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Good morning, Northside family, friends and guests! Welcome to Easter Sunday, a special day in which the Christian community worldwide celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We're very grateful you've chosen to worship with Northside today and trust you will be warmly welcomed and blessed by our worship together.

Next Sunday, we will have our annual Friend's Day! If you are visiting us this morning, we invite you to come again next Sunday. To our members, remember to invite a friend as your guest next Sunday.

In the lead up to this morning, Northside was privileged this past week to host the Saline County Ministerial Alliance's annual Holy Week services. Each day during the lunch hour, friends from across many different churches in Benton and Saline County gathered in our Outreach Building to enjoy a meal, fellowship, and a devotional message. The theme for this year's messages was "*Perspectives on the Cross*" (the religious leaders, Pilate, the Roman Centurion, Simon of Cyrene, and the women all based in Mark 15). **Jimmy Mitchell** did a fantastic job leading acapella worship and **Billy McLain** delivered an inspiring message to close the week on Friday. A very special thank you to all those who prepared chili for lunch on Thursday – it was all wonderful! And an extra big thank you to **Marilyn Black, Donna Bowers, Ruthie Burgess, June Cox, Betty Davis, Sue Edwards, Martin Feeny, Stephanie Howell, Billy McLain, Margaret Organ, Linda Pike, John & Carol Shelton, Mary Stuart** who volunteered their time to set up, serve and clean so that all attending experienced great hospitality.

This week, several groups involved in the John 3.17 Ministry will be in our area promoting their ministry and fundraising dinner on May 31 at the Benton Event Center. There is information available about the fundraiser on the table beneath the bulletin board near the church office. Also, we're blessed to have **Johna Lawrence** with us this morning. Johna is a recent graduate and current staff member at John 3.17. She can provide all the information you need if you'd like to know how to be involved.

As a church, we are acutely aware of the anguish caused by the abuse of prescription drugs. The Arkansas Prescription Drug Take Back Day, an initiative that began right here in Benton with the vision of former Police Chief Kirk Lane (now the statewide Drug Director) will be held this coming Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Drop off sites are Ferguson's Furniture (1200 Ferguson Drive) and Kroger Marketplace (20820 I-30). The goal of this event is to remove expired and unused prescription drugs (supplements also accepted) from the access of anyone tempted to abuse them. For more information, visit artakeback.org.

May is going to be a big month for Northside. Here's some of what lies in store during the month of May: Sunday, May 5 – *Senior Sunday* to honor the graduates of the class of 2019; Sunday, May 12 – *Mother's Day* and annual newborn and their parents' dedication day; Sunday, May 19 – *Bilingual Worship* assembly as our English and Spanish speaking congregations will worship together; Sunday, May 26 – *Evening assembly* at Johnson Street Church of Christ.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

This Thursday at 11:30 a.m. is our April **JOY Group** Potluck. This will be a great time to get out of your house and enjoy some fun, fellowship and delicious food.

For our guests today, JOY (Just Older Youth) Group is the name we give to those 55 and older here at Northside. We'd love to invite you, if you admit to falling in that age group, to this Thursday's meal. As a first-time guest, you don't even have to bring a dish (though you are welcome to, should you wish!). We usually play games, laugh at corny jokes, or occasionally have a guest speaker on a topic of common interest, and we definitely enjoy lots of good conversation. So, I hope you'll come if you can.

Another important mid-week event happens every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. A few years ago during the winter months, we began a morning hour of praise, prayer and Bible study. When the time changed and the weather turned warmer, we decided to continue this study as an option for participants who choose, whether out of convenience or just appreciating a smaller, more intimate setting for spiritual growth. By the way, the same lesson is taught each Wednesday morning that is taught in the Worship Center in the evening at 6:30 p.m. The current topic is a study of *Philippians*. This week we'll begin Philippians 4. If this works for you, we'd love you to join us.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

This week has been a great blessing for the Northside Hispanic ministry. Last Saturday **Mark and Martha Littlejohn** of Rogers, Arkansas came to support us here in Benton. Since Monday we have used the mornings to visit families who are a bit isolated from the life of the church to encourage and confirm the faith. We have also been studying the gospel message with our regular visitors. Also, during the week in the evenings, we are having small groups in homes. Last Monday, a group of families met at **Juanita's** house, Tuesday at **Carlos'** house, Wednesday all together in the church building, Thursday at my house and Friday at **Javier's** house. The meetings have been of great edification in the Word of God, fellowship has strengthened the relations between the members, and the message of salvation is being planted in the hearts of the friends invited. With all these activities it has been a busy week for Mark, Martha and me, but the joy in Christ for all has filled our hearts with peace, hope and salvation.

