



# NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

In this edition of the NAC eNews we will update you on the decision of the Elders to add a third Sunday worship service beginning January 14, 2018. In addition, we will highlight many of the events and ministries occurring this fall at Nowthen. We will conclude with a few unique Thanksgiving and Christmas giving opportunities. Let us begin with the new service schedule:



## New Sunday Service Time

**New Sunday Service Schedule:** Beginning January 14, 2018, there will be three worship services at Nowthen. The first (traditional) service will meet in the sanctuary at 8:00am. The second (contemporary) service will meet in the lower worship center at 9:30am, and the third service (contemporary) will also meet in the lower worship center at 11:00am. The Elders made this change to accommodate the growth that we have experienced in 2017. Pastor Nate and the ministry leaders request your prayers as we continue to work toward the implementation of this plan over the next few months.



# 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. **Do not donate toy weapons, food, candy, medication, toothpaste, nor any liquids.** Contact Tanya Bagwell with questions.



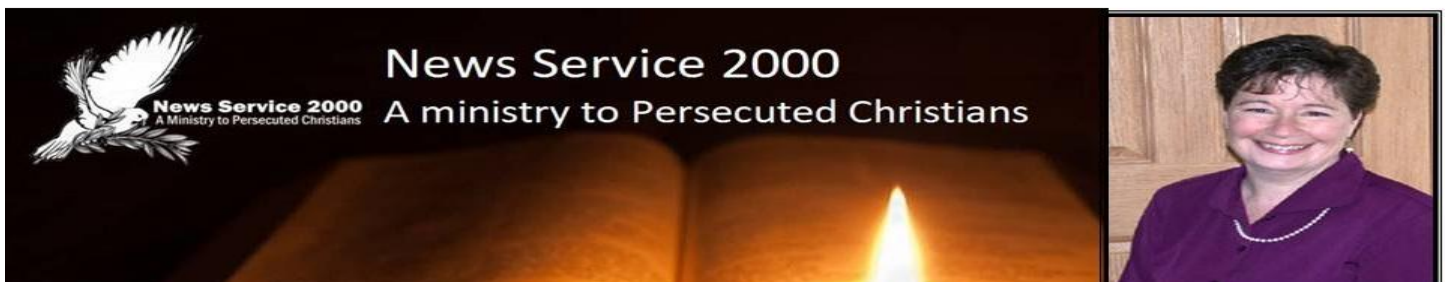
# WorldviewAcademy®

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 much 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. Register at: [www.elkriverworldviewconference.weebly.com](http://www.elkriverworldviewconference.weebly.com).



Hosting Dr. Pat on Thursday Nov 16;  
Potluck lunch at 11:30a in the café.



**PrimeTimers:** On November 16 the PrimeTimers will host a potluck lunch at 11:30am in the café. Following lunch, Dr. Pat, will present information on her ministry to the Persecuted Church. Dr. Pat has been traveling for over 35 years into countries that do not have religious freedom. Contact the church office or Helen Peterson 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. Each year we receive a special Thanksgiving offering. This year the proceeds will go towards the additional expenses required to prepare for the addition of the third service.



**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. (Funding for this ministry comes from the Elders benevolence.)



**Give the Gift of Christmas to a Family:** It has been a tradition of the Elders to provide funds to families in our service area that have struggled during the past year. If you know of a friend or neighbor that has struggled in 2017 and is in need of a blessing this Christmas submit their name and mailing address to Pastor Bruce. Early in December we will mail selected families a package including: a word of encouragement and a Visa Gift card. The family will be able to purchase gifts for their children that they might not have otherwise been able to do. Names must be submitted to Pastor Bruce by Sunday, December 3, so the packages can be distributed in a timely manner. (Funding for this ministry comes from the Elders benevolence.)



**The Women's Christmas Brunch:** will be held on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 9:30am, in the café. Join us as we hear from Kate Fonseca, who has served as an International Worker in Cambodia, share about her experiences. There is no charge for this event and all ladies are invited. Please invite your friends and neighbors for this time of fellowship.



**Christmas Services 2017:** Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. There will be services 8:30am, 11:00am, and at 3:00pm. All three services will be similar with the same message. The 8:30am service will be in the sanctuary while the 11:00am and 3:00pm services will be held in the lower worship center. More details will follow in the near future.



**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 Sundays. A signup sheet has been posted in the Café near door “D” (the double doors at the end of the Café). Those signing up early get the best choice of weekends! Contact Pastor Bruce if you have questions.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SERVING GROUPS & MEAL MINISTRY:** It is our desire to serve the people in our congregation when the need arises. In order to do that, we need YOUR help! We have a need for people willing to bring a meal to families who are going through joyful times as they celebrate the arrival of a baby, or difficult times as they experience surgery or hospitalization, etc. We also have a need for people willing to provide food for funerals or who are able to help serve the meal. If you are willing and able to serve in either or both of these ministries, please contact the church office, or note it on your connection card this Sunday, including contact information. Thank you!