



NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

— GROWING TOGETHER —

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The Shepherds would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Northside Family and commend you for your generosity and continued stewardship during the current pandemic.

The very first act of the church, as a body, recorded in Acts 2 was the giving to those in need from those who had an abundance (Acts 2.44-45).

God has blessed us so richly in this country that we are unaccustomed to having a large number of our church members in physical need. However, today we are traveling uncharted waters as we adjust to the current economic reality and prepare for the immediate future.

A part of the CARES Act recently passed by Congress provides a \$1,200 tax rebate to individuals and a \$2,400 tax rebate to married couples. This comes as a welcome relief to those who are struggling financially because of the current economic shutdown. However, for many of us, this will be disposable income that's unnecessary for meeting our financial needs.

The Shepherds will set up an account dedicated to assisting any members of our Northside Family who are unable to meet their monthly financial obligations due to the shut down. We will fund this account through donations from members who wish to share all or part of their tax rebate.

If you are able and desire to share in this way, please make your check to Northside and designate your gift by writing "Special Needs" in the memo field on the check. During this time of social distancing, you can mail your check to the church office (917 North East Street, Benton, AR 72015). You may also give online and identify your gift as "Special Needs" in the online memo field. All of these gifts will be used strictly for benevolence.

If the Covid-19 pandemic has caused you to be laid off, have had your work hours reduced, or other negative impact to your business, and you find yourself in financial need, please let one of the Shepherds know. Or, if you know of a Northside Family member in need who might be reluctant to let us know on their own, please reach out to one of the Shepherds or member of the Ministry Staff. All requests will be held with strict confidentiality. During this time, we want and need to be present for each other.

Our desire is to follow the example of the first century church and provide for those in the Family of God in need by those of us who have an abundance.

Again, thank you so much your continued generosity and your acts of kindness shown to the church and the community during this current crisis. You are shining the light of Jesus by your actions.

We Love You,
The Shepherds

Prayer List:

- **For the health of our nation**, both physically in the face of the virus crisis and spiritually as we seek God's help and healing.
- **For our Health Care workers** – we have many in our church family actively involved in medical care. Let's pray daily for their health, energy and strength as they serve during this time.
- **For the Economic impact** – for individuals and families in our church family whose financial stability and job security have been impacted by the crisis.
- **McKenzie Howell** and **Lori Stevens** are both scheduled to be induced into labor on Wednesday.
- **Mark Glover**, nephew of Sarilee Nash and Cindy Wallace, had surgery for prostate cancer on Friday in Alabama.
- **Betty Humphries** (Gary Lowe's mother), **Glenn Sullivan** (Sue Matheny's brother), **Steve White** (cousin of Carroll & Tom Davis) are in Hospice Care.
- **Sue Matheny** remains in Saline Memorial Hospital.
- **Heath Nix**, Kari Caradine's brother, is improving and now in a regular room at Baptist Hospital.
- **Neal Styles** was admitted to Baptist Thursday through the ER for tests and observation.

Continue to remember:

Joe Campbell
 Charles Caradine
 Cash Clancy
 Oliver DeSpain
 Susan Dorsey
 Don & Patricia Flowers
 Kelley Geurin
 Cathy Hagameier
 Glenn & Sylvia Kays
 Rod Kirk
 Wilma Lunsford
 James & Margarete Mayberry
 Margaret Organ
 Sharon Pearson
 Eugene Puckett
 Diana Richard
 Catherine Roberts
 Bess Sanders
 Johnny Scroggins
 Micah Sexson
 Patsy Steele
 Phil Stinnett
 Letha Styles
 Fred & Edith Swaim
 Randy Townsend
 Sissy Treat
 Billie Wilson
 Bartha Wise
 Syble Womack

Sympathy & Thanksgiving

Our sympathy and prayers to **Eric Scism** and his extended family on the passing of his aunt, **Howardine Martin**. Ms. Martin passed away early Tuesday in Oklahoma.

Our sympathy and prayers for **Mary Styles** and her extended family on the passing of **Mary's sister, Rachel Lacy**. She passed away last Saturday evening at Fox Ridge.

Ms. **Syble Womack** wanted to express her thanks to those who sent her Easter cards. "I received 20 Easter cards, and it just meant so much!"

