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Good morning, Northside Family.

This morning, 32 teens and 12 chaperones are in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the final gathering of *Winterfest*. Our group left on a Little Rock Tours charter bus around midnight on Thursday and will return late this evening. It is a whirlwind trip, but all worth it for the spiritual feast our teens and chaperones are experiencing. Pray that their fire for Jesus will stay stoked and for their safety on their journey home.

With the girls away this weekend, Mandy and I have taken advantage of the opportunity ourselves to get away for the weekend. This morning, you'll be blessed by the preaching of **Billy McLain** who will continue our study in Mark with a message from Mark 1.40-2.12.

Last Sunday, **Art Rockwell** made a passionate plea for all of us to be bolder and courageous in sharing our faith with the lost. As the citydata.com graphic showed last week, the 2010 census identified over 63,000 residents of Saline County who claimed "none" as their faith affiliation. Don't mistake our place in the buckle of the Bible Belt as spiritually saturated – truly, the fields right here at home are white and ready for harvest. Thank you, Art, for reminding us to be passionate in sharing the Good News!

Allison (Farmer) Debooserie asked last Sunday that we pray for her family. In an honest request, she shared through her tears the need for God's aid and help in her family's life.

I am grateful for Art and Allison's courage and faith and know you will join me in praying for passion and courage, help and healing daily.

I really appreciate the 43 from Northside who made the 2-hour trek through the non-stop rain last Sunday to attend **Johna Lawrence's** graduation from the John 3.17 Ministry Recovery program. It was an inspiring evening and a delightful surprise for Johna to see so many friends from her home church family present to support her.

On May 31, a fundraising dinner will be held at the Benton Event Center to benefit John 3.17. Mark your calendar and make plans to be a part of a special evening that will highlight the redemptive ministry taking place through John 3.17.

Carson Sloan will begin a new session of *Financial Peace University* on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. FPU is a Bible-based, God-honoring approach to financial management and stewardship developed by Dave Ramsey. If you are interested in taking this 9-week course that will meet each Wednesday through May 1, sign up today on the bulletin board near the church office. For additional information, you can see Carson Sloan or check out www.financialpeace.com/groups/1066816?c=ccf.

The registration fee for FPU is \$109. Couples are counted as one when registering, so just the \$109 fee. Engaged couples are also encouraged to take this course. As an incentive, our Elders have generously agreed to refund the entire registration fee at the end of the course to any person or couple who attends all nine sessions. That's a great deal and I encourage you to consider taking advantage of their offer and learn how to *"live like no one else so you can live (and give!) like no one else!"*

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

When you are in need of encouragement, who do you want to comfort you? At different stages of our life, we might answer, "my Mom (or Dad)," or, if married, hopefully, "my spouse." In addition to these familial answers, who do you turn to? Or, who turns to you?

This past Wednesday, in the morning and evening Bible classes, we began digging into Philippians. One discovery in 1:3-6 was the extremely supportive partnership Paul and the church in Philippi had developed and maintained with each other over the course of 10 years. Wherever Paul traveled and worked, he carried with him a delight in their friendship which had begun when Paul and Silas first visited Philippi and were nearly beaten to death by officials who felt their whole way of life was at risk because of the message of the Gospel. Paul, Silas, Lydia, the unnamed jailer and others had been through much together. Even languishing in a Roman prison, he leaned on his memory of the constant love and encouragement they provided him.

Two questions then: 1) Besides your family members, who do you lean on and do they know you feel this way; and, 2) Who leans on you? Or better, who do you need to make a point to purposefully encourage?

Seniors 55+, please plan to come out for the *JOY Group* potluck luncheon this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. It'll be great!

Looking ahead: Corin Read Christian Camp is working hard to make ready the third cabin building before June 8 when our camps begin. One way you can help is either individually, as a family, or partnering up with someone else, to purchase one of 36 mattresses needed. More details will follow soon as to the cost of each mattress. **Stephanie Howell** and **Dawn Mitchell** have offered to make a semi-permanent sticker for each mattress with the name of the donor or donated in memory of another.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

"Live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear" (1 Peter 1:17b).

Last Sunday the church was edified in the Word of God meditating on what it really means to love God. God's plan is that all people can know him and love him with all their heart, soul and mind. In the Bible we see God's plan to accomplish this mission through his church as the instrument he has in this world to come to know him and love him.

What a great responsibility and privilege we have as his kingdom on earth. For that reason, the church needs to understand and embrace what it really means to love God in order to shine his love to the world. First, loving God means we live a life of obedience to his principles, not ours—not the world's principles but God's (1 Samuel 15:22). Second, loving God means to abhor sin—to recognize we are sinners saved by grace and not to be led and molded by sin (Romans 7:15, 25). Third, loving God means to reject the world and its multiple offers: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes (ambition to have everything we see) and the pride of life (pride of possessing many riches) because all this is not from the Father but is from the world (1 John 2:15-17).

We must always remember that now we belong to a kingdom that is in this world but is not of this world (Colossians 1:13). When we are born again in Christ we become foreigners here and our mission from above is to love God and to shine his glory to bring others to Him until our last day or until Jesus comes for his church. May God bless Northside to keep shining his light in our community and to the world. Amen.

Conner's Contemplations

Happy Sunday from Gatlinburg. Shortly we will be headed back from our awesome weekend at Winterfest! This last week was a bit of a rough one for my family. We had to say goodbye to a furry friend of 14 years. As any of us who have had to put down a dog, or lost a family pet knows, it is never easy. Even though these are animals, God has granted them enough personality to make them part of our families. We put our old family dog Lizzie to sleep and boy was it hard to say goodbye.

