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Good morning, Northside Family. On the heels of a wonderful Thanksgiving with the hope of a blessed Christmas ahead, it is good to be together this morning to worship our good, good God.

There's a lot happening today after worship concludes that might be a benefit to your physical and spiritual health. Immediately following worship, our Hispanic friends are selling tacos in the Outreach Building to raise funds for their trip to the National Hispanic Youth Conference in Chicago next summer. This is a great opportunity to support a great Kingdom cause and enjoy some great food!

This afternoon at 2:00 p.m., Roller Funeral Homes will host their Holiday Candlelight Memorial Service at the new Roller-Alcoa Funeral Home. This annual gathering is for families who've suffered loss during the past year. If you're family has been touched by grief this year, I'd strongly recommend you consider this community gathering that offers hope, support and encouragement.

Also this afternoon, at 3:00 p.m., our friends at Johnson Street Church of Christ (101 West Johnson, Benton, 72015) will host a Homecoming service and invite all Northside to attend. Northside and Johnson Street have a long, united history together of Kingdom work in Benton and it's great to have another opportunity to worship together. The guest speaker today is **Brandon Holt**, the Preaching Minister of the Connect Church of Christ in Baytown, Texas. In addition to his work in ministry, he is an author and serves as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor and Certified Anger Resolution Therapist. The theme for Homecoming at Johnson Street is "*Filled with the Spirit*" (Ephesians 5.18).

We had a great group of volunteers who invested their time and talent to teach us during the Fall Quarter. Thank you so very much **Wes Ader, Charlene Beck, Heath & Amy Bennett, Brandon & Jessica Brumley, Maude Caudle, Tony & Lee Ann Clay, Beth Connors, Gwyn Cook, Rhonda Covington, Rodney Crownover, Jennifer & Jon Dorsey, Todd Ferguson, Chris & Tammy Givens, Jo Anna Gist, Sarah Gober, Kim Graham, Tim & Shelly Hampel, Terry Hastings, Donna Howell, Stephanie Howell, Kori Ireland, Beverly Mayberry, Randy & Dawn Mitchell, Jimmy Mitchell, Billy McLain, Rob & Sherry Nossaman, Charlotte Pyle, Chris & Elizabeth Ratliff, Dan Reed, Eric Scism, Tarzah Shaw, Carson & Jill Sloan, Conner Smith, Carolyn Trusty, Rick & Keely Treadway, Daniel & Kristie Turbyfill, Kim Wallace, Shirley Wallace and Sabrina Wright**. An extra pat-on-the-back to **Suzanne Reed** for all the work she does in the Teacher Resource Room. Suzanne is an invaluable blessing to teachers every Sunday and Wednesday.

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the Winter Quarter. Here's the adult class options for December-February: **Eric Scism** – *Judges* (Worship Center); **Rob Nossaman** – *1 & 2 Peter* (Young Adults & Others class in Great Room); **Rodney Crownover & Jimmy Mitchell** – *Praise & Worship* (room 19A); **Jim Gardner** – *Joshua* (College & Career class in Jim's office); **Randy Mitchell** – *Jesus Serves* (Outreach 1); **Richard Wallace** – *Living in an Un-Certain World* (Outreach 2). This is a great buffet of Bible study options for you to consider this winter and a great opportunity for you to plug in and grow on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Tuesday evening, December 17, is set aside as a night of caroling to some of our seniors. I can't help but recall last year when we caroled at Amberwood where **Syble Womack** lives, her excitement and joy, as she led us throughout the complex to make sure everyone received the blessing of our singing.

My curiosity caused me to attempt to learn the origins of Christmas caroling. Incredibly, there are accounts of its origins in various centuries from the 2nd to the 18th centuries. In other words, caroling has a long history with many possible antecedents. One interesting variation from England is that earlier carolers sang outside, then expected to be treated to hot drinks and treats. If you are caroling with us, we'll carry on this part of the tradition, but at the church building with hot chocolate, hot cider and goodies. We won't expect those who listen to us to provide the goodies.

So, plan to meet at the church building at 6:00 p.m. to carol—we should be back about 7:30 p.m. and finish up snacks about 8:00 p.m. Typically, we'll sing for some of our seniors still in their homes, and sing at Amberwood where two of our members live.

Speaking of singing, *this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.*, you are invited to join with several to sing at Mt. Carmel. **Russell Johnson** has planned a full agenda of familiar songs from our hymnal, many that we generally reserved for this time of the year. Everything I wrote above about caroling, except for the food, is true here. Singing will bless many seniors.

