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Good morning, Northside Family!

We were blessed last weekend to have **Jimmy Sites** from Hendersonville, Tennessee with us. Jimmy inspired us with a message of compassion taken from Jesus' memorable story of the Good Samaritan. His coming helped highlight the need to invest in the lives of children and raised funds for the ongoing development of Corin Read Christian Camp. Thank you to all who participated and generously donated last weekend.

This evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Rimmel Church outside of Newport, **Johna Lawrence** will graduate from the John 3.17 Ministry program. Johna has participated in the program for the past year, drawing on a renewed faith in God to break bonds of addiction and hopelessness. Johna plans to stay on at John 3.17 and serve on the staff as a mentor. If you wish to attend and celebrate God's redeeming work in Johna's life this evening, the Rimmel Church is located at 431 Highway 145 South, Newport, AR 72112.

If you can't attend this evening, please continue to lift up Johna in your daily prayers.

In addition to Johna, **Amanda Tuggle** will also graduate from the John 3.17 ministry program this evening. Amanda is the daughter of **Brian Tuggle**, the founder and director of the John 3.16 ministry program for men located in Charlotte, Arkansas.

On Friday, May 31, those two ministries will combine to host a fundraiser for John 3.17 right here in Benton at the Event Center. If you remember back last fall when the leaders and ladies of John 3.17 were here, they shared the exciting news of a land donation to expand their ministry and ability to serve the needs of broken women. On Friday, May 31, the men of John 3.16 will cater a catfish dinner and the women of John 3.17 will present an inspiring program. I hope you will mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Last month, we recognized and celebrated the service of the oldest living former Elders of both Northside (**Jeff Davis, Walter Rhodes**) and Johnson Street (**W.K. Hannah, Ontaria Richardson**). Northside is also blessed to have additional men who've faithfully served as Shepherds of this flock in the past. **Gary Caudle, Joe Puckett, and Doug Wilson** are past Shepherds and current members of our church family who've played a vital role in the salvation and spiritual maturity of many. Alongside their wives, **Maude Caudle, Barbara Puckett, and Marilyn Wilson**, we celebrate and appreciate your past servant leadership and continued faithfulness to the Kingdom of God.

An old proverb says, "*If it seems I can see farther than most, it's because I'm standing on the shoulders of giants.*" God has truly blessed Northside and Saline County with some spiritual giants in the past who've led us in righteous paths. By their wisdom, we've all been beneficiaries in our own walk with the Lord.

I Love You all,  
Jim

### *Billy's Thoughts*

This Thursday is Valentine's Day, and also the day for a special luncheon honoring the widows and widowers of our congregation. **Donna Bowers** and **Stephanie Howell** are planning this annual event, so you know it definitely will not only be a great time of fellowship, but there will be some yummy food as well. Hopefully, you have already received an invitation and had a chance to RSVP, but if you haven't let the office know yet, or signed up on the bulletin board near the office door, it's not too late. Today, please sign up or call the office during the day before 4:00 p.m. on Monday.

The following Thursday, February 21 is the next JOY Group Potluck Luncheon. If you have reached your 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, you are invited to share in food and fun. **June Cox, Barbara Salley, and Carol Shelton** are planning and will decorate, so you can be sure it will be good! Bring yourself, bring some food if you are able, and bring a smile. It will be worth it!

Beginning Sunday, March 3, two of the 13-week classes you might consider are a study of "*Justice in the New Testament*," and "*The Letter of James*." Also beginning Wednesday, March 6, *Financial Peace* will be offered. You'll need to sign up for this and there is a cost (investment) for accompanying resource materials. Our personal finances often are one of the great enigmas and stressors in our lives, but that thankfully can be managed. Helpful training coming from a biblical, spiritual perspective can make a difference.

By the way, thanks to each of you who attended the Sportsmen's Night Out event last weekend which benefited Corin Read Christian Camp's development. A special shout out to **Josh & Kim Hastings, Terry Hastings, Phillip and Stephanie Howell, Layton Howell** (auctioneer), and **Lewis and Jeannie Pryor** who put this event together. Thanks a bunch!

### *Hispanic Happenings with Fernando*

Next weekend we are planning to attend to a gospel campaign with the Hispanic church at Geyer Springs Church of Christ. The theme is "*The Riches Inherited by Jesus*." The speaker invited is **Carlos Preciado** who ministers to a congregation in Florida.

