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Good morning, Northside Family.

Last Sunday evening, **Julie Johnson** was baptized into Jesus by her dad, **Ben**. Julie is now a third generation member of the Northside family, the daughter of **Christie & Ben Johnson** and the granddaughter of **John & Jean Corley**. It was beautiful to see her supportive family's joy at her new birth in Christ. Julie is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and attends Bethel Middle School. Welcome to the Family of God, Julie! We're so proud of your new commitment to Christ!

This past Wednesday, it was great to see and welcome back to Northside **Dale Mannon**. Dale was the Youth Minister at Northside from 1985-1987 (when I was in junior high!) and was a phenomenal mentor to many of us who grew up at Northside. He married a Benton girl, **Lauri Watts**, and soon after moved to Scott Depot, West Virginia to begin preaching at the Pine Grove Church of Christ. Today, Dale and Lauri are the parents of five children, three grandchildren, and have served for the past 21 years at the Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. I know you all who knew and were touched by Dale's ministry were excited to welcome him back.

Looking ahead, we're two weeks away from Easter Sunday and three weeks away from Friend's Day. Have you been praying about someone in your life – a friend, neighbor, family member or work associate – that you can invite as your guest? Easter Sunday and Friend's Day are ideal opportunities to invite someone you love and care about to worship with us. Be praying specifically for that person(s) to receive your invitation and commit to being your guest on either or both of those Sundays.

There are a host of upcoming events for Northside. Be sure to read both **Billy** and **Conner's** articles inside today's bulletin for more information about what's on the horizon. Also, check the upcoming events in today's bulletin for additional details about what lies in store.

In that vein, this past Thursday, I was blessed to spend time with **Johna Lawrence**. Johna was in town with **Jim Woodell** and **Suzanne Rudd**, the Directors of John 3.17 Ministry. They were here to tour the Benton Event Center and finalize plans for a fundraising dinner to benefit John 3.17 on Friday, May 31. I'd love for you to circle that date on your calendars and make plans to enjoy a delicious dinner catered by the John 3.16 Ministry catering team, served by the ladies in the John 3.17 recovery ministry, and an inspiring program of praise and personal stories of the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. For more information about John 3.17 ministry, check out [john317ministry.org](http://john317ministry.org).

This morning, we'll continue our journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. We're a quarter of the way through Mark's Good News story of Jesus and in a section where Jesus demonstrates his power over disaster (Mark 4.35-41), demons (Mark 5.1-20), disease (Mark 5.25-34) and death (Mark 5.21-24, 35-43). What we fear most has already proven to be eternally powerless in the presence of our Savior's power. May this section of Mark infuse our souls with security that He is able...and willing!

I Love You all,  
Jim

### *Billy's Thoughts*

Thanks to **Stephanie Howell** for a tremendous amount of initiative and planning for last evening's Teachers' Appreciation Dinner. As one who works to recruit our adult teachers and LIFE Group leaders, let me say how important those of you who teach God's Word to children, teens or adults truly are. Thank you! May I also put in a plug to any of you who feel a calling to teach to let me, Stephanie, or Conner (who welcomes adults to help in the work with our teens) know of your interest.

Growing churches like Northside and active communities offer many good opportunities to personally serve and grow – the weeks ahead are no exception. Of course, the Spring Ladies' Retreat is next Friday and Saturday. While it is too late to sign up for it this year, we can all pray for its blessing to participants and presenters. Also, Friday evening and Saturday morning we hope to accomplish work at Corin Read Christian Camp. There is construction, interior cleaning, and yard work to do. If you want to spend the night Friday, that is an option. My thought is to cook out hotdogs over a fire in the fireplace Friday night and enjoy some fellowship time together before sleeping in the cabins.

Also this coming Saturday is the annual Benton Easter Egg hunt. Northside will have a booth. **Donna Bowers** is needing help to distribute a gift (Smarties candy) and a flyer inviting children and their families to our VBS and to worship with us Easter Sunday (April 21) and Friend's Day (April 28). The hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn at the Saline County Courthouse.

