



NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

This edition of the NAC eNews we will dedicated to fall ministry kick-off on Sunday, September 10. This is the perfect time to rebalance your life and ensure that Christ and Spiritual growth is a central focus! Grab a pumpkin latte, sit down by a bon fire, and read on. **(Note regarding hurricane Harvey:** Some have requested recommendations on organizations that are on site and helping flood victims. Both CAMA services (our denominations's branch of first responders) and Samaritan's Purse (a worldwide charitable organization) are engaged and excellent stewards of your charitable dollar. Please visit either: <http://camaservices.org/> or <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/> to learn more or donate.)



Fall Kick-off Sunday is Sept 10. New Sunday School classes for kids and students begin at 9:45am. There will be an open house in the café beginning at 10:00am where you can learn about adult Sunday School options and Small Groups for the 2017-18 ministry year. Pastor Nate will be teaching a Sunday School class on Spiritual Gifts and there will be at least one other Bible based class. Small groups will begin in October and many of the leaders will be on hand during the open house. The Elders have selected three curriculum options for Small Groups this year: a) The DVD based series, "That the World May Know," b) The N.T. Wright series, "The Bible for Everyone," and c) Follow up study and discussion of Pastor Nate's sermons. Plan now to attend the Open House at 10:00am on September 10th in the café. Pastor Nate begins a new series on September 10 titled, "Because You Know." Continue reading to learn more about the new series AND ministry opportunities at Nowthen for children, students, and adults.

BECAUSE YOU KNOW

Fall Sermon Series



how the things we believe
should change our behavior

Fall Sermon Series: Based upon the book of 1 John, the “Because you Know,” series will equip you to align your beliefs and behavior. John’s epistles were likely penned in Ephesus in 85-90 AD just as Gnosticism was gaining a foothold within the culture of the Middle East. The answers John provides to the Church are as relevant today as in the first century. First, Christ is our Advocate and the Gospel is the only way to life. Secondly, obedience is how we demonstrate our love for Christ. John declares this by contrasting lightness with darkness, truth to falsehood, and righteousness to sin. Third, John exhorts the Church to practice sound doctrine and to root out false teachings. And finally, John instructs the Church to love God rather than the world. Plan now to attend Nowthen each Sunday and invite a friend or neighbor to hear these important teachings!

Ages 4 yrs - 6th grade

Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 PM

starts in september

Click to learn more
or to register!



Wednesday Evening Children's Ministries: Registration is now open for Awana and Kids Choir! For more information or to sign up visit <https://www.nowthenalliance.org/mid-week-ministries/> Wednesday ministry open house for Awana and Kids Choir is Wednesday, September 6, from 7:00-8:00pm and regular clubs begin Wednesday, September 13. For more information contact Amanda Wilder at wildera@nowthenalliance.org.



A CONCERT OF PRAYER

Concert of Prayer: We are looking forward to another valuable time of worship and prayer together as a congregation on Sunday, September 24, at 6:00pm in the lower worship center. Come join us as we pray for the fall launch and on-going impact of our ministries. We will also join in prayer as we seek God's leading as we discern future ministry options. Lastly, this service will include a time dedicated towards prayers for healing. We hope you will join us there physically, but if unable, feel free to join us in prayer from a distance.



VOLUNTEER Opportunities

Get involved in ministry at Nowthen. There are many ways that you can serve and God has gifted you with a set of skills that can be used! We need Sunday School teachers, AWANA helpers, singers and musicians (choir and worship team), Ushers, Greeters, Sound and Video technicians, and Chair setup teams, among other needs. For specific information on volunteering with Kids ministry contact Amanda Wilder (wildera@nowthenalliance.org). For specific information on volunteering with Student ministry contact Rob Bergfalk (bergfalkr@nowthenalliance.org). For specific information on volunteering with music (vocal and instrumental), and technicians (sound or video), contact Don Damborg (damborgd@nowthenalliance.org). For specific information on volunteering in regards to the building, chair setup teams, missions, ushers, greeters, and security, contact Pastor Bruce Powers (powersb@nowthenalliance.org). To volunteer as a small group leader contact Pastor Nate (kempern@nowthenalliance.org).



Join the Nowthen Choir

Nowthen Choir. Our Choir is forming now and will begin Wednesday evening practices on September 13. Contact Mary Eubanks (marymusic@yahoo.com) to learn more or to sign up. We can use singers of all ages and abilities – “Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord.”