Reminder: Thursday, December 19 at 11:30 is our next JOY Group Potluck. We'll have a fun gift exchange (\$10 or less if a new present, or feel free to re-gift something interesting, wrapped but *don't* mark for what gender it's intended).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Our annual gospel meeting was very encouraging to the church to keep spreading the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. We had visitors all three days of this event. Our guest speaker preached about the need for people to come to Christ and live for Him. All the families did great team work hosting this gospel meeting. To God the glory and thanksgiving for His kingdom.

Every other Sunday evening our teens gather in our Worship Center in preparation for their Hispanic Youth National Reunion in Chicago, 2020. Every year teens from the Hispanic churches of Christ in the United States gather for a special event where they worship, fellowship, and compete in Bible contests. **Carlos, Karina, Jeovanny, Marisol, Omar, Meli, Nestor** and **Sarai** are supporting and training the youth group for this event which will take place July 8-10.

Our teens are planning different activities to raise funds for their Chicago trip. We want to thank each of you who are supporting them getting involved in the activities we have been announcing. They are very motivated and growing in their faith and knowledge as they serve in preparation for this trip.

Three of our men: **Julio, Javier** and **Jeovanny** are training on how to prepare messages to teach and preach. They are teaching on Sunday mornings and Julio preached his first sermon three weeks ago. They are doing a great job. It is amazing to see how God prepares His church to accomplish His purposes on earth. Also, our brother **Alejo** talked to me and asked for help to sign up for the Spanish Sunset bachelor's degree online. He will start his training in January, God's willing. Keep us in your prayers as God prepares His people for His purposes.

Teen News

December 14-Progressive Dinner 5:00-8:00. Be at the church building by 4:45. Vans are leaving promptly at 5:00. Bring a \$10.00 White Elephant gift wrapped. Nothing inappropriate, alive or dead. Appetizer will be in the **Gist** Home-3810 Grand Oaks, Benton, 72019, 501-347-8873. Main dish in the **Ireland** Home, #1 Huntington Estates, Bryant, 501-628-6509. Dessert & Gift exchange-in the **Wells** Home, 6302 Rimfire Cove, Bryant, 870-307-8338.

Winter Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Worship Center—**Eric Scism** will continue the study of "*Judges*" through December

19a—**Rodney Crownover & Jimmy Mitchell** "*Praise & Worship*"

Great Room (back of the old auditorium) Young Adults & Others—**Rob Nossaman** will continue the study of "*1st & 2nd Peter*" through December

Jim Gardner's office—College & Career—**Jim Gardner** in-depth Bible study (currently from the Old Testament)

OR 1—**Randy Mitchell** "*Jesus Serves*"

OR 2—**Richard Wallace** "*Living in an Un-Certain Future*"

Events This Week

TODAY: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00. If you have a hand bell, please bring it. We will be singing Christmas songs.

TODAY: 3:00 Johnson Street Church of Christ will celebrate their homecoming with a special worship service. All Northside is invited to attend.

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

TUESDAY: Pickleball 5:30-7:30 for our teens

WEDNESDAY: Early Morning Bible class 10:30-11:30 in classroom 19a

WEDNESDAY: GriefShare at 6:30 in Jim's office

THURSDAY: Alzheimer Support Group 11:00 a.m. in classroom 19a. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

SATURDAY: Ladies Christmas Brunch 11:00 a.m. in the home of **Jill Sloan** 3112 Dapple Gray Road, Benton. Bring a \$15.00 Christmas Décor item and a breakfast dish. Please RSVP either on Facebook or text Jill.

Upcoming Events

December 16: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

December 17: Christmas Caroling 6:00. Please meet in the main building.

December 19: JOY group potluck at 11:30. If you are 55 years of age or older please join this group.

December 22: No LIFE groups. We will all meet together at 5:00 in the worship center.

December 23: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

December 29: No LIFE groups. We will all meet together at 5:00 in the worship center.

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

The meal prepared by Janie Elliott last Friday for the Hospice House in Bryant was meat loaf, hash brown casserole, fried okra and corn. She also prepared a Pineapple Upside-down cake for dessert. Thanks Janie!

If you didn't participate in the November collection of food, you have another chance. We need 6 more boxes to be able to give to families in need. The list is not difficult nor expensive. Here is what you need: box of cereal, peanut butter, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, canned tuna, desert mix, jar of applesauce, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned beans, box of crackers, pkg of rice, pkg. of oatmeal, pkg of pasta, spaghetti sauce, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, can corn, can mixed vegetables, can carrots, can green beans. If you want to make a monetary donation so we can purchase ham for these families, please give your money to **Richard or Shirley Wallace, or Linda Pike.**

Please make note in your directory that **Bartha Wise** is now at Amberwood Health & Rehab room 111. Also, **Rickey, Sissy & Brandon Treat's** address is 1270 Salem Road, Benton, 72019.

Sympathy is extended to **Letha Styles** in the death of her only sister, **Etha Shultz.** She lived in Vilonia.

