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From my family to yours, Merry Christmas! Hard to believe we're just two days away from Christmas Day. As a child, it seemed like time took forever between one Christmas to the next. Now as an adult, it seems like last Christmas was about two weeks ago.

On behalf of the Ministry/Office Staff, we are beyond grateful for all your kindness through gifts to us. We have been overwhelmed by goodies, treats, sweets and cards. You'll never know how much those simple expressions of kindness mean to us. Thank you to each one who thought enough of us to put us on your Christmas list!

The older I get, the more I appreciate, not the gifts yet to be opened, but the gifts already received that continue to bless. Let me share a few. Our **Shepherds**. What a gift to be led by a godly group of men and their wives who pray for us, look out for us, and lead us closer to the Lord. Our **Ministry Staff**. What a gift **Billy, Conner, Fernando & Stephanie** are in their consistent, committed, caring leadership. Be it bedside in a hospital room or tableside in a classroom, our Ministry Staff desires that all of Northside share a deep abiding faith. Our **Office Staff**. **Linda** (Tuesday through Friday) and **Dawn** (Monday) handle so many administrative tasks flawlessly not to mention the crisis calls, assistance requests, and calls for a shoulder-to-lean-on with grace and goodness. Our **Custodian**. **Michael Smith** gifts our church through countless, behind-the-scenes hours keeping our building clean and presentable, not to mention the myriad duties he does for the Food Pantry.

Add to those I've named the hundreds of volunteers who serve in so many ways to strengthen our church family and serve our community. Northside is truly a gifted family of God filled with dedicated servants like you.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work" (1 Corinthians 12.4-6).

Thursday afternoon, **Jeff East** was baptized into Jesus by **Billy McLain**. Jeff is the youngest son of **Ruth East**. Billy and **Gary Caudle** shared the good news of Jesus and counseled with Jeff prior to his baptism into Christ. What a blessing! In a season of gift-giving, there's no greater gift than the salvation that comes because Jesus came! Pray for Jeff as he begins his new life in Christ.

Don't forget we'll all meet together this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Also, on Wednesday, December 26, we'll all meet together at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Next Sunday, **Houston Colson** will speak during our morning worship (Bible classes will meet as usual both today and next Sunday) and our teenage young men will lead an all-church gathering next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Also, our offering next week will be devoted in full to debt reduction.

Merry Christmas!
I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

This has been a very busy week. Several kids, teens and adults enjoyed the opportunity to sing carols for a few of our senior members on Tuesday evening. And Thursday at lunch, many in the older generations ate together, enjoyed music (or sang along) that **Danny Russell** and several of our own musicians and singers performed, and exchanged inexpensive gifts rather randomly.

A small crew of volunteers installed tennis balls on the chairs in the teen loft to try and mitigate noise transferring to the classroom below. Thanks to **June Cox, Gary Lowe** and **Phil Lincoln** for their careful work with knives to cut the balls for 160+ chair legs. Thanks to the Burns Park Tennis Center for their donation of several boxes of used balls.

It also has been a busy time this week at Corin Read Christian Camp. **Pat Traylor's** husband, **Skip**, and his crew installed sheet rock in the caretaker cabin. Simultaneously, **Steve Smith** and his RedRoc construction crew, which included **Joe & Zach**, poured the concrete slab for the new duplex cabin building. This is a fitting and exciting end to a year of great progress at Corin Read, with the DeQueen Church of Christ beginning their partnership mid-year and Mountain Fork Christian Camp agreeing to officially begin their partnership with us January 1.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday season. Don't forget to meet to worship God as often as you can. Remember that we'll continue to meet at our regular times on Sundays and Wednesdays (including next Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.). I look forward to worshipping our great God together with you!

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

I want to share an illustration about God's Grace. *"Today I was walking in the supermarket and suddenly I heard a noise of things breaking. I crossed the corridors and saw that some people murmured in a low voice. When I entered the hall where they were looking, I saw a sad scene. A Mrs. had hit the shelf with plates and glasses with her cart and many had fallen. Kneeling, desperate, she put the pieces together, while her husband took each bar code from each broken dish saying, 'See? Now you will have to pay for all this!' Sad scene, someone who made a mistake and with all eyes on her. When I knelt beside her to explain to her not to worry, a young man came and knelt beside us and said, 'Leave it. Cleaning personnel will pick it up. Go to the hospital to have that wound on your hand checked.' She looked at him, embarrassed, and said, 'No. I must put this together to pay.' The young man said, 'Don't worry!!!! We have insurance for that kind of loss, and you do not have to pay anything. Please go to be healed!' When the young man got up, I could see that he had the identification of supermarket manager."*

For you who have read so far, I would like you to give me a minute. Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you! Collecting the pieces of your heart for the aches that life has given you, healing all wounds and assuring you that your sins and mistakes will be forgiven. There is a sure thing called Grace, that when you recognize that you were wrong, and you come to Jesus, the manager of the of the universe (GOD) will tell you, *"Everything is already paid"* ... go on, go!

Conner's Contemplations

I want to start by saying thank you to all the parents who helped chaperone, teach, host, and help in any way with the youth group this year! Without your hard work and dedication to our youth we would not be anywhere close to where we are today!

Looking into 2019 we have a lot to be excited about! From camps, to Impact, to a Mission Trip we have a lot of things to look forward to! I am super excited for camp this year, and it is going to be new but awesome going to Impact at Lipscomb University. We are going to have a great time during 2019.

We have got the next few months covered for LIFE Group with the teens. However, we still need two more families that would be willing to host LIFE Group for a quarter each. I have a list of those who have signed up to host, but if there are any families out there that did not sign up that are willing, please let me know ASAP!

We have many updates, activities, camps, programs, lesson series, and fun planned for the teens in 2019. I pray that all of these can be used to glorify God and help shine Christ's light to the world around us!