The following week (April 15-19) we are hosting meals each day at noon in the Outreach Building with devotional messages from Mark 15 on "Perspectives on the Cross." In addition to help serving the meals - if interested, please talk to **Donna Bowers** – you can come and help **Jimmy Mitchell** minister through simply adding your voice to worship through singing acapella hymns of praise to God.

Also, due to the above use of the Outreach Building, our JOY Group potluck has been postponed by a week. It will take place Thursday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m.

By the way, **Melissa Baxley** hosts an Alzheimer's support group the second Thursday of each month in room 19 at 11:00 a.m. (that's this Thursday). For many of us, we may think that this is not for us; we may be thinking we don't have a close relative with this type of dementia. Be that as it may, you will benefit, and bless those who are currently helping a loved one through this challenging disease. And down the road you may need the information to help a friend or loved one (or your future self) dealing with this or another form of dementia. I have benefited from participating. Perhaps I'll see you there Thursday.

### *Hispanic Happenings with Fernando*

"Living as Jesus, worshiping, growing, serving and fellowship together to bring others to Him." That statement has been our purpose in the Northside Hispanic ministry. Everything we do has the purpose of glorifying God as we think of others who do not know Him. One of His commands is to "*Go and make disciples*" and we strongly believe that we will need a plan to do it. Our plan is clearly known in the Hispanic ministry. Our plan is based on four areas. One is our assemblies. What a great opportunity to make our guests feel comfortable and welcome. Sometimes if we are not careful, we enjoy so much being together as brothers and sisters and don't think of our visitors that they leave without feeling welcome. If we plan our assemblies to glorify God and welcome our visitors, we believe that is part of making disciples. Also, our testimony in Christ helps make disciples. Our children see our life example at home, at work, at school. Part of the plan is our daily conversations about our faith with people that we are in contact with. Our fellowship time thinking and planning how to present Jesus to our guests. If we work in these four areas, and we live as Jesus, worshiping, growing, serving and fellowshiping together, we believe we will bring others to Him and make disciples. Let's keep reaching others to Christ for His Glory.

### *Conner's Contemplations*

This week's article is going to cover a few youth events so that everyone can see the same information that would be posted on Facebook, text, and other social media.

First this evening, our teens are scheduled to go to Central Church of Christ in Little Rock for an Area-wide Devo! We will leave around 4:45 to get to Central and should be home around 8:00 p.m. Service starts at 5:30 and goes until 7:00. We will be taking the van, but if any parents might want to drive, that would much appreciated, as we may not have enough room.

Secondly, Senior Sunday is coming up on May 5! We will have a potluck after church that day, and during that potluck parents will have an opportunity to say a few words to their seniors. Also, we will have a video/slide show that will be shown while we are eating! Photos are due by April 28 (15-20 photos please). If possible please bring them to the office via flash drive!

Juniors/Parents of Juniors we have the Outreach Building reserved beginning Wednesday, May 1 to set up tables and decoration for the Potluck/Senior Sunday.

Seniors/Senior parents you can start setting up your memory tables on Friday, May 3, up until May 5 after Bible class!

Thirdly, we will have a fun day at Urban Air Park on Friday Night, April 26. Cost is TBD because we are looking to see if they will work with us on a group rate! As soon as we receive a cost it will be sent out via the Facebook page, text message, email, and announced in class as well as from the pulpit on Sunday.

### Upcoming Events

**TODAY:** Wedding shower honoring **Nick Rice & Madison Sipes** 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Young Adult & Others classroom (back of the old auditorium). This will be a gift card/money shower.

**TONIGHT:** "Spring Fling" Fellowship immediately after LIFE groups. Please bring finger foods/desserts to share.

**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

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

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY:** Ladies Retreat at CrossHeirs Retreat Center in Humphrey.

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY:** Men's Workday at Corin Read. See Billy's article for more information.

**April 14:** Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00. If you love to sing, please join this group. The residents at Mt. Carmel enjoy the singing.

