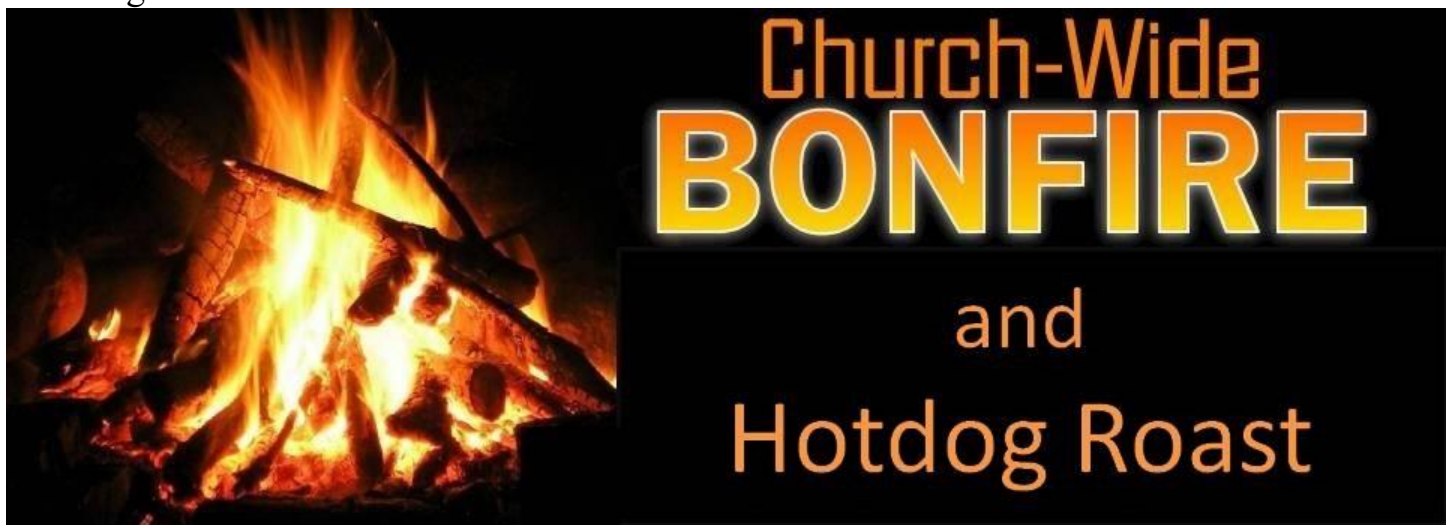




NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

In this edition of the NAC eNews we will highlight many of the events occurring this fall at Nowthen. In addition, we will update you on a staffing change and a couple of ministry needs at the church. We will conclude with a notice of Israel 2018 tour information sessions scheduled this fall. Let us begin with a reminder about the Missions Conference events occurring this weekend...



Fall Missions Conference: The entire congregation is invited to a bonfire and hot dog roast Saturday evening. The fire will be lit and food will be served at 5:00pm. NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, ACTIVITIES WILL BE MOVED INDOORS (with the exception of the fire...) Hotdogs, buns, and drinks will be provided by the church. Please bring a side to share, a couple of lawn chairs, and a roasting stick if you have some! Scott, Kate, and their children will attend the bonfire providing an opportunity for you to informally talk to them about their ministry. Later in the evening, Don will get out his guitar and harmonica and lead us in singing a few tunes. 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 were distributed last Sunday, and will be collected on Sunday, October 15 - cards will be available this Sunday as well. Please give prayerful consideration to what you will give to the Great Commission Fund in 2018.

Taiwan 18 Missions Trip: The Missions Team is excited to announce that we have confirmed dates for the ten-day trip. The team will fly out on Monday, September 3, 2018, and return to Nowthen on Friday, September 14, 2018. More details and sign up information to follow soon!



Operation Christmas Child

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Operation Christmas Children: Nowthen is a year-round collection site for Operation Christmas Child and we are gearing up for the annual box packing event at this time. We need donations of school supplies, toys, crafts, tools, sewing, hats, gloves, and personal hygiene items now. All items must be able to fit in a shoe box and all items must be follow airline regulations. Please do not donate toy weapons, food, candy, medication, toothpaste, nor any liquids. Please contact our OCC coordinator, Tanya Bagwell, with questions.