Conner's Contemplations

Good Morning and Happy Easter! I hope we all stayed safe during our floods on Thursday and I hope we were able to spend time with family and friends during our weekend! What an amazing God we serve, one that gave his son to die and be sacrificed for us!

Speaking of his sacrifice I want to bring your attention to emptiness.

Yes emptiness. Typically we associate the word empty with negative connotation. I think of an empty stomach. An empty stomach usually means pain and eventually could mean death. I think of an empty gas tank. An empty gas tank means our car is no longer going to drive. It will be stuck and not even start sometimes. I think of empty Easter eggs. In my family an empty Easter egg meant that someone had already found it and taken the candy out. So emptiness for me was usually associated with disappointment. An emptiness that may hit a little closer to home for some of us comes from empty promises. Empty promises usually leave us sad and disheartened. An empty promise was a promise that was not followed through on. When someone is said to "make empty promises" it almost always means he or she is a well known liar. He or she cannot keep his or her promises.

But I want to challenge you to think of empty in a different way. Think of what it means for us today. The tomb is empty! The tomb that was supposed to ensnare Jesus for all of eternity (which is representative of death) could not defeat him. Nothing could defeat him. I want to challenge you think of emptiness as hope. The tomb is empty and because of that we have hope of eternal life, hope of defeating death, and hope of eternity with Jesus. Isn't emptiness just amazing?

Reminder: Please do not forget Senior Sunday coming up on May 5. A reminder will go out twice per week about photos, dates, and set up! Deadline to turn in your pictures & music is April 28.

Corin Read Camp Information

Senior Camp for 4th-12th grade: Saturday, June 8—Wednesday, June 12. Families are encouraged to come at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday for the closing devotional. Cost \$115. *Non-refundable* deposit of \$50 and application due May 21.

Beginners Camp for 1st-3rd grade: Friday, June 14—Saturday June 15. Cost \$30. *Non-refundable* deposit of \$15 and application due May 21. Registration: www.northsidecofc.info/crcc

Events in April

TODAY: Happy Easter

MONDAY: Teens Softball game 6:15 on field 2 and 7:15 on field 1. Please go out and support our team.

MONDAY: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older. If you have any questions, please call **Ken Covington** at 501-213-7186.

WEDNESDAY: Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: GriefShare class 6:30-8:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Financial Peace University

WEDNESDAY: You can begin to bring items for the yard sale

THURSDAY: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30. If you are 55 years of age or older, please join us. We have good food, fun and fellowship.

SATURDAY: Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale. All proceeds will benefit our youth group activities/camp scholarships. If you need a scholarship for any of our camps, you must work the yard sale.

April 28: Deadline to turn in your senior pictures for the video/slide show. Please turn in 15-20 photos. If possible, please put them on a flash drive.

April 29: Teens Softball game 6:15 on field 2 and 7:15 on field 2.

April 29-May 2: Gospel campaign for Main Street Church of Christ in Stuttgart.

2 year olds through 12th graders: Bring your Bibles to class on Sunday evenings, Wednesday nights, and Sunday mornings during the month of April. Each time you bring your Bible, you will be rewarded with a coupon for a free small ice-cream cone from Dairy Queen. It was fantastic to see how many kids brought their Bibles on Wednesday.

"Dear Northside Family, Thank you so very much for the many acts of kindness, food, visits and most of all prayers during my tests and surgery. Keep the prayers going. I still have more procedures to be done. In Christian Love, Edith Swaim."

"I just wanted to thank my church family for the outpour of love prayers and gifts me and the girls received last Sunday. Life can be overwhelming at times and y'all give me the strength and courage I need to keep pushing through. God's love shines through each and everyone of you and it 's ABSOLUTELY AMAZING! Love, Susan, Lauryn, Haleigh, Emily & Gracie Mann."

Love Notes and Heartstrings

The ladies retreat last weekend was the highlight of my spring! The topic was *"He Touched Me"* and began with **Susan Mann** and **Brenda Oliver** sharing their journey of the past few years and how they were touched by the love of Jesus and trusted their faith in Him. Saturday was **Kay Gowen** sharing scripture and songs about how Jesus touches us and how to use our faith and love to touch others. We played a game called speed-friending to get to know each other better and made sugar scrubs. There were groups of ladies playing other games, visiting and lots of laughter. Then we get to hear Jim's message on Sunday on the touch of Jesus and how people longed to touch him and be in His presence! I'm already looking forward to next year. Save the date! April 24-25, 2020

May Events

May 5: Senior Sunday

May 9: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00-12:00. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

May 12: Mother's Day

May 12: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00

May 12: Last LIFE group for the children

May 14: Harmony Grove Graduation

May 16: Benton High School Graduation

May 17: Bauxite High School Graduation

May 19: Wedding Shower honoring **Nick Quinn & Natalie Hampel** 2:00-4:00 in the outreach building. They are registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond & Dillard's.

