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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last Sunday, we had the privilege as a church family to pray for **Brenda Oliver**. Brenda asked that we'd pray for her to be helped by God so she will become kinder and gentler in her home and family relationships. Brenda & **Jeff** are wonderful servants of their family, providing great inspiration to us all by their commitment as parents and grandparents. Let us all remember Brenda in our daily prayers.

This morning, we welcome into our Northside Family **Trina Williams**. Trina is a friend of **Susan Dorsey** and has been visiting Northside since August. She moved back to central Arkansas in January after living in Memphis. Trina was baptized at age 12 and has been a member in the past at Sandstone Drive Church of Christ. She works at the Chick-fil-A at Otter Creek. Trina's address is 10023 Stardust Trail, Little Rock (72209) and her phone number is 501-503-8120. Welcome to Northside, Trina!

We also are blessed to welcome **Ricky & Carol Lambert** into our Northside Family this morning. Ricky & Carol most recently worshipped with the New Bethel Church of Christ in Bryant. Ricky and Carol have four grown children, three sons and a daughter. Carol is an Assistant Vice President/Supervisor of Position Audit for Stephens, Inc. where she has been employed for 35 years. Ricky is retired from the Arkansas Highway Department. This past Thursday, they celebrated their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Welcome to Northside, Ricky and Carol!

Congratulations to one of our Shepherds, **Randy Mitchell**, who also serves on the Benton School Board. Randy recently received the 2018 Arkansas School Boards Association Boardmanship Award and has achieved Master Board status. Congratulations, Randy! Thank you for your leadership in our church and community.

With the holidays approaching, just a quick reminder of how our assemblies/gatherings will look during the holiday season. Our Sunday gatherings will meet at the regular times on December 23 and 30, with the exception that we'll all meet together on Sunday evening – LIFE Groups will not meet. On Sunday, December 30, **Houston Colson** will speak at the morning assembly and our teenage young men will lead our worship on that Sunday evening.

On Wednesday, December 26, our regular Bible classes will not meet and we'll all be together in the Worship Center for a time of reflection and praise.

Here's something to remember: *"Our churches should be environments where it's okay to not be okay, while simultaneously saying it's not okay to stay there"* (Matt Chandler). May Northside ever be a community of grace, love, acceptance, and kindness, but also growth, discipleship, progress, and maturity. What an invitation God offers—to come to Jesus just as we are! What a power God offers to transform our lives—the presence of His Spirit who helps us become more than we were! Let's continue to foster a church family that accepts and encourages each other regardless of where we may be on our faith journey.

I Love You all,  
Jim

### *Billy's Thoughts*

This week, I want to focus on two really great opportunities for fellowship and to encourage other Christians. Tuesday evening will be an evening of caroling to some of our older members. Adults, teens and accompanied children are all invited to meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church building to load up vans and begin caroling. We'll try to be back here before 8:00 p.m. for hot chocolate, coffee, tea, cider and cookies.

Thursday, our holiday JOY Group potluck begins at 11:30 a.m. for ages 55+. Turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes will be provided, so side dishes and desserts will be needed. In addition to good food, we'll have a fun gift exchange (don't forget to bring a regift, or a new gift less than \$5.00 in value). Two special treats: **Danny Russell** along with several others will share some musical entertainment, and **Walter Rhodes** will share some holiday poems written by soldiers. And of course, we'll have a game or two.

### *Hispanic Happenings with Fernando*

We have started a series of lessons under the theme: *Commands of Christ*. Our first lesson was "Repent." Repentance is not a one-time act. It is a continual attitude of a humble and contrite heart toward God and toward others. Repentance is a change of mind about our sins, a change of emotions about them, and a change of direction in walking away from them. Esau and king David sinned against God. Whereas Esau wept tears of regret over the loss of blessings, David wept tears of repentance over the damage to his relationship with God. This is the essence of true repentance. In Psalm 51, David is not concerned about the throne, not about what others will say or think, not about material blessings. His concern was his relationship with God damaged by his sin.

When Nathan visited David to open his eyes, after David confessed his sin, God who searches the heart and examines the mind told David through the prophet: The Lord also has put away your sin.

True repentance is based on what concerns us. Are you concerned about the blessings and appearances? Or is your concern your relationship with God damaged by your sin?

Repentance restores the relationship that was broken in the Garden of Eden. True repentance prepares the way for total restoration of broken relationships.

Against a green pasture, sheep look white, but on a background of snow, they appear to be a dirty gray. Esau was on the green pasture of this world, but David was standing in the holiness of God.

