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Good morning, Northside Family.

Here's hoping the new school year got off to a great start last week for all our students and faculty. It was pretty neat Wednesday evening seeing the excitement on the faces of our younger children. A new school year equals a new beginning! Make the most of it and know, whether you're a student or faculty member, your Northside Family is praying for you.

We also have a number of young adults who left this week or will leave this coming week for the fall semester of college. Among those, we have a group leaving home and heading off to college for the first time. When you pray, remember our college/university students also.

Today, one of our college students, **Nathan Mayes**, will share the sermon. Nathan is a double-major at Harding in Ministry and Art and spent this summer serving as a Youth Minister Intern. Today concludes Nathan's internship as he shares God's Word with us. Thank you, Nathan, for your servant leadership this summer and your investment in the spiritual life and growth of our teens.

Perhaps this morning when you arrived, you noticed a six-seat golf cart providing rides for folks. The golf cart was very generously donated to our church this past week by **Jeff & Ashley Roberts**. Members of our security team will now be able to provide a ride for those who might have difficulty walking or are forced to park a distance from the church building. Those needing assistance back to their car following worship this morning can be picked up outside the east doors (the covered driveway) of the lobby.

In addition, this week a team of men from John 3.16 Ministries will be here to re-stripe the parking areas adjacent to the church building. There will be some modification in order to provide additional handicapped parking spaces on the south side of the Worship Center.

A couple of beneficial class options will once again be offered on Wednesdays this Fall. Beginning September 4, both GriefShare and Financial Peace will begin. Both of these classes have been a blessing to a number of individuals, couples and families in our church and community. For more information about GriefShare, visit www.griefshare.org or see me today. For more information about Financial Peace, visit www.daveramsey.com/fpu or see **Carson** or **Jill Sloan**. The Sloans will once again lead Financial Peace and it will meet in Classroom 19-A. GriefShare will meet in my office. If you are interested, please sign up this morning on the bulletin board by the church office.

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4.16b-18).

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

You may be wondering how this fall's more intergenerational LIFE Groups can work. Andrew Mason's article, "*11 Ways to Value Children and Small Groups*," is very useful. He writes, "*Biblical disciples are formed in biblical community. Children are a blessing from God, not a deal-breaker for your own spiritual formation.*" Lorna Jenkins in her book, *Shouting in the Temple*, reminds that "*Jesus warned us to be careful about the way we treat children. The way we treat them is the way we treat him! 'When you welcome little ones like these,' he said, 'you are welcoming me.'*"

For many years, our LIFE Groups at Northside have tended to be segregated by age, with children meeting at the church building Sunday evenings separately from adults and teens meeting separately at the church building or in homes. This fall, kids will meet with their parents' LIFE Group.

You may wonder how we can make this work so that adults and kids both will benefit and chaos not ensue! Andrew Mason's article suggests include kids in the opening segment of the small group meeting (the icebreaker or discussion starter questions and prayer time). He says part of the meeting time might include an activity in another room for the children (this might be related to the study, or an age-appropriate video, or play time) supervised by adult members of the group each taking a turn, while adults continue their discussion separately. Some groups may simply include the kids together with adults during the entire LIFE group meeting.

Please pray for us as we make this change. It may seem strange, because it is different, but the natural way that kids learn the most important things in life is in community. We have an opportunity to help a new generation form great spiritual habits and learn great spiritual truths.

Next Sunday, you'll be able to choose and sign up for a LIFE Group. Most of the groups will begin meeting October 6 (although some may start earlier).

I still need 2-3 more male LIFE Group Leaders. Because the lessons are fairly straightforward and self-explanatory, you can follow the scripted question prompts and suggested Scripture readings and lead a very helpful time of learning and fellowship without the need for a great deal of advance prep time. Please let me know of your willingness.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Last Wednesday our new sister **Adriana Bautista** was baptized after our Bible class. She received several lessons about the Gospel message and how to obey the call to faith through baptism. She is a single mom of her three-year-old daughter **Isabella**. She works at Hampton Inn in Bryant.

