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Good morning, Northside family and friends who've joined us today for Friends Day. For those who may be visiting today after being with us last Sunday for Easter, welcome back. You honor God and us today by your visit and we're immensely grateful for your presence among us today.

Last Sunday, the fourth largest gathering in the 74-year history of Northside worshipped God and celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. 704 were present last Sunday and what a blessed morning of worship we experienced! Let's not leave the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to an annual celebration. The power of the resurrection message is meant to inspire and infuse us with hope and confidence every day. *"Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing"* (Frederick Buechner). Jesus's death was not the last word, and because of his resurrection, ours needn't be either! Praise God for the Good News of the Gospel – the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Because Jesus lives, not lived, but lives, and because the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead is living in us, we have every reason to be confident about the future! Stan Coffey writes, *"Because Jesus lives his purpose is unchangeable. Jesus said, 'I did not come into the world to condemn the world; I came into the world to save the world.' Jesus did not come to make you feel guilty, to condemn you, to heap on guilt, blame and shame. He came to take those things off your shoulders. He came to relieve you of guilt, to forgive your sin, to show you real life, to show you that you can have a new beginning!"*

Isn't that Good News? Good News for today...and tomorrow...and into eternity!

This Thursday, the annual National Day of Prayer will be held nationwide and the gathering for Saline County will begin at 12:00 noon on the Courthouse Lawn near the gazebo in Benton. This national observance began in 1952 and is held on the first Thursday each May. I hope you will join me in praying alongside our friends for the Sovereign God to reign in our hearts, our city, our county, our state and our nation. The theme this year is "Love One Another" based on Jesus' words in John 13.34. There are brochures available this morning on the table in the foyer. You can also visit nationaldayofprayer.org for additional information.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the graduates for the Class of 2019. **Conner Smith** will speak during the morning assembly next week and his message is sure to encourage not only our graduates but us all. Following worship, there will be a luncheon and time to celebrate the seniors in the Outreach Building (see the inside of today's bulletin for more information). My personal congratulations to **Jake, Nathan, Houston, Matt, Alex, Chris, Jesse, Hannah, Zack, Rachel, Parker** and **Braden**, and their families, on reaching this milestone in your lives. Your Northside family loves you, is proud of you, and will be praying for your launch into a future guided and led by our Sovereign God.

Also coming up in May: Mother's Day/Newborn & their parents Dedication Day – May 12; Bilingual Worship assembly with our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters – May 19; Sunday evening Memorial Day weekend worship at Johnson Street – May 26.

I Love You all, Jim

Shepherd's Note

"Hurry is not of the Devil. Hurry is the Devil" (Carl Jung).

Spring is a time when all things seem to speed up. More outdoor events, the approaching end of the school year, time with family, longer days of sunlight, the seasonal joy of more pollen, etc. It can also be a time when we move our relationship with God over to the side to make time for all these other events in our life. It is a bit easier to "just miss this Sunday" or "we just lost track of time." Our time spent with God is vital to deepening our relationship with the Creator. In James 1:12-14, James opens his letter by encouraging the faithful. *"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say 'God is tempting me.' God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away"* (NLT). While Spring offers so many gifts from God of the Earth coming back to life after Winter and we get to experience the majesty of God's handiwork, never forget this admonition from Psalms 46:10, *"Be still and know that I am God!"*

Billy's Thoughts

The word commencement that we usually hear around this time of the year, and never at other times, really is appropriate. I remember wondering about this word as I was ending my senior year of high school. Was not this the end of high school, so why call it the beginning (to commence means to begin or to start, thus commencement means a beginning or a start).

Now, quite a bit older, I get it. Commencement is a beginning of:

...more decisions made by me (not my parents). While that sounds at a minimum intriguing, this freedom may generate legitimate fear. Will I choose the best for me, for others, for my future, for my faith? We have way too many examples of peers, and adults, too, who have made poor choices, some big time.

...more responsibility. Now this one is a really big one, because at 17 or 18 most of us are not sure we want to take on all the responsibility that adulthood requires, and that until now has been shared, or even handled completely for us by parents and other adult close relatives and friends. Yet commencement throws us into a world expecting us to shoulder a lot more than as a high school senior.

...more opportunities. In high school, you used to pretty much follow a curriculum laid out for you. But now, in the workplace, or and if you enter college, there too you get to look for where you can do your best work using your gifts, intellect and interests. You get to choose among competing options.

Thinking of these three beginnings, take home Philippians 4:8; may it help you navigate this new world you are commencing to explore: *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."* It's your choice, opportunity and responsibility! May God bless you with increasing wisdom, strength and clear pathways ahead.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Congratulations to **Jose & Leticia Echegoyen** who were married last Saturday celebrating the special day with the church. They are a young couple of the congregation. They attended our annual marriage seminar last February and know the importance of being married. It was a special day for them. After the ceremony we all enjoyed a reception where we met many Hispanics from the community in the Outreach Building.

This last week was the second week of small groups. During the mornings **Mark, Martha** and I have been visiting families during the day, and small groups in the evenings. Monday was at **Juanita's** house, Tuesday at **Alejo & Marissa's** house, Thursday at **Omar & Meli** house, and Friday at **Fernando & Lorena's** house. Our brothers Mark and Martha have been a great blessing to the Hispanic ministry. This week is the last week of small groups and then they will be getting ready to go back to Rogers, Arkansas.

