



Dear Church Family,

Years ago in Romania, I was very blest to be in a fellowship event between extremely poor Romanian and Ukrainian believers. A Ukrainian man gave every Romanian a piece of hard candy from a small and wrinkled paper sack. Tears were falling from the eyes of the Romanians. You see that candy had cost a weeks salary!

Bless someone today. It is our Christian duty. Many are lost, dying, sick, or in distress of one kind or another. We must let Christ come out! Bake a cake. Buy a meal. Offer a kindness. However God shows you, just do it.

Expressions of love and kindness melt the hearts of others and help them to be spiritually sensitive. The Salvation Army was built on this principle. It all started with Abraham in Genesis 12 when God tells Abraham that he is blest in order to be a blessing. Abraham grew to become a great giver and through his lineage, Jesus was born! So you see, Abraham was blest by God so that Abraham could be a blessing to the entire earth - because of Jesus who came for all that will receive.

Jesus comes along to explain that to whom much is given, much is required, Lk 12:48, KJV. How much grace was given to save you? How many times has God been a blessing? If we have been given blessings and grace, then we owe blessings and grace to others because to whom much is given, much is required.

The little Ukrainian Gypsy man had learned that he was blest to be a blessing, however humble. May we too embrace this lesson? The Spirit will help you, especially for those you don't even like - but must love! So get started today, because God blesses us so that we may be a blessing.

Grace and His peace,
Pastor Ralph

Children & Youth

VBS! We're busy making final plans for this summer's VBS, "AMPED: Live Fully Alive!," that will be held July 15-18 from 5:45-8pm each night. Dinner will be provided.

- Be sure to register your child(ren), ages 3 to rising 6th graders, by July 8 at www.NashvilleUMC.net. Children not registered online can register onsite the first night of VBS
- Be on the lookout for more information about t-shirt pickup sent via email in the upcoming weeks. (There will be a limited number of shirts available for purchase for online or onsite registrations made after June 25.)
- VBS music CDs will be available Sunday morning, July 8, in the Gathering Area. One per family, please. Get your CD ahead of time to begin enjoying and practicing this year's VBS songs
- If you have any questions, contact Nichole at nichole@nashvilleumc.net.

VBS Volunteers: We will have a training session on Sunday, July 15, at 4:15pm in Cockrell Hall. If you need Safe Sanctuaries training, it will be offered on Sunday, July 15 at 3pm, before our VBS activities begin. All volunteers should make plans to attend this training.

Youth Pac Summer Bible Study: All middle schoolers are invited to a weekly Bible Study held in the church basement on Wednesday afternoons starting July 11 - August 8 from 12pm-3pm. Be prepared to explore brokenness and redemption, rejection and forgiveness, and the ultimate hope of the gospel. Bring spending money for lunch off campus. For more information, please contact kaitlyn@nashvilleumc.net.

Pathfinders Summer Bible Study: Join us for our summer Bible study for both girls and boys on Wednesday at 7pm. Girls meet at Kaitlyn's house: 408 South Alston Street Nashville and boys meet at Luke's house: 208 South Collins Street Nashville. We hope to see you all there! If you're in need of a ride, please contact Kaitlyn @ 252-567-9060.

WDS Registration: We still have openings for our 2018-2019 Weekday School. Due to popular demand, we will be offering an 18-24 month Monday and Wednesday class. Registration is currently open for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, contact Denise Calloway at school@nashvilleumc.net or 459-7636.

KidSpace Registration: Our KidSpace Summer Camp is going really well. The kids are having so much fun with worship time, field trips, and lots of fun activities. We still have room, so if your child is already bored or you need childcare for a few weeks for your own sanity, apply at www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/KIDSPACE.

Children & Youth Email Updates: The best way to stay updated on children and youth events is through the weekly email updates. To get on the distribution list, contact nichole@nashvilleumc.net (King's Kids), ps1powell@embarqmail.com (Youth PAC), or kaitlyn@nashvilleumc.net (Pathfinders).

Celebrate We Will!

As many of you know, recently my paternal grandfather passed away after a few months of declining health. Saying goodbye and coping with the death of a loved one is never easy.