Where are you standing? If you compare yourself against the world, you may look white, but if you compare yourself against the Holiness of God, you may look dirty gray in need of a Savior who is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Come to Him just as you are, asking Him to restore your relationship with Him.

### *Conner's Contemplations*

First, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped serve, host, and attended the Progressive Dinner. Your service was and is greatly appreciated!!

Second, WORDS. Maybe I caught your attention with a weird word that seems much out of place. For a quick minute I would like to share with all of you a discovery I made after many hours of research on word usage in college.

WORDS. Words can be used in so many ways, reach many different kinds of people, and impact each of these people differently. In my research I had concluded that words typically fall into 3 major categories: **place** – where the word is used. Whether it is used in speech, a conversation, text, writing, etc. Where ever a word, sentence, or phrase is used. **Impact** – How the person hearing the word receives it. What effect does the word have on the person you are giving it to? **Reason** – Why you chose the word, what caused you say that particular word, sentence or phrase. What reason do you have to be sharing this particular information at this particular moment?

Last Sunday morning the teens and I discussed this topic. We played a word game, followed by quotes, followed by quotes from Jesus. We saw that for some of us we could remember quotes easier than others (depending on length of quote). I showed the teenagers each category of word and how it can relate to us as Christians. Then I challenged them to be mindful of this in the coming week.

The idea behind the challenge had to do with choice.

First, the only thing out of these categories that we as humans should have control over is the place. Where we say these words is our choice, and for the most part our choice alone. We cannot choose the impact of the words though. We have an intent on impact but not the actuality of the impact. How someone receives our message is up to them, not us. Finally, the reason we say things should be up to God. What do I mean by this? The only speech to leave our mouth should build up others and please God. God should control the reason we say whatever we say to others. Sadly, that is not always the case. However, we should strive to make God the reason we use words. Our words should build up, not tear down.

I want to issue the same challenge to you that I issued to the teenagers. This week, pick someone you know or meet and apply the three categories to your words before you say them. When you are speaking, try to weigh the impact these words may have, choose a location in your conversation, and let God be the reason you say these words. You may notice a change in your interactions with other people.

### Events In December

**TUESDAY: Christmas Caroling 6:00.** Meet in the main building. We will leave the building at 6:00 and will try to return before 8:00. Refreshments will be served.

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

**WEDNESDAY: GriefShare Support Group 6:30-8:00**

**THURSDAY: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30** for everyone 55 years of age and older. Turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. We will play dirty Santa. Please either bring a new gift or a regift with a value of \$5.00 or less to exchange.

**December 23: Regular a.m. Bible classes and worship**

**December 23 p.m.:** We will all meet together in the worship center. LIFE groups will NOT meet.

**December 24-28: The office will be closed.**

**December 26: All classes will meet in the worship center**

**December 30: Regular a.m. Bible classes and worship**

**December 30 p.m.:** We will all meet together in the worship center. LIFE groups will NOT meet.

### Winter Classes

**Todd Ferguson**—Worship Center—*"2 Samuel"*

**Rob Nossaman**—Young Adults & Other (back of old auditorium)—December—finish up the study on Parenting. January & February will be the study of Ruth & Esther

**Gary Garner & Steve Smith**—Jim's office—Young Singles—*"Living Jesus"*

**Jimmy Mitchell & Rodney Crownover**—19a—Praise and Singing class

**Randy Mitchell**—OR1—*"Fervent Prayer"*

**Billy McLain**—OR 2—*"Clash of Kingdoms"* (a Ray Vanderlaan video and discussion series)

### Wednesday Night

Worship Center—2nd Peter

OR1—Ladies Class —*"Spirit Hunger"* (Filling our deep longing to connect with God)

OR2—Men's Class—Book of Matthew

**The meal that will be prepared by Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant on Tuesday will be Mexican chicken, corn and fruit salad. **Sue Edwards** will prepare the dessert.

**Please check the table** in the kitchen in the multipurpose area to see if any of the dishes on it belong to you. Thanks to you who brought food for the retirees/senior luncheon.

### Love Notes and Heartstrings

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness"* (Galatians 5:22).