Congratulations to Rob & Sherry Nossaman on the birth of their granddaughter. **Beatrice Reed Nossaman** was born December 4. Proud parents are **Lucas & Heather Nossaman.** Proud great grandparents are **Dan & Suzanne Reed.**

Congratulations to Ervin & Peggy Pate on the birth of a great-grandson. **Graesyn Lainley Young** was born on November 25 to **Kenzie & Daniel Young.** Proud great uncle & aunt are **Eric & Shannon Saunders.**

Prayer List: Patrick Bowers had a successful outpatient ablation procedure last week to relieve back pain. **Misty Harrison,** Brittany James' mother, has been diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive type cancer. She will begin treatments soon. **Michelle Hastings** will have foot surgery on December 17 at Conway Baptist Hospital. **Seth Henry,** Martha Davis' dad, is now in Heartland Rehab and continuing to receive IV treatment for infection. **Cathy Loe,** Jan Hastings' sister, is recovering from her bypass surgery. She is at Saline Memorial Hospital acute rehab room 121. **Tina Manning** has been diagnosed with type B flu. **Joe Peevy,** a longtime friend of Harold & Mary Stuart, is in St. Vincent Hospital for chemotherapy. **Joe Puckett's** test results on his spine were all clear. He will get pathology test results on December 9. **Brenda Rhodes** fell and has been diagnosed with a spinal fracture. She is in a back brace that she can take off only if she is laying down. She will see a spine doctor tomorrow. **Diana Richard** had a successful procedure to increase blood circulation in her legs las week. **Micah Sexson,** Grisham & Teresa Phillips' son-in-law, is in Baptist Hospital ICU. **Harold Stuart** received a good report on his recent tests. However, he will be having hip replacement surgery soon. **Jessica Teague** has been diagnosed with type B flu. **Melba VanZandt** had a successful appendectomy last week and is now waiting for the pathology results. **Karen Yarberry** is "cancer free". It is not known why her cancer markers are elevated.

Continue to remember: Lois Baxter, Sherry Benton, Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Gail Bueker, Joe Campbell, Charles Caradine, Bud Cearley, Cash Clancy, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Tammy Givens, Mark Gober, Ella Graves, Steve Graves, Mark Greeno, Helen Hairston, Kenneth Haltom, W.K. Hannah, Logan Harris, Terry & Jan Hastings, Ronnie Hastings, Donna Haughee, Orville Haxton, Jan Hicks, Chris Humes, Betty Humphries, Lynne Hutto, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Robert Matheny, James Mayberry, Pat Maxwell, Dudley McClerkin, Karla McCoy, Manher & Louise Mehta, Jim Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Grisham Phillips, Francille Pryor, Chuck Rice, Shirley Ridge, Doug Robinson, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Milton & Margaret Scott, Carol Shepard, Roy Slaughter, Brenda Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Randy, Ann & Scott Townsend, Roy Treadway, Sissy Treat, Ruth VanZandt, Ron Wallace, Kathy White, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

Shepherds

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

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Chairman thru December: Carroll Davis

Deacons

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

Staff

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

Records: December 1, 2019

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| Bible Classes | 287 |
| AM Worship | 468 |
| PM Worship | 158 |
| Wednesday | 237 |
| Weekly budget | \$13,732.00 |
| Contribution | \$12,196.87 |

Service Schedule

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| 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. |
| 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

Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader
Let Us Worship.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Come Let Us All Unite To Sing.....121
As The Deer Thirsts.....PH
I Worship You, Almighty God.....64
Tim Barnes.....Prayer
Away In A Manger.....1017
Jeff Haughee.....Communion Devo & Offering
Holy And Anointed One.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Loves The Little Children...(children’s song).....1015
Blessed Assurance480
Gabe Givens.....Mark 12.29-31
Jim Gardner.....”Good News—Extravagant Love”
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross.....315
Lord, Reign In Me.....PH
Jim Acree.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Jessica Zanca & Melissa Runyon

Toddler Nursery

Melissa & Jaggar Baxley & Harley Clancy

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

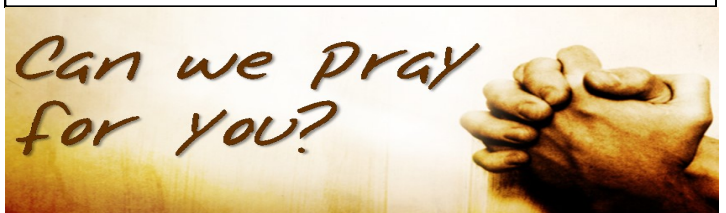
Infant & Toddler Nursery

Jean Corley

Pantry Items:

Ramen Noodles, Canned Soup,
Canned Chili, Saltine Crackers,
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