Over the years, my grandfather was my champion. He was also a friend. A confidant and trusted source of counsel. Both smart and wise, he was someone I turned to for the things I *needed* to hear (regardless of what I *wanted* to hear). He was undoubtedly a *Truther*, but he did so in such a graceful way that I felt loved, valued, and respected.

My grandfather was also a family man — *hands-on and invested* — whose zest for life was unparalleled. He was a pillar of joy in our family. A constant. He loved wholeheartedly. I will forever be grateful for the years I spent with him.

On his death bed, as I held his hand and began to cry, he mustered up the strength to say... *"Now, don't do that."* He didn't want me to cry for him. He was going Home, and he was ready. There was no need for tears — we'd see each other again one day.

The following morning, after a week of being mostly non-verbal, my grandfather told my husband that we all don't realize how much of life we take for granted. His words resonated with one of June's sermon Scriptures:

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Psalm 90:12

My grandfather went to be with Jesus not long after that, the day before my son Asher's first birthday. I laugh — even that was like him. *Knowing we wouldn't overlook the life waiting to be celebrated in the midst of our grief.* Knowing that although we were mourning, it was not as those without hope (1 Thes 4:13). We would choose to celebrate amidst the tears.

If I've learned one thing from the past few weeks, it's the tangible reminder that life is but a vapor (James 4:14) — *here for a little while and then gone.* But for me, the operative word in the verse is "*here.*"

If there is air in our lungs, *God still has us here.* We shouldn't waste His breath. I was reminded of how important it is to make our lives matter for eternity. We are called to love well and live with purpose. We should let go of petty things. Prioritize our time. Worship more — *and worry less!*

We should celebrate life. And most of all, we should praise the One who gave it to us.

In His love and grace,

Dr. Nichole Huff

Director of Children and Family Ministries

COVENANT + GOD =



God is a covenant God. God cuts covenant and when he cuts covenant he keeps covenant. There is never a lacking on His end when it comes to His promises via covenants. What God did by raising Christ is the ultimate covenant of God's great 'Yes' to you and me as people made in His image. The covenant of the cross is God's great desire for His image bearers to become children and to be healed in all their relationships.

Covenant is important for us because being in covenant with God leads us to healing and healing is something we need badly. Due to our broken relationships with God, self, others, and creation we find ourselves alienated from God. We are always at war with ourselves, blaming others for problems, and cursing creation. These are not okay, nor will they ever be okay. So what's a person to do? Be healed. How are we healed? Through the surrender of our will, the confession of our sins, repentance of our lives, and entering covenant with God.

I want to highlight the importance of the stages of what I just mentioned. We first *surrender*. Whereas our ancestors Adam and Eve waged war on God by following their eyes and feelings, we wave the white flag and surrender to God's way. We then *confess*. We acknowledge that most people are (not?) good. In fact, people are sinful and that includes you and me. Therefore, we come face to face with the realization that we are not okay, but we want to be okay – so we confess and as we confess we cling to 1 John 1:9. We then *repent*. This is the place of humility because we learn to live differently. We learn that the way we once walked was not God's way and we open ourselves for healing from our previous walk, as we learn to walk with the Father once again. Finally, we enter *covenant with God* and learn to trust Him as the ultimate promise maker, the one who heals, redeems, and resurrects.

HEALING



Jesus came to heal you. Do you want this? It's yours for the believing and receiving.

Whether you believe in healing or not, I invite you to join me on August 5th for a Night of Worship where we are going to be an expectant people of what God is doing here in Nash County. We will put a strong emphasis on worship and healing so that those who mourn would learn to dance, those who doubt would move in faith, and those who once cursed would move in holiness.