On Monday and Wednesday mornings we are having small group Bible studies. Several brothers and sisters gather together at the Solis family home for a devotional and to study the Bible. Thank God Adriana attended on Mondays where she understood the Gospel message.

In three more weeks, we will have our church-wide retreat at Corin Read. Our theme is "*Identity*." We got this idea from the summer Northside teen camp. Our speaker will be **Adan Guerrero**, the Hispanic minister at Robinson Church of Christ in Springdale.

Conner's Contemplations

I want to talk a little about my relationship with Kaylee today. To me Kaylee is perfect just the way she is. If she showed up on our wedding day in her pajamas, no makeup, and with her hair not being washed in several days, I would still marry her anyway. Kaylee of course, would not do this, but I would accept it happily either way. I'm sure she would accept me if I did the same. However, she and I are doing the opposite. I am riding my bike every day I can to the church (sometimes even further) and I'm sort of dieting in hopes of losing some weight. I do this in order to get in shape so I look as appealing as possible to her on that day (and for our honeymoon). She is dieting and going to the gym for the same reason. I like that we are doing this for our wedding but I think this has a bigger application for lives. The church is commonly referred to as the Bride of Christ right? Think of this. Jesus would take his bride (the church) any way she came right? The church and Jesus have a relationship described similarly to a wife and husband. Each wife and husband would accept and love each other no matter what right? Exactly. Just like Kaylee and I would accept and love each other no matter what. However, Kaylee and I are doing the best we can to become the best we can for each other for the rest of our lives. We know we will be accepted and loved but we strive to be better anyway. The church should strive to do the same. Sometimes it can become hard because the church is made up of broken people. Just as I love all the parts that make up Kaylee, Christ loves all the parts that make up the church (us). Every part of Kaylee is working to be the best for me just as every part of me is for her. What if the church acted the same for Christ? What if the church didn't let traditions, and the old ways of doing things interfere with our betterment for the sake of Christ? What if we let go of all the pain and hurt, and gossip, and slander, fights, and opinions we hold? What if we let all these go for the betterment of the Church out of our love for Christ? If we can change ourselves for our spouse, why can't we do it for our Lord? Why can't we strive to be the best for him? Imagine the change that would occur if we strived to be the best for Christ as we do for Spouse on our wedding day. Imagine a church that truly wanted to be the best. Imagine a changed world. It could begin with a small change in each of us. Our individual change could impact the church. Our church could impact the world. Imagine a changed world. That should be our goal, to change the world, not for us, but for Christ.

Events This Week

TODAY: Bridal Shower honoring **Kaylee Rawls & Conner Smith** immediately after p.m. worship in the outreach building. Please bring finger foods to share. Drinks & dessert will be provided. They are registered at Amazon & Target.

TONIGHT: Rick Treadway speaks on Faith Hero: Noah

MONDAY: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

WEDNESDAY: Early Morning Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Classroom 19-A.

SATURDAY: Heartfelt Reveal Party at 11:00 in the OR building. Come enjoy finding out your group and a BBQ lunch.

Upcoming Events

August 26: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

August 30-September 2: Refresh for grades 8-12. TODAY is the deadline to sign up. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the office.

September 4: GriefShare begins at 6:30 in Jim's office. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the office.

September 4: Financial Peace class begins at 6:30 in classroom 19a. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the office.

September 19: JOY group potluck luncheon at 11:30 in the outreach building for anyone 55 years of age and older.

September 28: Fall Ladies Brunch and get together at 11:00 a.m. in the outreach building.

"Dear Northside Family, Thank you for the prayers and support through our families surgeries, health issues, and passing of James' grandmother. We are fortunate to be part of such a great church family. James & Paige Garrett"

We have received an invitation to attend a seminar Saturday, August 24, at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ. The topic is "Vital Talks-Seasons of Life Conversations." For more information see flyers on the table next to the office.

We have also received an invitation to attend a Gospel Meeting & Homecoming at Rison Church of Christ August 30-September 1. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

I have enjoyed seeing all the pictures of back to school kids and teachers! Now we are back to Heartfelt for the school year! The reveal party is Saturday, August 24 at 11:00 a.m. for the sisters and 9:30 a.m. for the moms. I am looking forward to our groups and the time we will spend together getting to know each other, devos, prayers and good food! If you committed, please make sure I have your mom or sister form.