May 19: Combined worship with our Hispanic families

May 20: Bryant High School Graduation

May 25: Clay Williams & Erica Smith will be united in marriage at 5:30 in our worship center. RSVP by May 4 if you will be attending.

May 26: Blood Drive 10:30-1:30

May 31: John 3:17 fundraiser @ the Benton Event Center. Catered by John 3:16 Ministries. Cost \$10.00

Prayer List: Kelley Geurin has been moved to Amberwood Health & Rehab, room 202. **Hayley Haltom** has been diagnosed with a case of shingles. **Ronnie Hastings**, Todd's dad, had successful triple bypass surgery and aortic valve replacement last week. **Nick Nichols** is in Arkansas Hospice Care at St. Vincent's Little Rock in room 7014. **Mark Shepard** received good MRI results and doesn't have to return for one year. **Rickey Treat** is now at home after receiving an implanted heart defibrillator last week. **Bartha Wise** is now at home after being treated at the Heart Hospital last week for A-fib. **Syble Womack** has been battling an infection.

Continue to remember: Audrey Auguston, Linda Ball, Clint Barnhart, Haylee Barnes, Blythe Bowers, Cheryl Bradford, Tyler Buck, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, James Carlisle, James Chandler, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Steve Connors, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Cathy Gall, Dave Garner, Tammy Givens, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Jim Hobbs, Richard Hooton, Betty Howell, Grady Howell, Russell Johnson, Barbara Joiner, Joe Kaderabek, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Caleb Lambert, Reba Leonard, Lance Lieblong, Kim Lindgren, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Nikki Magee, Peggy Manning, Robert & Sue Matheny, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Carol Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Terri Orrell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Whitney Redmon, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Roy & Barbara Slaughter, Janice Smith, Joyce Smith, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Shelly Thompson, Jeanette Underwood, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
Carroll Davis Randy Mitchell
Tom Davis Rob Nossaman
Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway
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Justin Dorsey Charlie Manning
Curtis Evans Billy McLain
Julio Flores Steve Smith
Kelley Geurin Alejo Solis
Chris Givens Freddy Swaim
Javier Guzman

Staff

Jim Gardner
Stephanie Howell
Billy McLain
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: April 14, 2019

Bible Classes	349
AM Worship	559
PM Worship	155
Wednesday	240
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$11,763.52

Service Schedule

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study-Hispanic	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship-Hispanic	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Children's Bible Hour	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-Hispanic	7:00 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.--4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.--Noon

10:00 AM Worship

Jimmy Mitchell.....	Worship Leader
Jesus Is Lord.....	180
Todd Hastings.....	Welcome & Family News
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.....	145
Victory in Jesus.....	470
In Christ Alone.....	PH
Mark Smith.....	Prayer
How Deep the Father's Love.....	PH
James Ireland.....	Communion Devo & Offering
I Am a Sheep.....(offering song).....	533
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....	1014
He Lives.....	346
Jeremy Clay.....	2 Corinthians 4.5-9
Jim Gardner.....	"Rise and Shine"
Blessed Assurance.....	480
It Is Well with My Soul.....	490
Tom Davis.....	Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Jessica Hurst & Contessa Scism

Toddler Nursery

Bernadette Rockwell, Jenniva Mitchell, Naomi Givens

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Tommy Clifton

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Shannon Lincoln

Pantry Needs:

Cereal, Toilet tissue, Dishwashing liquid
We are in desperate need of spaghetti sauce.

The backpack program for Caldwell, Howard Perrin schools & ALC Program is in need of individual Mac n Cheese, individual applesauce cups, pudding cups, fruit cups, pop tarts, peanut butter or cheese crackers, individual chip bags, juice boxes and Capri sun. Please put your items in the tubs just outside the children's worship room in the multipurpose area.

GOD'S HELP IS ONLY
A PRAYER AWAY.

NEED PRAYER

An Elder and his wife will be in the Elders' office after services to pray with anyone that needs prayer. Elder and his wife this week:

Jim & Linda Acree