In His Joy,
Luke

NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MORE
WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
STARTING SEPTEMBER 9

SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL

11:00 AM

THURSDAY PRAISE

6:30 PM





Dear Church Family,

I am overjoyed and thankful for the work God is doing in and through the people here at Nashville UMC. As your worship leader I am grateful that I get to serve you all each week as we, His bride, enter into His presence and experience the riches of His grace, mercy and freedom together

As we continue this journey together of discovering what it means to be a people who worship the one true living God, I am excited to announce that we will have a night dedicated to just that. On Sunday August 5, we will have a Night of Worship where we as a church and community will come together through song, teaching and prayer to be equipped with ways to become the people God has called us to be—people who continually seek relationship and communion with Him. We will also have a time of healing and intercession where we can be expectant of the miracles that Jesus still performs today. As we prepare for this night, I'd like to talk about the first step in having an intimate encounter with God—praise.

Oftentimes we hear of singing in a worship setting referred to as "Praise and Worship." However, the two are not independent of one another. Praise is the outward expression of our inward respect, gratitude and admiration of the God of the universe and can be an act of worship. Praise is not something that we are supposed to keep reserved for ourselves; it must include expression to be received by God whether that is through singing, dancing, clapping, shouting, raising hands, or bowing. When we visibly express our praise we declare and make known our innermost feelings

about the God who saves us. First Peter 2:9 reminds us that we are a “royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that [we] may declare the praises of him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

So why do we praise? The short answer: We praise God because of who He is, what He has done, and what He is going to do. He is worthy of our praise no matter the circumstances. Through the good, the bad, and the ugly! Praise is trusting Him to turn our mourning into dancing, our fears to joy, and our doubts to belief because He can and He will! Our praises declare that God is faithful and His promises to us are true. Even while we are in those “in-between” stages of our lives, those moments are used to teach us to praise God for what He is about to do. They are preparing our hearts to cling to His eternal promises.

Praise is truth and truth is the ultimate weapon against the enemy who comes to steal, kill, destroy (John 10:10) and feed us lies and questions of doubt about who God is. When we proclaim these truths in an outward (expressive) way, we are cutting down the enemy and silencing every single lie he throws at us. Praise is powerful and declares that the victory has already been won and no shadow of darkness will prevail.

My prayer is that we become a church whose praises ring so loudly that the world will know that our God is alive, present, and actively working in the life of NUMC. As Psalm 150:6 tells us, “let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” That’s you, and that’s me. Together, let’s build up a throne of praise fit for a King.

Love to you all,
Jackson Rollins



Events

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

Ladies Summer Book Club: We have two more books in our summer book club. Our July book will be Isaiah's Daughter by Mesa Andrews. Discussion on the complete book will be on Tuesday, July 24. The August book is The Atonement Child by Francine Rivers, with discussion on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Both groups will meet in Cockrell Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. Even if you didn't participate in the June reading, you are welcome to come in July & August. Childcare will be provided.

Special Offering: The Finance Team has approved a special offering for Emma Bailey. Emma is the Southern Nash Senior that was in a car accident and has severe spinal cord injuries. Her recovery and medical bills will be extensive and we want to give our congregation the opportunity to bless this Christian family. Our 8:30 service 2nd Sunday communion offering will go to Emma for the next several months. If you attend another service, you can make a donation through the offering or send a contribution to the State Employees Credit Union for Bryan and Janet Bailey.

Followers Following: Calling all Followers of the Way who love to read, think, and grow in their walk with Jesus! Pastor Luke will be sending out a weekly email called, "Followers Following" that will be a smorgasbord of recommended articles, blogs, websites, books, podcasts, music, etc that are meant to encourage and aid you in your walk with Jesus as we grow in holiness. To receive these emails, contact Jackie@nashvilleumc.net.

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 ministering and building improvements in Liberia, contact Reid Hildreth (373-1131) or Dennis Coggins (908-4033).

July Traditional Worship: Our choir takes a break in July, which gives an opportunity for special music. Everyone is invited to come and experience traditional hymns and worship with our many talented singers and musicians.

Photographer: The NUMC Media Team is in need of people to take pictures at church events. If you have a gift and desire to take pictures, contact Dana or Jackie in the church office at 459-7178 or info@nashvilleumc.net.

Crown Financial Ministries exists to help individuals, families, and churches live in financial freedom as a direct result of heart transformation. On Monday evenings, beginning July 23 at 6:30pm, we will launch small groups for a 10-step course, rooted in biblical principles, that will lead to experiencing a transformation in your finances. Please contact Kaitlyn@nashvilleumc.net for more information and how to register.