Something else for your calendar is a Fall Ladies Brunch and get together on Saturday, September 28, at the Outreach building. Please see **Barbara Salley** for more information!

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10).

Mark Your Calendar for our Fall Adult Retreat September 20-22 at Corin Read Christian Camp. The speaker will be **Jonathan Storment**. The topic is "Yes or No: Everyday Decisions and the Kingdom of God". More details to come (including cost). Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office or by contacting **Jennifer Crow**.

It is time to collect money for the Romanian orphans that we support. Please give your monetary donations to **Shirley Wallace**.

Prayer List: Sherry Benton is now at home after having successful rotator cuff surgery last week. **Blythe Bowers** had an echocardiogram followed by 24 hour halter monitoring last week. **John Burgess** got cancer-free results from his recent CAT scan. **Joe Campbell** will begin radiation treatments on August 26. He will have treatments 5 days a week for 9 weeks. **Edna Faye Caradine** had imaging tests last week for an enlarged lymph node in her neck. **James Carlisle** has been diagnosed with spinal stenosis. **Susan Dorsey** will have four chemo treatments at 3 week intervals starting Wednesday. **Ruth East** will have surgery on Tuesday at Saline Memorial to repair a torn meniscus. **Janie Elliott** received another nerve block procedure on her back last week. **Holly Hart**, Zoie's mother, will have an MRI on Wednesday for possible thyroid cancer. **Brett Hooton**, Dickie & Leigh's son, is healing well from a compression fracture in his vertebrae and will not need surgery. **Jimmy Mitchell** is expected to be home by the time you read this bulletin. **Wanda Otwell** will have surgery on her ankle on Friday, August 30. **Harold Stuart** had a scan on Friday to check effectiveness of his recent cancer treatments. **Adam Whitefield**, former member who, with his family, recently relocated back to our area from Dallas, has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. After several days of tests, he received the good news that he will not need any treatment. There is one more test that they are waiting for results.

Continue to remember: Clint Barnhart, Lois Baxter, Brenda Bourque, Tyler Buck, Eric Burton, Charles Caradine, James & Jenny Chandler, Cash Clancy, Briannah Diamond, Todd Donahue, Ron & Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Steve Graves, Mark Greeno, Cindi Greenhaw, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Shannon Henry, Jan Hicks, Layton Howell, Betty Humphries, J.C. Johnson, Barbara Joiner, Joe Kaderabek, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Anita Knight, Piper Lacey, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Lance Lieblong, Kim Lindgren, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Bo Maley, Peggy Manning, Robert Matheny, Richard May, Bonnie Mayberry, David Mayberry, James Mayberry, David Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Charlene McDonnell, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Vince Nelson, Mark Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Chuck Rice, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Mary Catherine Roberts, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, James Sutton, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

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Curtis Evans Billy McLain
Julio Flores Steve Smith
Kelley Geurin Alejo Solis
Chris Givens Freddy Swaim
Javier Guzman

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Records: August 11, 2019

Bible Classes	334
AM Worship	527
PM Worship	116
Wednesday	239
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$9,545.80

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 A.M. Worship

Tony Clay.....Worship Leader
A Common Love.....705
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Pierce My Ear.....PH
This Is My Father's World.....991
Thank You, Lord!.....781
Jeff Haughee.....Prayer
How Deep the Father's Love.....PH
Art Rockwell.....Communion Devo & Offering
Servant Song.....(offering song).....694
Swing Low.....(children's song).....PH
Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies).....PH
Houston Colson.....I John 4.18-19
Nathan Mayes....."Cast Out The Fear"
Just As I Am.....924
Light the Fire.....PH
Jim Acree.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Melissa Runyon & Kristie Turbyfill

Toddler Nursery

Jarred & Jennifer Crow

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin



Pantry Needs:

Green Beans, Corn,
Spam, Ramen Noodles,
Dish Washing Liquid, Laundry Detergent

The backpack program for Caldwell & Howard Perrin schools 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.



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:

Richard & Shirley Wallace