



NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

This edition of the NAC eNews will focus on the Fall Missions Conference. In addition, we will highlight a few of the new ministry opportunities available to students and adults including Heart of Thanksgiving, the Worldview Conference, and the Holy Grounds Coffee shop. We will conclude with a notice of Israel 18 tour information sessions scheduled this October.



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 "Minute to Win It" event on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 3:00pm. 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 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 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 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 weapons, food, candy, medication, nor any liquids over 3 ounces. 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 youth, 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. Earlybird and family registration rates are available. Find ALL of the information at:

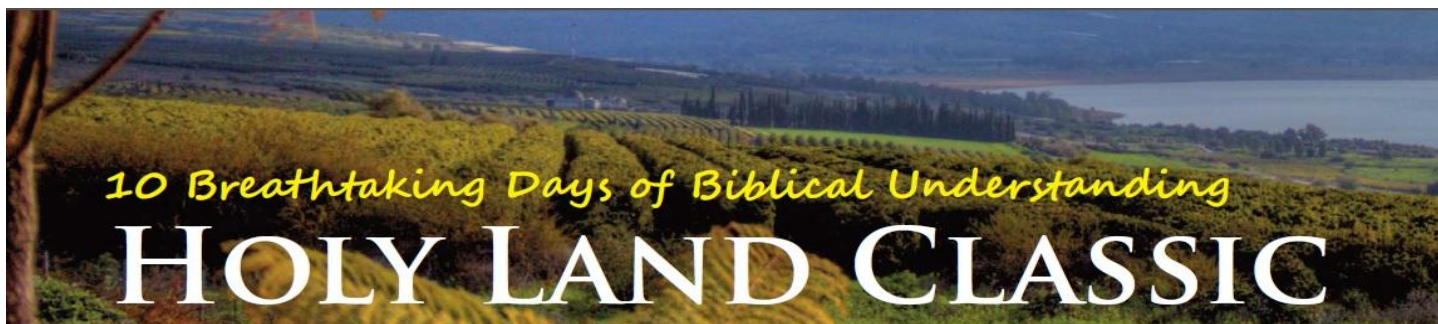
www.elkriverworldviewconference.weebly.com.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Holy Grounds Café: 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.



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.



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.



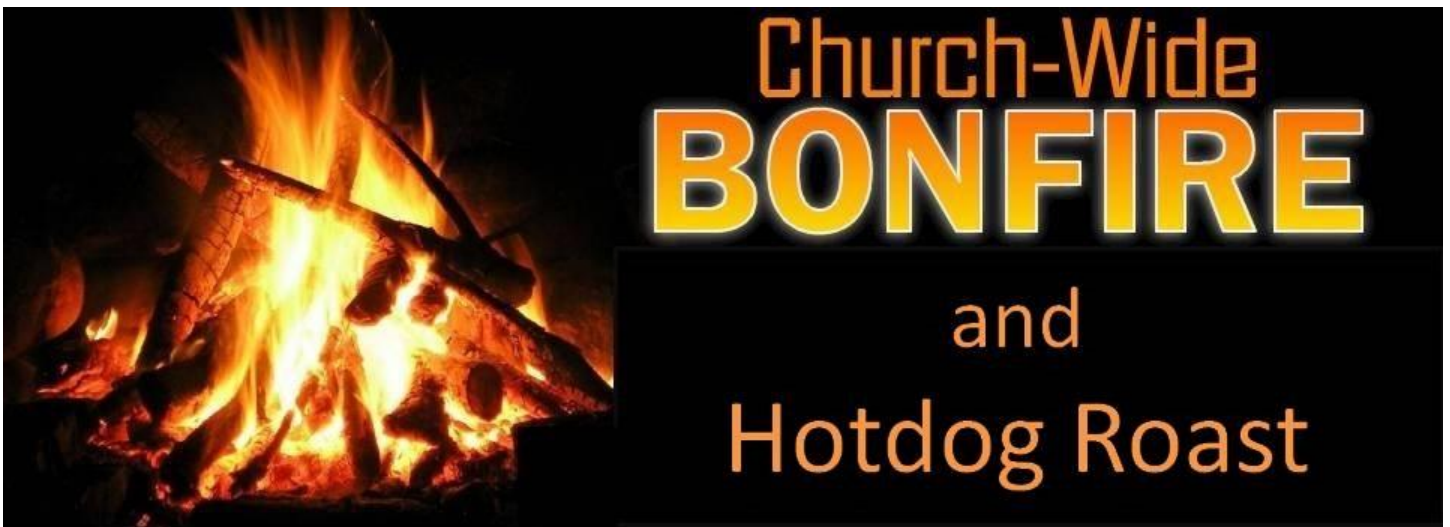
Nursery volunteers needed! If you love to hold babies, then we have a perfect role for you! We need 2-3 more nursery volunteers to serve just one hour on a Sunday morning, every two months. Please contact Amanda at wildera@nowthenalliance.org to volunteer.

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 homeschool 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. Homeschool moms and kids of all ages are invited! Please contact Sheila Damborg or Karen Kleinman for more information.



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 and enter Nowthen to schedule an appointment.



Missions Conference Events on Saturday, October 14. Youth “Minute to Win It” event at 3:00pm. All-church bonfire and hotdog roast at beginning at 5:00pm. **Saturday, October 14.**