Events

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, April 16 at 6pm. If childcare is needed, contact the church office.

Thursday Nights: Summer is a time for vacations and weekend trip to anywhere with cool water, but you don't have to miss your weekly worship. Join us on Thursday nights a 6:30pm for passionate worship and ministry in an intimate atmosphere. If you'd like to play with the worship team, contact kevin@nashvilleumc.net.

Safe Sanctuaries Training: Wayne Lamm will offer Safe Sanctuaries training on Sunday, June 15 at 3pm in Cockrell Hall. Training is required once each calendar year for anyone working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults. Its purpose is to keep everyone safe in God's House. If you're not sure if you are due to retake the class, contact Jackie at 459-7178 or Jackie@nashvilleumc.net.

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.

Church Cards: We need to give out all of our current church cards before we print more with our additional contemporary service listed. Everyone is encouraged to pick up some in the Information Center 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 to be added to the email or phone distribution list.

Submit prayer requests to 252-459-7178 or info@nashvilleumc.net. Join our Prayer Warriors on Tuesday mornings at 7am in the Parlor for Prayers with the Pastor. They pray for our community, country, and all 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.

To schedule a church event, complete the church event form at www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/RESOURCES and submit to info@nashvilleumc.net



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Facts & Figures

Attendance

2018 YTD Attendance

Contemporary: 286

Traditional: 92

Thursday Nights: 39

Sunday Night Youth Worship: 45

Average of all Services: 495

Includes combined and special services.

Team Meetings

- July 8 Stephen Ministry
No July meeting
- July 10 Additional Svc. Meeting
5:30pm : Library
- July 11 Social/Media Team Meeting
5:30pm : Library
Trustees, 7pm : A205
- July 17 WDS Meeting
6pm: Chapel
Finance, No July meeting

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 8:30am Contemporary Service
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Service
- 6:00pm Ralph's Small Group : Parlor
- 6:30pm Crown Bible Study
(Beginning July 11)

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 Worship Team Practice
- 7:00pm AA : Bus Garage
- 7:00pm NarAnon : Basement

Wednesday

- 12:00pm MS Bible Study : Basement
(Beginning July 11)
- 6:30pm No Choir Practice until Aug. 1
- 6:30pm Worship Team Practice
- 7:00pm PF Bible Study (Kaitlyn or Luke's)
- 8:00pm NA : Bus Garage

Thursday

- 6:30pm Thursday Praise & Worship
Sanctuary

Saturday

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

Do You Have an Upcoming Event?

Schedule events using the Church Event Form in the workroom or online at NASHVILLEUMC.NET/RESOURCES.

Additions to the bulletin should be sent to the church office by Mondays at noon. Newsletter deadline is the 10th.

You can also find finance guidelines, bus reservation information, and more—all on the RESOURCES webpage.

Special Dates

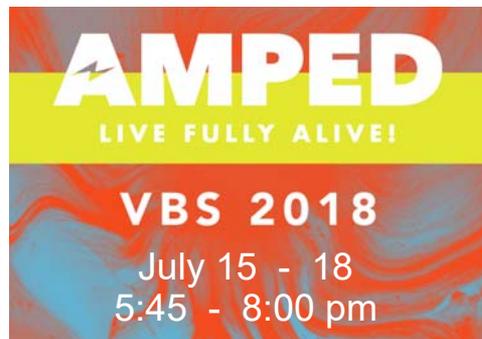


July 2 - NUMC @ Compassion Café
11am : Bus Garage

July 11 - Middle School Bible Study Begins
12pm : Basement

July 15 - Safe Sanctuaries
3:00pm : Cockrell Hall

VBS Training
4:15 : Cockrell Hall



July 23 - Crown Bible Study Begins
6:30pm : location TBD

Church Council
7:00pm : Cockrell Hall

July 24 - Women's Book Club
6:00pm : Cockrell Hall

July 30 - Methodism 101, 6:30pm : Parlor

Staff

Pastor: Ralph A. Brown

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