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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last Sunday, we welcomed into our Northside Family **Joe & Rosemary Gatliff**. The Gatliff's have been visiting for a couple of months after relocating to Bryant from Hot Springs. They are both Harding graduates and are expecting their first child, a baby boy, due on February 23, 2019. Joe is an Auditor for the State of Arkansas and Rosemary is a Dietician at the VA Hospital in Little Rock. The Gatliff's live at 708 Merion Way, Bryant (72022) and their phone number is 501-593-5329.

Also last Sunday, we had the privilege to pray for **Alden Manning**. Alden asked that we pray for God's blessings through her loneliness and for her strength as she seeks to raise **Rylee** to know and love the Lord. Alden is a blessing to our church family! Please remember to pray for Alden in your daily prayers.

Today marks the start of the *Marriage Matters* Conference with **Jerry & Lynn Jones**. This morning for Bible class, all ladies (including the teenage young ladies) will meet in the Worship Center with Lynn while the men (including the teenage young men) will meet in the Outreach Building with Jerry. Jerry will preach during the morning worship on "The Servant Heart." The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

This afternoon	3:00 p.m.	Recovery from Death & Divorce
	4:00 p.m.	Parenting 101 – All We Wanted Was a Baby to Hold
This evening	5:00 p.m.	Finger Food Fellowship in the Outreach Building
This evening	6:00 p.m.	God's Ideal Marriage
	7:00 p.m.	Affair-Proofing Your Marriage
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Please Listen to Me, Part One
	7:30 p.m.	Please Listen to Me, Part Two
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Unrealistic Expectations
	7:30 p.m.	Trouble in Paradise: Pornography
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Loving Your Mate through the Seasons of Life, Part One
	7:30 p.m.	Loving Your Mate through the Seasons of Life, Part Two

As we noted last Sunday morning, marriage matters to God! After all, the story of the Bible begins (Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden) and ends (Jesus and the church, the bride of Christ) with marriage! May God use Jerry and Lynn to strengthen and bless every marriage at Northside through the wisdom and counsel shared during Marriage Matters.

Remember, bring a finger food when you return this afternoon and evening for a time of fellowship in the Outreach Building at 5:00 between sessions.

Also, childcare will be available for all the sessions and a meal will be served Monday-Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. If you could benefit from either of these offerings, please sign up this morning on the bulletin board next to the church office.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

I'm glad you are here today. You will be blessed by the class (ladies will hear **Lynn Jones** and men **Jerry Jones**) this morning, and by Jerry's sermon. And the classes this afternoon will be great. I know this despite of writing this several days ago because I have known Jerry since before I started college at Harding, and got to know Lynn when they shared a similar, and powerful Marriage Matters workshop with the church in Bethlehem, PA where I was preaching in 2003.

Since I know Jerry best, I'll reminisce a bit. Jerry taught freshman New Testament Survey to Bible majors at Harding when I started there. I had already heard him speak a few years before as a high school junior or senior visiting the campus of Harding in the spring. His trademark humor added to his powerful presentation of the Gospel. As a teacher, I learned much about the Bible and life. And I still remember some of his jokes, and I don't remember jokes easily!

Several years later, he and his first wife, **Claudette**, came to Brazil to teach missionaries at an annual missionary gathering. One of our teammates arranged for them to travel on to visit us in Campo Grande. I really think it was the mention of the possibility of catching some large fish in the Pantanal wetlands that was the convincing draw for Jerry, maybe even more than visiting former old students (and friends). It was an election year in Brazil, and a candidate had the (unusual for Brazilian Portuguese) name of Jerry on a promotional flyer pasted on a lamp post. Jerry saw it and had us screech to a halt for his picture to be taken in front of "Jerry." And, yes, Jerry caught fish...big fish along with experiencing landing the ever-present, pesky, bait-destroyer piranha.

I hope you'll make every effort to attend all of the seminar you can today through Wednesday. You will be blessed. Your family will be blessed, your friends will be blessed, Northside will be blessed. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be challenged, you'll be encouraged.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

I want to share with you what I am preaching this morning, praying this could be a blessing to you.

What would happen in the minds of those three young Hebrews who were being bound hand and foot? The king sent the strongest soldiers to bind them. When they finished being tied, they were loaded and taken to a blazing furnace. They would be thrown into the oven because they were found guilty. What was their crime? Their faith in God. The king of Babylon had made a statue that should be adored by all the inhabitants. But the three friends of Daniel: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had a conviction of faith only in the God of heaven. These three young Hebrews only worshiped Jehovah and no one else, even if the cost was their lives. King Nebuchadnezzar became enraged and ordered that the fiery furnace be heated seven times more than normal. What was it that made the king angry? The response of these three Hebrews: *"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand."* The king felt challenged by the faith of these young Hebrews. While they were tied hand and foot, the oven became hotter and hotter. The Bible tells us that the furnace of fire was burning so hot that the strong men who carried them fell dead consumed by the heat of the furnace while Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fell bound into the furnace of fire.

Hebrews 11: 1 tells us *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."* These young Hebrews were fully secure and convinced that God was able to deliver them from the furnace of fire and from the hand of the king. However, they said a third thing that angered the king:

"But even if He does not..." In other words, if our God decides not to free us, even so, we are willing to die in that furnace if that is the will of God. That is the faith God wants to see in us. Sometimes we ask God to change our circumstances. But God is the one who uses the circumstances to change us. To tell us I am with you like a mighty warrior. To tell us do not fear or be discouraged because I am your God. To tell us He will not leave you or forsake you.