Jim

Billy

Conner

Merry Christmas

Linda

Fernando

Stephanie

Events In December

TODAY: Regular a.m. Bible classes and worship
TONIGHT: We will all meet together in the worship center. LIFE groups will **NOT** meet.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: The office will be closed. However, the ministers will be in and out of the office. If you have an emergency you can contact one of them or call the office. The messages will be monitored.
WEDNESDAY: Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Combined Bible class in the worship center
December 30: Regular a.m. Bible classes and worship. The offering on this day will go toward our debt reduction. It will be applied to the current loan principal.
December 30 p.m.: We will all meet together in the worship center. LIFE groups will **NOT** meet.

Please make this change in your directory: LaJuan Ford has moved to 251 Cherry Hill Loop, Perryville, AR 72126. Her phone number is 501-889-2001.

The ladies at Northside have received an invitation to attend a retreat with the Iron Rose Sister Ministries on November 1-3, 2019 in Conway. For more information please see the postcard posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

Ladies mark your calendars to attend the annual WINGS (Women in God's Service) Conference on February 22 & 23, 2019. The topic will be "*And They Will Know*". More information will be posted later. However, you can go online now and register.

"Forgive me for waiting so long to acknowledge all the kind deeds that so many of you have done for me since my heart surgery in September. But, as I recuperated, I hit a couple of "snags" that have delayed it, so I'm still working hard to reach full recovery. Meanwhile, I've had so many visits, cards, calls, offers to help, and food brought to us. There's no way I can show my appreciation to each and everyone except to let you know how grateful I am! My church family has always been here for me and my family in every need we've ever had. Thank you just does not seem like enough to show my gratitude! I love every one of you and do Thank You. In Christian Love, Janice Smith"

Please check the table in the kitchen in the multipurpose area to see if any of the dishes belong to you. Thanks to all of you who helped in any way where food was needed.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

I seem to always be busy, but this time of year is the busiest for me! So many things to do and places to be! So much of my busyness includes being with different groups of friends from our congregation. I can't encourage you enough to get involved! There are many opportunities! For me, I think to fellowship with others in their homes is getting to know each other as in the time Jesus walked the earth!

Ladies, please mark your calendars for our next retreat on April 12-13. There will be more details soon!

Merry Christmas and much love, *Trish Jones*

Upcoming Events

January 2: Regular Bible classes will resume
January 12: Beginners class for Pickleball. See **Ken** or **Rhonda Covington** for more information.
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.
January 20: Baby Shower honoring **Greg & Jenna Pryor.** They are expecting a girl.
February 2: Sportsman's Night Out Fundraiser to benefit Corin Read Christian Camp. More info later.
February 6: GriefShare class will begin 6:30-8:00

Sympathy is extended to **Grisham Phillips** and his family in the death of his uncle, **Gene Phillips**, last week. The funeral was held yesterday in Fort Smith.

Prayer List: Kalyn Barnes had successful eye surgery last week. **Blythe Bowers** had successful surgery on Friday and at the time the bulletin was printed she was not in a room. **Beth Burgess**, John & Ruthie's daughter -in-law, is now at home recovering from successful surgery last week. **Barbara Joiner**, Keely Treadway's mother, had a bone marrow test last week and is waiting for the results. **Margaret Mayberry** is now at home after spending last Sunday night in Saline Memorial Hospital due to an abnormal EKG. **Gene McVay**, Ruthie Burgess' nephew, is recovering from triple bypass surgery in a Kansas City hospital after suffering two heart attacks. **George Pearson** will undergo a cardioversion on his heart on December 26 at the Heart Hospital. **Bernadette Rockwell** had successful shoulder surgery last week and is now at home (actually she is recuperating at Bonnie's home). **Harold Stuart** will have a PET scan on January 8. **Betty Stuckey**, Donna Haughee's mother, fell last Friday. **Edith Swaim** is now at home after suffering a seizure last Sunday. **Shelly Thompson** was diagnosed with a spinal tumor. She will see a neurosurgeon on December 31 to schedule surgery. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, had successful surgery to remove a tumor on her liver 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, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, 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, Pat Maxwell, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Jeremiah Nutter, Sharon Pearson, Wayne Perry, Jewell Powell, Kaylee Rawls, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Fred Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Richard Wallace, Brandon Webb, M. D. Williams, Doug Willis, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville & Sabrina Wright.

Shepherds

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

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Deacons

Carlos Bautista Michael Haltom
Gary Black Alex Hamilton
Jarred Crow Todd Hastings
Rodney Crownover Phillip Howell
Curtis Evans Charlie Manning
Julio Flores Billy McLain
Kelley Geurin Steve Smith
Chris Givens Alejo Solis
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

Staff

Jim Gardner
Stephanie Howell
Billy McLain
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: December 16, 2018

Bible Classes 295
AM Worship 505
PM Worship 212
Wednesday 227
Weekly budget \$13,034.19
Contribution \$13,147.25

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

Nathan Mayes.....Worship Leader
Joy to the World.....1018
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Oh Come, All Ye Faithful.....997
Magnificat.....PH
Steve Smith.....Prayer
Come, Share the Lord.....364
Billy McLain.....Communion Devo & Offering
Silent Night! Holy Night!.....(offering song).....1003
Jingle Bells.....(children's song).....PH
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....1001
Phillip Howell.....Luke 2.1-7
Jim Gardner....."A Way in a Manger"
Break My Heart.....PH
Angels We Have Heard on High.....1002
Todd Ferguson.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

April Jones & Jessica Hurst

Toddler Nursery

Lisa, Harmony & Harrison Houston

5:00 PM

All LIFE groups will meet in the worship center

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

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:

Carroll & Betty Davis