

In this edition of the NAC eNews we will update you on the adult Sunday School classes that begin this Sunday and on small groups that are forming now. In addition, we will highlight a few of the new ministry opportunities available to students and adults including the <u>Holy Grounds Coffee shop</u> and the <u>Worldview conference</u>. We will conclude with a preview of the Fall Mission conference. We will begin with the 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.



<u>Adult Sunday School and small groups</u>. Adult Sunday School classes begin this Sunday at 9:45am and two classes will be offered. Pastor Nate will be teaching a class on Spiritual Gifts

titled, "Networks," which will meet in the sanctuary. Lawren Ingalls will facilitate a very practical class on Bible reading and prayer, which will meet in room 206 (choir room). This class will consist of listening to passages of Scripture as professional orated via the Bible.IS application. After each passage is heard, there will be a time of focused prayer and reflection. **Small groups** will begin in October and leaders are being trained on September 17, at 6:00pm. 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. Sign up sheets will be available this Sunday if you'd like to be part of a small group. 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.



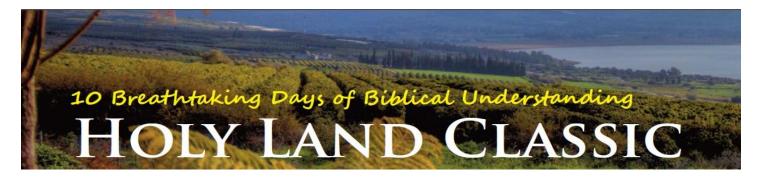
<u>Fall Sermon Series</u>: Based upon the book of 1 John, the "<u>Because you Know</u>," series will equip you to align your beliefs and behavior. John's epistles were likely penned in Ephesus in 85-90 AD just as Gnosticism was gaining a foothold within the culture of the Middle East. The answers John provides to the Church are as relevant today as in the first century: Christ is our Advocate and the Gospel is the only way to life; obedience is how we demonstrate our love for Christ; and finally, John instructs the Church to love God rather than the world.



<u>Holy Grounds Café:</u> Student ministries has opened a coffee shop upstairs, called Holy Grounds Café! They are open from 4:30-7:00 PM on Wednesdays for students to come and do homework, but also open to anyone in the building that wants to get anything. They sell specialty coffees, smoothies, hot cocoa, and more! All money that is made goes to support a young girl, Milfat, in Uganda.



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.



<u>Israel 2018</u>: 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. Brochures are 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



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 a secret event on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 3:00pm at the church. The entire congregation is invited to a bonfire and hot dog roast Saturday evening. The fire will be lit at 5:00pm and food will be served at 5:00pm. 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! Later in the evening, Don will get out his guitar and harmonica and lead his 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 will be distributed during both services on Sunday, October 8, and collected on Sunday, October 15. Please give prayerfully consideration to what you will give to the Great Commission Fund in the coming year.



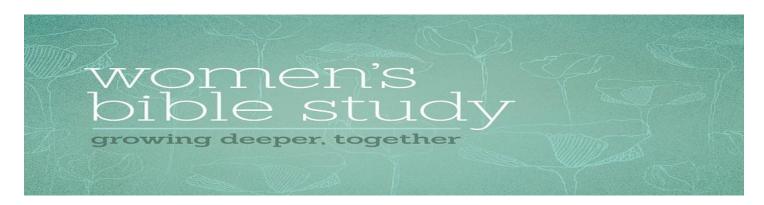
WorldviewAcademy

<u>Worldview Weekend</u>. 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.

Ages 4 yrs - 6th grade
Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 Pm
Starts in September
Click to learn more
or to register!



<u>Wednesday Evening Children's Ministries:</u> 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.



<u>Tuesday Morning for Women</u> 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)



<u>Men's Ministry</u>: The Tuesday morning group meets in the church library at 5:30am. The Saturday morning group meets in the conference room at 8:00am, beginning with doughnuts. Contact Matt Barber for more information.