WorldviewAcademy®

FIND YOUR REASON

Worldview Weekend. YOU are invited to join us right here at NAC, along with other area churches, on November 10-11, for a Worldview Academy Christianity and Culture conference. This is NOT just for adults, though we do recommend it for ages 13+. This is an equipping event for ALL Christians that will give you tools that you will use for years to come. Two great faculty members of Worldview Academy will be here in person speaking about:

- What is a Christian worldview, and why you need one
- Creation vs. Evolution
- Christianity and the Arts
- Servant leadership
- And more

Youth who come find that mediocrity just isn't good enough anymore, and that "fluff" in their Christian life just doesn't cut it. Adults who have attended this conference usually are heard saying, "I sure wish I had been taught that years ago!" Plan now to join us. Early bird and family registration rates are available. Find ALL of the information at:

www.elkriverworldviewconference.weebly.com.



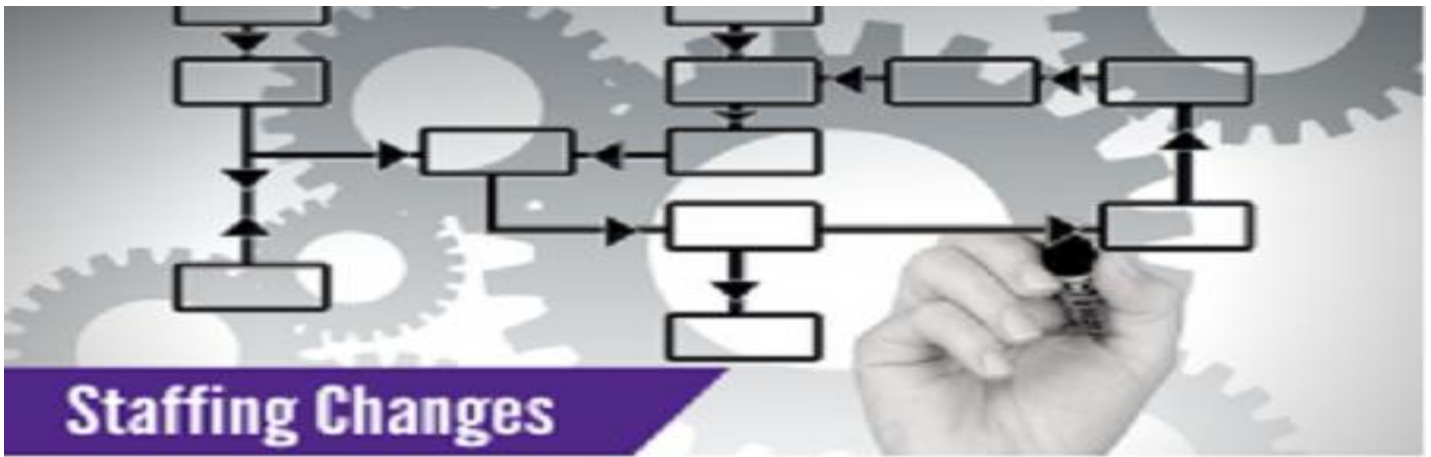
Heart of Thanksgiving: It has been a tradition at Nowthen to provide turkeys to people in our service area in need of a blessing. This year we hope to involve more people so we are getting an early start. If you know of a friend or neighbor that has struggled in 2017 and is in need of a blessing this Thanksgiving submit their name and mailing address to Pastor Bruce. Early in November we will mail selected families a package including: a word of encouragement and a Cub Foods gift card. The family will be able to purchase an appropriately sized turkey and fixings to ensure they enjoy a feast with loved ones. Names must be submitted to Pastor Bruce by Sunday, November 5, so the packages can be distributed in a timely manner. Contact Pastor Bruce at powersb@nowthenalliance.org for more information.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: This traditional service will be held Wednesday, November 22, in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. The Lord's Supper will be served during this special service.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, October 17, from 2:00pm to 7:00pm in the café. Please call 1.800.RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.



