mountain melodies, folk hymns, familiar carols and original music. Be a part of the choir and help sing praises to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Rehearsals start October 19 at 6:30 in the Choir Room.

Operation Christmas Child: Be watching for our OCC boxes coming soon. Instructions for filling boxes and shipping donations will also be available. Boxes are due back by November 13.

Need Childcare? Many of our youth are available for babysitting, after school care, etc. Contact the church office for a list of youth that can help you out.

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: 253 Traditional: 91

Thursday Nights: 56

Sunday Night Youth Worship: 51

Average of all Services: 428

Includes combined
and special services.

Facility Use Guidelines

Our Church Council recently approved enhanced Facility Use Guidelines, along with Church Event and Private Event applications.

Team members planning special events are encouraged to read over the guidelines and submit applications eight weeks prior to the event. This will ensure the best communication to the congregation and coordination with administrative teams and staff. Visit www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/FACILITIES for access to the guidelines and forms. Hardcopies are available in the Workroom.

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30am 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 Ladies Bible Study : Basement
- 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 Ladies Bible Study : Basement
- 6:30pm Disciple III : Men's Bible Class
- 7:00pm Praise & Worship Band Practice
- 7:00pm AA : Bus Garage

Wednesday

- 6:15am Youth Bible Study : Sheetz
- 6:15pm Gospel of Mark 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

Special Dates

Oct. 2 - ASP Baked Goods

8:30am-12pm : Gathering Area

Oct. 3 & 6 - Compassion Café

11:00am : Bus Garage

Oct. 8 - Pumpkin Patch Begins

See website for dates & times

Oct. 9 - Methodist Men's Breakfast

7:30am : Cockrell Hall

Stephen Ministry Meeting

5:00pm : B102

Youth PAC Parent Meeting (re: Pilgrimage)

5:00pm : Cockrell Hall

Oct. 9 - 12 - Celebration of Praise Revival

6:30pm : Braswell Hall

Oct. 15 - Porch Jam, 11am-1:30pm

Oct. 16 - Charge Conference

3pm : First Methodist in Rocky Mount

Oct. 17 - NUMC 101, 6:30pm : Parlor

Oct. 18 - Special People

12:00pm : Cockrell Hall

Oct. 22 - Porch Jam, 11am-1:30pm

Oct. 23 - Youth PAC Baked Goods

8:30am-12pm : Gathering Area

Pilgrimage Registration Deadline

Oct. 29 - Youth David Crowder Concert

3:30pm : leave from Hilliard St. lot

Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat

4-6pm : Hilliard Street lot

Changes or additions to the bulletin and requests for Sunday morning announcements should be communicated 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 & events and reserving rooms.

Team Meetings:

Oct. 2 CAT Team, 3pm : Parlor

Oct. 4 Trustees, 700pm : Parlor

Oct. 9 Youth Council,
4:00pm : Library

Oct. 18 Weekday School Board Mtg.,
6:00pm : Chapel

Finance, 7:00pm : Parlor

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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