

BUILDING A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

NKT 2024 RECAP

MIDTOWN,


Have you ever prayed for something, “hoping against hope,” like Abraham in Romans 4:18? Something so beautiful that you couldn’t help believing in it, yet so beautiful that it seemed against all hope? We have hoped against hope that a group of wildly different people would form a church plant—that a collection of messes would become a communion of saints.

When God told Sarah, Abraham’s wife, that she was going to have a baby, Sarah laughed. God is laughing now, with joy, seeing this unlikely family born out of the poorest census district in Tennessee as we worship each Sunday at 155 Lafayette in hope.

Since day 1, Napier Kitchen Table has always built unlikely relationships amid hopeless circumstances, because *God’s mission is a beautiful mission*. It is a mission of redemption, restoration, reconciliation, and renewal. Here at NKT, God is making strangers become neighbors, and neighbors become family. He is restoring our relationships with himself, with ourselves, and with each other. And he has answered our prayer as we “hope against hope” by building a beautiful church for his *wwwbeautiful* mission. It is not Mission: Impossible but Mission: Beautiful.

Do you want to be a part of that mission? God is only just beginning this work in NKT. Would you pray that he gives us wisdom, courage, and strength to continue following him? We’re ready to go! And we hope that you would join us in following the Lord’s lead:

- › **PRAY** Join us in praying regularly for the NKT family.
- › **GIVE** Commit to supporting this work financially.
- › **ENGAGE** Attend an event, volunteer, or connect in 2025.


JONATHAN NASH
Pastor

OUR VISION


To build a thriving church family
that supports a flourishing neighborhood
community that becomes a transformative
force for the city of Nashville.

OUR TEAM



Nicole Valentine, Director of Community Relations, Jonathan Nash, Pastor; DeCarlos Robinson, Director of Ministry

“As I look back on 2024, I’m grateful that we were able to host or participate in over 20 community events, and every event had an NKT or Midtown member present to support.”


NICOLE VALENTINE
Director of Community Relations

“I see not just the conversations that we had, but also the transformation that took place.

In 2024, we launched the Mission: Beautiful group and Men on the Move, a time in the Word, but also a space where voices rose, cultural perspectives were shared, and hard conversations about race and identity filled the room.

It was a deeply meaningful season where vulnerability and transparency were modeled, and difficult discussions became the catalyst for real growth.”


DeCARLOS ROBINSON
Director of Ministry

“Thanks to NKT, I have experienced real change—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.”

ASHLEY SMITH, NKT member

OUR HISTORY

2017

Nash family moves to Napier community and begins food ministry

2018

First gardens planted in the Napier community

2019

NKT leadership team meets, following a vision for a cross-cultural church plant

2020

Tornado and pandemic begin to open doors for NKT ministry

2021

House church services and youth group meetings begin

2022

Wider Napier community attends gatherings and lease is signed on space

2023

NKT team moves into new space and starts worship services

2024

1 year of worship, 20 community events, 6+ weekly programs, averaging 50 regular attendees

2024 NKT RECAP

100 produce partnership subscriptions from Midtown

4 months of weekly produce delivery to Napier

20 community events including a Fish Fry, Teen Boat Day, & Fall Festival

17 teens completed a teen culinary & finance internship program

900+ gift cards donated from Midtowners to fund Christmas shopping

135 Midtowners from seventeen discipleship groups volunteered with NKT

1 year of weekly church services averaging 50 attendees per week

55 people trained at two Napier 201 education events with Midtown

300+ meals shared at three summer grillouts for the community in NKT backyards

78 hours of trauma therapy with Dr. Eboni Webb in this year alone

more than 20 relationships with non-profit partners in the area

70 neighbors attending community meals on average

We are so excited for what's to come at NKT!

As members grow deeper in their faith, we are also preparing for a significant milestone. This spring, members of the Diaconate Team will undergo training and be officially launched to serve the Napier community. This initiative will not only strengthen our church but also create pathways for other Midtown congregations to join Mission: Beautiful.

A WEEK IN NAPIER:

SUNDAY Family Meal & Worship Service

MONDAY Family Skills / Moms' Lunch & Group Therapy

TUESDAY Men's Mentoring & Employment Support; Literacy Support

WEDNESDAY Mission Beautiful Group & CWW-NKT Teen Culinary Program

THURSDAY Outreach & Social Services Support

SATURDAY Varying Field Trips & Entrepreneur Club

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