Staffing Change: Amanda Wilder has decided to resign from her role as our Children's Ministry Director. We are saddened to lose such a valuable asset, but know she has made this decision with great intentions for what is best for her family. We will celebrate her time as the transition draws near (she'll be with us through the holidays). If you have an opinion on what the role should look like moving forward, or know people who may be interested, please have them contact Nate at: kempem@nowthenalliance.org

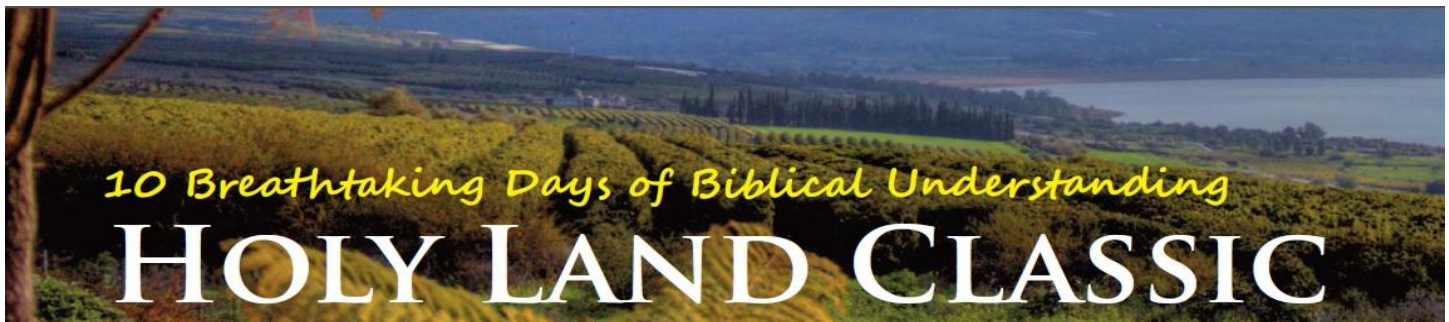


Nursery volunteers needed! If you love to hold babies, then we have a perfect role for you! We need 2-3 more nursery volunteers to serve just one hour on a Sunday morning, every two months. Please contact Amanda at wildera@nowthenalliance.org to volunteer.

Homeschoolers: On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (except for during holiday seasons), there will be a time of fun and fellowship for home school moms and their kids. We will meet in the café for a "bring your own lunch" at 12:00 and then break up into groups to play in the gym, play board games, and do crafts until 3:00. Home school moms and kids of all ages are invited! Please contact Sheila Damborg, Karen Kleinman, or the church office for more information.



Snow Shoveling Team: While Nowthen contracts for parking lot snow removal we try to save money by shoveling sidewalks and entrances. The staff can handle this task during the week but we do organize a team to cover this need on weekends – especially Sundays. Beginning Sunday, December 3, volunteers select a Sunday (or a couple of Sundays) during which they will be responsible for shoveling the walks. If snow does not fall on your selected date, you are off the hook! As volunteers select dates, their names will be entered on the calendar of the church website. Simply contact Pastor Bruce by phone or email to choose your weekend. Those signing up early get the best choice of weekends!



Israel 2018: Nowthen Pastors will be hosting a ten-day tour of Israel leaving October 23, 2018. Highlights will include the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Megiddo, Jericho, Qumran, The Dead Sea, Bethlehem, and many sites in Jerusalem. Participants will have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan river, sail on the Sea of Galilee, and to swim in the Dead Sea. We have scheduled brief information sessions at 9:45am in the Elders Conference room on Sunday, October 22nd and 29th. Additional sessions are scheduled for November 26 and December 3. (All information sessions are identical and designed to answer your questions – attendance is optional.) Brochures are also available in the literature racks at the church. You can view/download (pdf) details, the itinerary, and registration information by clicking on the following link: https://68b7965d00bcbb067c16-6b3d1972e70eef55f3db998b68f5f329.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/i/0e6564176_1505430271_israel18-tour.pdf. The price of this tour is \$3,746 including round trip airfare from Minneapolis, first class hotels, daily buffet breakfast and dinner, deluxe motorcoaches, all entrance fees, gratuities, and program fees. Early registration savings of up to \$150 – see brochure or website for details.