After this campaign, the following weekend is our Marriage Seminar here at Northside. **Benjamin and Erika Lozano** from Mexicali, Baja California Mexico, will be teaching. The theme this year is "*A Happy Marriage*." Messages will be based on healthy habits for marriage, honoring marriage, divorce proof marriage, and loving your partner through the stages of life. We will start Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m., and then on Sunday during Bible class and worship. On Saturday there are plans to have a special dinner for couples in the Outreach Building.

### *Conner's Contemplations*

Good morning to everyone! I just want to remind you in case you didn't see the 9th through 12th graders will be going to the John 3:17 Graduation. We will take the van and try to leave around 2:30. The 7th & 8th grades will have LIFE group at the loft and **Charlie Manning** will be teaching about a purpose driven life.

This week the teens studied about what it means to be counter-cultural in our faith. Even for the "church goers" at the time Jesus would have gone opposite to much of the Jewish culture. You see him instruct and at times rebuke the religious leaders of his time. He showed them what it truly meant to love, care, and have compassion for people.

In today's times it is most evident that Christians have to be the epitome of counter-cultural. We have to be the opposite of what the majority seems to want in this country. In our day and time it is considered normal to be hateful and prideful. We see this from our celebrities, officials, and even people around us. To see this intolerance all you have to do is look at social media for a few minutes. People's opinions cause them to hurl insults, commit acts of violence, and even kill.

We as Christians are supposed to be the opposite of this! I wonder though, do we let the world dictate how we should be? Do we let the world mold us and do we let the world shape our actions and thoughts? It's hard to be in the world but not of it. I know that if we were to see Jesus and have him tell us what we could do better, there would not be a single one who would escape this conversation unscathed. We all have more work to do!

Let us remember though, that in our work to improve we must always be focused on Jesus and the Cross. We must always strive to be the opposite of the world and be more aligned with what Jesus said. It will not be an easy fix. However, without a doubt in my mind, I can say that no matter how hard it would be on this earth to be counter-cultural, the eternal reward with Jesus will be so worth it!

## February Events

**TODAY: Singing at Mt. Carmel** 3:00-4:00. You do not have to be in the Praise class to participate in this event. If you love to sing, please join in.

**TUESDAY: Pickleball** 6:30 in outreach building

**WEDNESDAY: Bible class** 10:30-11:30

**WEDNESDAY: GriefShare** class 6:30-8:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meeting at 11:00 a.m. The facilitator is **Melissa Baxley**.

**THURSDAY: Valentine luncheon** for widows & widowers at 11:30 a.m. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend.**

**FRIDAY: The Singles Ministry** at Johnson Street Church of Christ has invited our singles to their 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Banquet at the Enclave Gallery in Benton. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. The theme this year is "A Love Worth Giving." For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY: Winterfest**

**SATURDAY: Ladies Day** at Valley View Church of Christ in Jonesboro. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

**February 21: JOY group potluck** luncheon at 11:30. If you are 55 years of age or older, we invite and encourage you to attend.

**February 22-23: Annual WINGS** (Women in God's Service) Conference. A schedule and online registration are available at [www.harding.edu/WINGS](http://www.harding.edu/WINGS)

**February 27: Mike, Diane, Chad and Janet Knappier** will leave to go on an African campaign.

*"Thank you for all the prayers on my behalf. I have been dealing with breast cancer for 16 months. I have had one mastectomy and will be having another one, then reconstruction surgery. At this time, I am considered "cancer free". Your prayers helped make this possible. Thank you!!! God bless you all. In Him, Cindy Cushing Hargett" (This is Janie Elliott's niece)*

**During the month** of January we provided food from our food pantry to 332 households for a total of 1126 people. Thanks to everyone who helps with this ministry.

**Financial Peace University**, the money class that will change your life, will begin Wednesday night, March 6, at 6:30. The facilitator will be **Carson Sloan**. Take control of your financial future once and for all. There is a sign up sheet posted next to the office. Deadline to sign up is February 27. The cost will be \$109.00. Please don't let the cost keep you from attending. Please talk to Carson.

## Love Notes and Heartstrings

Happy Valentines Day! I like to say that to everyone! When I was single, I didn't like Valentine's Day. I felt so alone but, as my Remy says, GUESS WHAT??!! We have the best Valentine every day! Jesus is my forever Valentine and He will always love me and you! He died for us; there is no greater love.