I appreciated Jim's message last Sunday so much. If you weren't there, I encourage you to go listen to it. *"If you can be one thing, Be Kind."* Sometimes we are too hard on each other. Forbearance, which precedes kindness in the fruit of the Spirit, means we are trustworthy with the confidence others place in us. Let's be sure we always value trust and create "safe places" of kindness and encouragement. The K in think is said to stand for "Is it *Kind*"? Well, is it? Let's make sure all we do and say is always done with kindness. Sisters, let's be kind! Enjoy the season,  
**Trish Jones**

### Upcoming Events

**January 2: Regular Bible classes** will resume

**January 13: Baby Shower** honoring **Joe & Rosemary Gatliff** at 2:00 in the outreach building. They are expecting a boy and are registered through this link: [www.babylist.com/rosemary-gatliff](http://www.babylist.com/rosemary-gatliff).

**January 20: Baby Shower** honoring **Greg & Jenna Pryor**. They are expecting a girl.

### Sympathy is extended to

**Ruthie Burgess** and her family in the death of her sister -in-law's husband, **Ted Zellmer**.

**Charlie Manning** and his family in the death of a very good friend, **Mark Rauch**.

**Rob & Sherry Nossaman** and their son & daughter-in-law, **Lucas & Heather**. Heather suffered a miscarriage last week.

**Joe Puckett** and his family in the death of his nephew, **Coy Jones**.

**LaJuan Ford** has moved to 251 Cherry Hill Loop, Perryville, AR 72126. Her phone number is 501-889-2001

**Congratulations to Michael & Haley Kostelaz** on the birth of their daughter, **Brooklyn Michelle**, who was born on December 13. She weighed 7 lbs 7 oz and was 19" in length. Proud grandparents are **David & Karen Yarberry**. Proud great-grandmother is **Jessie Mitchell**. Brooklyn is also welcomed by **Uncle Reid**.

**Prayer List: Kalyn Barnes** will have eye surgery on Wednesday. **Blythe Bowers** is scheduled to have an MRI on Wednesday. After that her surgery can be scheduled to repair her bulging disc in her back. **Nancy Davis** had successful surgery last week to place a stent in a carotid artery. She is now at home. **Phil Davis** is now at home after having total knee replacement surgery last week. **Pat Maxwell** is now at home after being treated at the hospital recently with blood pressure issues. **Kaylee Rawls** broke her foot last week. **Mark Shepard** will have an MRI on his kidneys. **Harold Stuart** has finished his treatments and will have a PET scan soon. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, had surgery last Friday to remove a tumor on her liver. **Sabrina Wright** had successful back surgery last week and is now at home.

**Continue to remember:** Linda Acree, Linda Ball, Patrick Bowers, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles Caradine, Jimmy Card, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Don Colson, Doug Connors, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Shirley Harkreader, Jan Hastings, Alice Harris, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Jason Hobbs, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Mike Knappier, Reba Leonard, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Robert Matheny, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Jeremiah Nutter, George & Sharon Pearson, Wayne Perry, Jewell Powell, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Jeannette Underwood, Richard Wallace, Brandon Webb, M. D. Williams, Doug Willis, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

**Shepherds**

Jim Acree Terry Hastings  
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Tom Davis Rob Nossaman  
Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway  
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**Deacons**

Carlos Bautista Michael Haltom  
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Julio Flores Billy McLain  
Kelley Geurin Steve Smith  
Chris Givens Alejo Solis  
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

**Staff**

Jim Gardner  
Stephanie Howell  
Billy McLain  
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Linda Pike  
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**Records: December 9, 2018**

Bible Classes	354
AM Worship	473
PM Worship	163
Wednesday	227
Weekly budget	\$13,034.19
Contribution	\$12,609.64

**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  
O Come, All Ye Faithful.....997  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
Our God, He Is Alive.....23  
Away in a Manger.....1017  
Phil Stinnett.....Prayer  
Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?.....382  
Rick Treadway.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Wonderful, Wonderful.....(offering song).....PH  
Who?.....(children's song).....PH  
Behold Our God.....PH  
Alex Hamilton.....Isaiah 9.6-7  
Jim Gardner....."All I Want For Christmas"  
More Precious than Silver.....273  
We Shall Wear a Crown.....PH  
Tom Davis.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Shannon Lincoln & Lisa Graves

**Toddler Nursery**

Kristie & Kinley Turbyfill

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE Groups**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Betty Davis

**Pantry Needs:**

Cereal, Toilet tissue,  
Dishwashing Liquid

**The backpack program for Caldwell, Howard Perrin schools & ALC Program** is starting up again. We need individual Mac n Cheese, individual applesauce cups, pudding cups, fruit cups, pop tarts, peanut butter, 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:

**Jim & Linda Acree**