Conner's Contemplations

Summer is just around the corner! We have so many events to kick off our summer and many service opportunities later in the quarter!

I want to issue a reminder to all parents: **Uplift Registration** is up and going and cost is \$250 and the dates are June 15-20. If you register, just select Northside in Benton and your teen will be registered with our group and he or she will be in the dorms with the rest of our students in a group! We could always use a few more chaperones for Uplift. If you are willing please see me!

Also, **Senior Parents:** Today is the last day to turn in photos and the song for the senior slide show! You need 15-20 photos! You can begin decorating your senior's table on Friday evening!

Junior Parents: We will start setting up for Senior Sunday on Wednesday night after class and continue all the way until Friday (if needed). We might be able to knock out the whole deal in one night, but we have extra time just in case! Also, Juniors and their parents will serve the seniors food and drink on Sunday for the pot-luck! Please bring food for this event! It would be much appreciated!

Events in April

TODAY: Deadline for the seniors to turn in their pictures for the video/slide show. Please turn in 15-20 photos. If possible, please put them on a flash drive. Our seniors this year are **Jake Burton, Nathan Clay, Houston Colson, Matt & Alex Ferguson, Chris Garcia, Jesse Gober, Hannah Ireland, Zack LaSage, Rachel Mayes, Parker Nichols & Braden Norris.**

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

May Events

May 2: National Day of Prayer. Please see Jim's article for more info.

May 4: Workday at Corin Read Christian Camp

May 5: Senior Sunday—We will have a potluck following a.m. worship. Please bring enough food for your family and extra for out guest.

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

May 11: Workday at Corin Read Christian Camp

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 21: Deadline to turn in deposit for camp. You can either may online, give your deposit to the office, **Wes Ader, Stephanie Howell or Charlie Manning.**

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

"Dear Northside Church Family, Chief and I want to thank you for your love and care over the past six years. We will miss you tremendously. Thank you for our going-away reception and gifts...You still have our well-being at heart...we'll be eating for a while! With a bitter-sweet goodbye and Lord willing, we'll see you again. Love to All, Chief & Nora Sandlin"

Congratulations to Terri Orrell. She graduated last week and is now a Special Agent in the Diplomatic Security Service.

Steve & Cheryl Smith

And

Ed & Lori Williams

Request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Erica Demie

and

Clayton Edward

Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May

Two thousand and Nineteen

At half past 5 O'clock in the evening

Northside Church of Christ

Please RSVP by May 4th

Call or text to 501-517-4969

We have had several of our members who have lost loved ones recently. We extend sympathy to:

Paige Garrett in the sudden death of her step-brother, **John Gathright.** His funeral was last week.

Kelli Ruff in the death of her aunt, **Peggy Ruff,** last week. Her service was last week in Harrison.

Clifton Sheridan in the passing of his uncle, **Ray Lewis.** His funeral was last week in Alabama.

Virginia Smith, a former member at Northside, in the unexpected death of her son, **Robert.** His funeral was last week.

Prayer List: Joe Arnold, Tammy Givens' dad, has had a recurrence of leukemia. **Clint Barnhart,** Rick & Melba VanZandt's son-in-law, is experiencing some complications in his recovery from cervical spine surgery. **Kelley Geurin** is now at home. **Ronnie Hastings,** Todd's dad and Terry Hastings' brother, has been moved to CV step-down #3. **Carolyn Heckendorff,** Lewis Pryor's cousin, has been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. **Sarah Johnson** is receiving twice daily IV antibiotic infusions for an infection. **Nick Nichols** is in Arkansas Hospice Care at St. Vincent's Little Rock in room 7014.

Continue to remember: Audrey Auguston, Linda Ball, 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, Hayley Haltom, 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, 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, Rickey Treat, Jeanette Underwood, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
Carroll Davis Randy Mitchell
Tom Davis Rob Nossaman
Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway
Richard Wallace

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Chairman thru June: Rick Treadway

Deacons

Wes Ader Michael Haltom
Carlos Bautista Alex Hamilton
Gary Black Josh Hastings
Jarred Crow Todd Hastings
Rodney Crownover Phillip Howell
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 21, 2019

Bible Classes	300
AM Worship	704
PM Worship	121
Wednesday	269
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$15,823.26

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
We Shall Assemble.....718
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
He Has Made Me Glad.....103
Beautiful Things.....PH
Just a Little Talk with Jesus.....959
Rick Treadway.....Prayer
Calvary.....PH
Norman Hurst.....Communion Devo & Offering
God Is the Fountain Whence.....(offering song).....117
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children's song).....1014
Heaven Came Down.....517
Jarred Crow.....Ecclesiastes 4.9-12
Jim Gardner....."That Friend"
Just As I Am/I Come Broken.....PH
We Shall Wear A Crown.....PH
Todd Ferguson.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Gary & Angie Lowe

Toddler Nursery

Bernadette Rockwell, Jenniva Mitchell, Naomi Givens

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Tommy Clifton

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Teresa Phillips

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:

Carroll & Betty Davis