I hope all the ladies are planning on coming to the Ladies Retreat. Please sign up at the ladies table and fill out one of the forms to return to me. Plans are being made for a wonderful weekend of love and fellowship!

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34 NIV*

## March Events

**March 2: Young adult** finger food/game night at **Rob and Sherry Nossaman's** at 6 p.m. All young adults are invited. You do not have to be in the Young Adult class to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to Sherry either by text 501-517-3455 or at [rsnossaman@yahoo.com](mailto:rsnossaman@yahoo.com) and let her know what non-sweet food you'll be bringing (salads, dips, chips, bite-sized sandwiches, etc.)

**March 3: Wedding Shower** honoring **Nick & Amie Garner** 2:00-4:00 in Young Adult & Others classroom (back of the old auditorium)

**March 6: Financial Peace University**

**March 10: Shepherds Pie** after morning worship.

**March 31: Wedding Shower** honoring **Clay Williams & Erica Smith** 2:00-4:00 in the Young Adult & Others classroom (back of the old auditorium). They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Walmart.

**Congratulations to Greg & Jenna Pryor** on the birth of **Joely Blake** born Thursday, February 7. She weighed 7 lb., 12 oz. and was 19" in length. Proud grandparents are **Lewis & Jeannie Pryor**. Joely is also welcomed by uncle **Michael** & aunt **Hayley Haltom** and cousins **Abigail & Andi Kate**.

**Prayer List: Freddy Charo**, Peggy's husband, will have surgery Tuesday at the Heart Hospital. **Miranda Dodson**, Peggy Charo's daughter, is now at home after having surgery last week. **David Garner**, Sonny Orrell's brother, has had three surgeries to improve circulation and will receive a defibrillator. He is in CHI-St. Vincent Hospital/Hot Springs. **Trish Jones** received good reports from her recent CT/MRI. **Emerson Pike**, my (Linda) granddaughter, had successful surgery last week to repair a fractured arm suffered in a playground mishap. **Whitney Redmon**, Dickie & Leigh Hooton's daughter is having surgery this week to remove a cyst. **Diana Richard** is wearing a heart monitor. She is also having breathing trouble and will undergo tests to determine the cause. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, will have surgery on Wednesday followed by a heavy dose of radiation. **Billie Wilson**, Doug's mother, received a good report for her recent heart cath, no blockages.

**Continue to remember:** Linda Acree, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Alan Haltom, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Ethan Haughee, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Reba Leonard, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Nikki Magee, Peggy Manning, Robert Matheny, Pat Maxwell, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Dudley McClarkin, Gene McVay, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Mike Ransom, Suzanne Reed, Dale Ridge, Bernadette Rockwell, Bess Sanders, Dylan Sanchez, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Mark Shepard, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Betty Stuckey, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Richard Wallace, Brandon Webb, M.D. Williams, Doug Willis, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

**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: February 3, 2019**

Bible Classes 309  
AM Worship 560  
PM Worship 158  
Wednesday 257  
Weekly budget \$13,732.00  
Contribution \$16,098.55

**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  
‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.....679  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
Where He Leads I’ll Follow .....417  
Anywhere With Jesus.....414  
Listen To Our Hearts.....810  
Dan Reed.....Prayer  
Wonderful, Merciful Savior.....PH  
John Corley.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Jesus, Let Us Come To Know You.....(offering song).....768  
Inright, Outright.....(children's song).....PH  
Follow Me.....395  
Izaya Givens.....Psalm 5.1-3  
Jim Gardner.....“A Full Day of Good News”  
Let Him Have His Way With Thee.....PH  
We Shall Wear A Crown.....PH  
Carroll Davis.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Lisa Graves & Marla LaSage

**Toddler Nursery**

Rachel Garner & Cristin Goodner

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE groups**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Alessandra Barnes

**Pantry Needs:**

Cereal, Toilet tissue, Dishwashing Liquid

**If you have been considering** teaching in Children's Ministry but aren't sure yet, we have the a great way for you to get your toes wet and see if this teaching thing is for you. Be a helper! On Wednesday evenings starting in March, we are needing a helper in the 4 & 5 year old class and the 3rd & 4th grade class. This is a commitment for the months of March, April, & May. If you are interested or have more questions, contact **Stephanie Howell**.

**The backpack program for Caldwell, Howard Perrin schools & ALC Program** 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**