**April 15-19:** Ministerial Alliance Services 11:30. Northside will be hosting this year.

**April 25:** 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.

**April 27:** Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale. All proceeds will benefit our youth group activities/camp scholarships. We can **NOT** accept donated items until Wednesday, April 24. Please do not bring any items until this date. We can not store them. If you need a scholarship for any of our camps, you must work the yard sale.

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

The meal prepared last Friday by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant was pot roast with potatoes and carrots, green bean casserole and corn. The dessert was prepared by **Carol Shepard**.

### Love Notes and Heartstrings

The ladies retreat sign up and payment has all been closed and we have a total of 54 ladies attending! This is wonderful and I am looking forward to spending time with you all! The retreat is being held at CrossHeirs Retreat Center, 140 Pintail Lane in Humphrey, AR. We do not take a bus, so please make your travel arrangements. The retreat center is easily found using google maps. Bring your personal items needed and any snacks or soft drinks you like. You do not need to bring bedding unless you want to bring your own pillow! Bring your Bible!

Check in is 3:00 pm or after on Friday. We will eat at 6:30! We will hear from **Brenda Oliver** and **Susan Mann** on Friday night and **Kay Gowan** will be our speaker on Saturday. Check out is at 3:00 pm.

If you have any other questions, call or text me at 501-776-7241! I'm praying that this retreat is just what we all need to get even closer with God and each other! Love, Trish

### May Events

**May 5: Senior Sunday**— See Conner's article on page 2 for more information

**May 12: Mother's Day**

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

**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. More information later.

**Prayer List:** **James Chandler**, Judy Whittington's dad, is wearing a 30-day heart monitor. **Ellen Fant** is suffering at home due to a stress fracture. **Tammy Givens** is also wearing a 30-day cardiac event monitor. **Ronnie Hastings**, Todd's dad, will have triple bypass surgery and aortic valve replacement on April 15. **Grady Howell**, Layton's brother, is now at home. **Russell Johnson** is recovering at home from successful rotator cuff surgery last week. **Joe Kaderabek** is home recovering from a cochlear implant procedure. **Glenn Kays** has been having trouble getting his pacemaker/defibrillator regulated. **Sue Matheny** will begin injections soon in her spine to hopefully give her relief from the arthritis pain she is having. **Nick Nichols** had emergency surgery last week for two cranial blood clots. He is on 3rd floor ICU bed 2 at St. Vincent Hospital North. He is expected to be there until Monday. At that time he most likely will be moved to a rehab facility. **Rickey Treat** will receive an implanted heart defibrillator at the Heart Hospital on April 12.

**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, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Steve Connors, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Cathy Gall, Dave Garner, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Jim Hobbs, Richard Hooton, Barbara Joiner, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Caleb Lambert, Reba Leonard, Lance Lieblong, Kim Lindgren, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Nikki Magee, Peggy Manning, Robert 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, Bess Sanders, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, 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  
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Carlos Bautista Michael Haltom  
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Curtis Evans Charlie Manning  
Julio Flores Billy McLain  
Kelley Geurin Steve Smith  
Chris Givens Alejo Solis  
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

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Jim Gardner  
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**Records: March 31, 2019**

Bible Classes	307
AM Worship	553
PM Worship	185
Wednesday	269
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$11,888.76

**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  
Stepping in the Light.....PH  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
Every Praise.....PH  
Beautiful Things.....PH  
Sweet By and By.....878  
Chris Givens.....Prayer  
Amazing Grace.....129  
Alex Hamilton.....Communion Devo & Offering  
It Is No Secret.....(offering song).....493  
Inright, Outright.....(children's song).....PH  
Above All.....PH  
Rick VanZandt.....1 John 3.7-10  
Jim Gardner.....“Good News...in a Graveyard?”  
Blessed Be Your Name.....PH  
May The Presence of the Lord.....PH  
Richard Wallace.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Amanda Ashton & Wendy Christy

**Toddler Nursery**

Amanda Ader & Stephanie Connell

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE groups**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Tammy Givens

**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:

**Rob & Sherry Nossaman**