

In this edition of the NAC eNews we will inform you of the various short-term missions trips taking place this summer. In addition, we will highlight ministry events occurring at the church over the next few weeks. We will begin with a preview our Good Friday and Easter services.



Good Friday and Easter Services. Join your Nowthen Church Family on Friday, March 30, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary as we remember the sacrifice and love of Jesus. We are excited to announce that Gary Ries will be sharing a series of seven brief talks, each followed by relevant hymn or song. This will be a somber service designed for reflecting on the importance of Jesus' loving sacrifice.

Easter is a time of celebration and will look forward to worshipping together on Sunday, April 1, at 8:00am (sanctuary), 9:30am (worship center), and 11:00am (worship center). We will have a photo booth available at both entrances prior to each service where you can take a family or individual picture. The tempo of these services will be upbeat because we serve a Risen Savior that has conquered death. These services are an excellent time to invite visitors and family! Mark your calendar now and plan to attend both Good Friday and Easter services at Nowthen.

On April 8 Pastor Nate will begin a new message series titled, "The Ten Commandments." Rather than outdated laws from the Old Testament, learn how they define the greatest teaching of Jesus to love God and to love others.



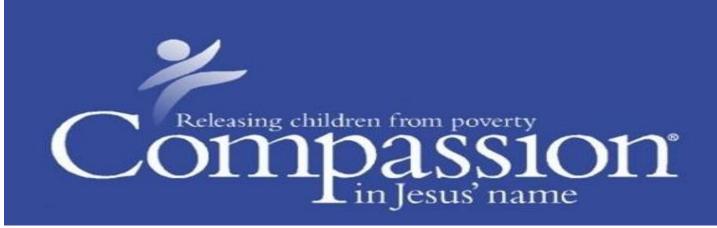
AWANA GRAND PRIX. The AWANA Grand Prix Car Race is coming up on March 21st!



PrimeTimers. The next PrimeTimers potluck event is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, at 11:30am in the café. Plan now to attend this special "Ole and Lena Live" event!



<u>March Food Drive:</u> During the month of March we will be collecting non-perishable food items for local food shelves. Bring items with you each Sunday as an opportunity to serve the poor in our communities. Carts will be available near doors "A" and "B" in which to place your donations. The last day to drop off donations is Thursday, March 29.



<u>Compassion Sunday</u>: Is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, at Nowthen. Learn how you can support a child living in poverty for less than a dollar per day.



<u>Student Ministry Fundraiser</u>: Students will be selling coffee too help raise funds for their mission trip in the Twin Cities this summer. Students will have a table in the café where they'll sell coffee grounds and a variety of mixed nuts on Sunday, March 18, from 9:00am until 11:00am. They will take orders at this time with delivery occurring in May. Please stop by and encourage our students for their efforts! Thank you for all of your support!



Rent-A-Student

<u>Student Ministries Fundraiser</u>: Do you have snow to be shoveled, rooms that need cleaned or painted, landscaping or yard work? Hire a high school student to complete the task. The funds they earn will support their summer missions trip. This will be an ongoing program so cut out this notice and paste it on your refrigerator. If you have questions or wish to rent-a-student contact Rob Bergfalk at (<u>bergfalkr@nowthenalliance.org</u>). Thank you for supporting Student Ministries at Nowthen!



Give Blood: The next Blood Drive will be held at Nowthen on Tuesday, March 27, from 1:00pm until 6:00pm in the café. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit http://redcrossblood.org and enter code "Nowthen" to schedule an appointment.



<u>Taiwan 18 trip</u> will leave MSP on September 2 and return on September 12. This team is forming now and registration materials and deposit need to be in by March 20th. If you have questions please contact Pastor Bruce.



<u>Ecuador 18 trip</u> will leave MSP on June 14 and return on June 22. This trip has just been announced and the first information meeting will be held on Sunday, March 25, at 9:45am in the conference room. Contact Pastor Bruce for more information.