Fall Missions Conference. Mark October 11-15 on your calendars! Our primary presenters this year are a couple serving with the C&MA in the Middle East. (For security reasons we cannot mention names electronically.) The conference begins on October 11th with AWANA learning about ministry in the Middle East. Our presenters will share at the PrimeTimer's potluck on Thursday, October 12th. The Youth will participate in an “Amazing Race” event on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 3:00pm, followed by an All-Church bonfire and hot dog roast in the evening. Our presenters will speak during both services on Sunday, October 15th – learn about the work of the C&MA around the world via the Great Commission Fund. Faith Promise cards will be available prior to the conference so prayerfully consider your role.



Great Commission Women: Each month the Great Commission Women meet to learn about international workers and missions, to pray for our international workers, and to orchestrate ministry on behalf of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19). On Thursday, September 14, the daytime group will hear a report from Liz and Jenna Lorenz about their experiences in Taiwan with the Nowthen time. Contact Annie Julik for details.



2017 Fall Women's Retreat

Unleashed!

SPEAKER Heather Smith

October 6 - 8

@ Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN

Registration opens August 1 • Early Bird Special \$110

After August 16 \$125 After Sept. 13, \$135

www.ncdistrictwomen.org - click on **RETREAT** page

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The North Central District Great Commission Women announce the Women's Fall Retreat and registration information. This year's retreat will take place on October 6th to the 8th. Registration opens August 1st and the cost of registering increases on August 16th with an additional increase on September 13th. Register early as it does fill up. Click on the following link to register: <https://www.ncdistrictwomen.org/retreat>



women's bible study

growing deeper, together

Tuesday Morning for Women start off the fall season with a brunch on September 12 at 9:00am in the café. Come enjoy a time of fellowship and learn about the classes and studies offered at Nowthen including: “Armor of God,” the “God Anthology,” the “Seven Longings,” the “Attributes of God,” and the “Revelation Fitness-Wellness” class. A pamphlet is available at the church or you can contact Leah Burquest (763.229.9639) to learn more. You can register online via t (<https://nowthenalliance.elexio.church/forms/womens-bible-study>)



MENS MINISTRY

Men's Ministry: Nowthen offers two Bible study options for men. The Tuesday morning group meets in the church library at 5:30am. They are completing the Max Lucado study, “Ten men of the Bible.” The Saturday morning group meets in the conference room at 8:00am, beginning with doughnuts. They are using the Alister Begg study, “Truth for Life.” Contact Matt Barber for more information.

BE SURE TO TAKE THE ALL-CHURCH



SURVEY

Church Survey: If you did not get a chance to complete the survey that distributed during services on August 27, please pick one up in the church office. We need input from everyone. Thank you so much for your feedback which will help us make wise decision.



WorldviewAcademy®

FIND YOUR REASON

Worldview Weekend. On November 10-11, Nowthen is hosting a Worldview weekend for teens and adults. This two-day conference will empower you to engage the secular culture from the perspective of a Christian World view. Find much more information and registration on the website: <http://elkriverworldviewconference.weebly.com>.



Israel 2018: Nowthen Pastors will be hosting a ten-day tour of Israel leaving October 23, 2018. Highlights will include the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. The cost will be \$3,500 per person (double occupancy) and more information will be shared during the Adult Ministry Open House on September 10. You can also view the itinerary, details, and much more at: <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/holy-land-classic-2018#.WabUuNGQyM8>



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child. Nowthen is a collection site for OCC and we have a store room dedicated to the ministry. Since many of you will be shopping for school supplies at this time we are making a special request for such items. However, we have a need for donations of all types and items can be placed in the bin near door "B". In addition to school supplies, we

collect toys, tools, sewing items, crafts, hats, caps, gloves, and personal hygiene items. All items must be able to fit inside a shoe box. Samaritan's purse can no longer accept food, candy, toothpaste, lotions, medication, toy weapons, nor breakable items. For specific information please contact Tanya Bagwell, our OCC coordinator.



PrimeTimers Event. On Thursday, September 21, Kevin Doely will entertain the PrimeTime audience with his humor and musical ventriloquism. Join us for a potluck lunch at 11:30am in the Café followed by the show at 12:30pm. Everyone is invited and there is no charge for this event! Contact Helen Petersen for more information.