God did not deliver them from the fiery furnace as they thought—He had different plans, greater and amazing plans, He was with them in the furnace. *"Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."* The lesson here is that if you are praying to God to free you from trouble, but that trouble came because of your faith in Jesus, God will use that trouble to manifest His glory, His majesty, His care, in the middle of your circumstances. Keep faith in God and do not be afraid because now, for a little while, you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials, as Peter says.

"So, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them."

Upcoming Events

TODAY: Marriage Matters Conference with Jerry & Lynn Jones. Check Jim's article on the front page for times this afternoon.

TODAY: Last chance to purchase your tickets for the Congregational Christmas Party.

TONIGHT: Finger-Food Potluck/Fellowship 5:00

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: Marriage Matters: Please see Jim's article for times and topics.

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

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

THURSDAY: Senior Citizen/Retirees' Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 in the outreach building.

FRIDAY: Congregational Christmas Party 6:00 in the outreach building.

SATURDAY: Ladies Christmas Brunch and Gift Exchange 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the home of **Jill Sloan**, 3112 Dapple Gray Road, Benton. If you plan to attend, please let Jill know what breakfast dish you will be bringing and plan to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or more. Feel free to text Jill with questions 501-551-6839!

December 9: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

December 13: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 11:00. The facilitator is **Melissa Baxley**.

December 18: Christmas Caroling. More info later

December 20: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30 for everyone 55 years of age and older.

December 26: All classes will meet in the worship center

The meal that will be prepared by **Janie Elliot** for the Hospice House on the first Friday of December will be pot roast with potatoes/carrots, broccoli and gelatin salad. **Jeannie Pryor** will prepare the dessert.

"Dear Northside Family, My deepest appreciation to all for the many expressions of sympathy and all the cards in the recent passing of my brother, Richard. They meant more than you will ever know. Thanks for being such a loving group of people! All my love, Suzanne Reed"

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please write it on the back of your attendance card. If you are not on our email list, and would like to be, please write your email address on the back of your attendance card. Also, if you have not written yours and your family's birthdays/anniversaries on your card, please do so. If you do not want your special day included on the list we are putting together, please note that on the back of your card. We will be having an insert each month in the bulletin with these names and dates on it for those of you who enjoy sending cards.

We have received an invitation to attend the 64th Annual Church Homecoming at Johnson Street Church of Christ. The theme is *"Practice Must Match Policy."* It will begin on Saturday, December 8, at 5:00 with inspirational singing. The homecoming will continue on Sunday morning at 10:30. Lunch is served 1:00-2:30. A special program will be at 3:00. See the flyer on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area for more information.

Conner's Contemplations

If you ever get a chance to read John chapter 10, I would highly recommend it! There is a lot in that chapter to digest. Jesus speaks and says in verse 10 that he came to give life and give it abundantly. When we think of this term abundantly, what comes to mind? To many people, it means life of wealth, good health, material possessions. Others feel that it means to give hope, grace, and freedom from sin. There is a large spectrum of what the word "abundantly" means in this reference. Resorting back to the original Greek in which this was written, we get a word that when translated is close to the word exceedingly.

In what ever way each of us decides to take this verse, we can see here that Christ has given us much more than we ever could need. He has given us life, a life in him, a life through him, and all the blessings that come with sharing a life with Him.

Parental reminder: Please check the social media accounts for regular updates on Youth Group events! Thank you!!

Sympathy is extended to

Robert Stone in the death of his wife, Chery, recently. Robert & Chery were former members at Northside.

Janie Elliott in the death of her cousin, **Brad Schleiser**.

Bret Brown and his family in the loss of his dad, **Morris Brown** last Friday.

Prayer List: Jimmy Card, infant son of Lisa Graves's niece is in NICU in Orlando Children's Hospital with an infection. He was born 3 weeks early. **Don Colson** is battling a case of shingles. **Phil Davis** will have a total knee replacement surgery on his right knee on December 11 at Baptist Hospital. **Shirley Harkreader**, Barbara Puckett's sister, is now at home. She will continue radiation treatments until December 10. **Bonnie Mayberry** is now at home and would love to have visitors. Please call before you go. **George Pearson** is now at home after staying in Saline Memorial Hospital Sunday night. He is on new medication for A-fib. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, will have surgery on December 14 at UAMS to remove a tumor on her liver. **Sabrina Wright** will have back surgery on December 13 at St. Vincent Hospital.

Continue to remember: Linda Acree, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Nancy Davis, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Jan Hastings, Alice Harris, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Jason Hobbs, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Mike Knappier, Reba Leonard, Bill Loe, Jacob Lowe, Wilma Lunsford, Robert Matheny, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClarkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Jeremiah Nutter, 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, Ron Wallace, Brandon Webb, M. D. Williams, Doug Willis, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

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Kelley Geurin Steve Smith
Chris Givens Alejo Solis
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Records: November 25, 2018

Bible Classes 278
AM Worship 512
PM Worship 199
Wednesday 242
Weekly budget \$13,034.19
Contribution \$12,690.61

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
Covenant of Love.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing.....121
Rodney Crownover.....Prayer
The Old Rugged Cross.....313
Mark Smith.....Communion Devo & Offering
In Need.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children's song).....1014
The Greatest Commands.....448
Tim Barnes.....John 13.2-5
Jerry Jones.....“The Servant Heart”
I Love You, Lord.....779
I Love You with the Love of the Lord.....703
Jim Acree.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Ann Townsend & Charlotte O’Neal

Toddler Nursery

Charlene Beck & Sabrina Wright

Sunday Afternoon/Evening

3:00-Recovery from Death or Divorce

4:00-Parenting 101

5:00 (Finger food potluck/fellowship)

6:00-God’s Ideal Marriage

7:00-Affair Proofing Your Marriage

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Sarah Gober

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:

Rick & Keely Treadway