That got me thinking about something though. Our sorrow can be very hard to handle, whether it is from a loss, pain, or death. However, God created us for so much more than sorrow. He gave us the spectrum of emotions to feel. In most of our lives we will all experience every one of these emotions at some point or another. I wonder what would happen if we traded some of these to God?

We ask God to fix a lot of things in our lives including ourselves. Have we ever considered trading God something? Here is what I mean by that: have you ever traded God something bad for his promise of something good? Have you traded your sorrow for his peace? Have you traded your pride for his humility? Have you traded your questions for his understanding? As Christians we trade our lives for his in baptism right? Then why don't we trade our negatives for his positives in life? Our life on this earth has nothing to offer without God in it! We cannot sit around and wait for God to make the changes in us. He uses us and our gifts to make those changes. God uses us to fix US. His miracles come through our own bodies! So may we look for the changes that need to be made in our lives and trade our lives for God's! May we all be traders. Traders of sin and sorrow for righteousness and understanding!

February Events

TONIGHT: Winterfest group returns

TUESDAY: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in Outreach Building

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY: Annual WINGS (Women in God's Service) Conference in Searcy.

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

Financial Peace University, the money class that will change your life, will begin Wednesday night, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Congratulations to Zoey Smith and Jared Hastings who made the Chancellor's list and to **Adrienne & Nikki LaSage** who made the Dean's list at Arkansas State University for the fall.

Sympathy is extended to **June Cox** in the death of her cousin, **Michael McCarty**. His funeral was last week in Stuttgart.

We also extend sympathy to **Elizabeth Ratliff** in the death of her grandfather, **Arthur Russell**. Arrangements for his funeral had not been made at the time the bulletin was printed.

Johnson Street Church of Christ has invited us to attend the 2nd Annual Marriage Couples Banquet on Saturday, March 9 at the Enclave Gallery. The dress code is formal attire and tickets are \$25.00 per couple. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 1, however, you can pay at the door. For more information, please see the letter on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

McAlmont Church of Christ in N.L.R. has invited our ladies to a Ladies Program on Saturday, March 9. The theme is "*Living Your Best Life*." For more information, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

The meal that will be prepared by **Janie Elliott** on Tuesday for the Hospice House in Bryant will be pork chops, mashed potatoes/gravy, green bean casserole and deviled eggs. **Jeff Davis** will prepare the dessert. Thanks to those of you who support this ministry.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes Beginning March 3

Worship Center—**Randy Mitchell**: "*Justice in the New Testament*"

OR 1—**Carroll Davis**: "*Living Life Well*"

OR 2—**Richard Wallace**: "*Study of James—This Changes Everything*"

Young Adult & Others Class—**Rob Nossaman**: "*Not Off Limits, Questions You Wish You Could Ask at Church*"

Young Adult Singles class—**Gary Garner & Steve Smith**

19a—**Jimmy Mitchell & Rodney Crownover**: Praise & Worship Class

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 (this time no children - adults only). Please R.S.V.P. to Sherry at rsnossaman@yahoo.com or text 501-517-3455 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). They are registered at Target & Walmart. Gift cards would also be appreciated.

March 6: Financial Peace University begins. If you plan to attend please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office. Please see Jim's article for more info.

March 10: Shepherds Pie after morning worship for new members. More info later.

March 23: Gary Lowe & Angie Smith invite you to join in the celebration of their marriage at 2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

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

Please pick up a copy of the 2019 budget that is on the table just outside the office.

Prayer List: Tyler Buck, 9 year-old son of Tarzah Shaw's employer, has been diagnosed with leukemia and is undergoing treatment at Children's Hospital. **Freddy Charo**, Peggy's husband, is in room 314 at the Heart Hospital. **LaVada Davis**, Phil Davis' sister, is in the hospital in Indiana with pneumonia and sepsis. **Chris Humes** is now at home after having successful surgery last week. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, had an echocardiogram procedure last week and will undergo a cardioversion on Tuesday at UAMS. **Sharon Pearson's** recent PET scan revealed that her cancer is back. She will begin chemo next week. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, is now at home after having surgery last week to implant radiation beads to shrink a liver tumor.

Continue to remember: Blythe Bowers, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Miranda Dodson, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, David Garner, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Alan Haltom, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Ethan Haughee, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Barbara Joiner, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Reba Leonard, Wilma Lunsford, Nikki Magee, Peggy Manning, Robert Matheny, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Mike Ransom, Whitney Redmon, Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bernadette Rockwell, Bess Sanders, Dylan Sanchez, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Mark Shepard, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Richard Wallace, M.D. Williams, Billie Wilson, 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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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
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Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: February 10, 2019

Bible Classes 339
AM Worship 507
PM Worship 193
Wednesday 257
Weekly budget \$13,732.00
Contribution \$10,428.43

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
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.....390
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
I Will Call upon the Lord.....63
Hosanna.....167
Beautiful Things.....PH
Michael Connell.....Prayer
At Calvary.....PH
Charlie Manning.....Communion Devo & Offering
More Precious than Silver.....(offering song).....273
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children's song).....1014
Each Step I Take.....415
Chad Slaughter.....Hebrews 4.12-14
Billy McLain....."The Touch of Jesus"
Where He Leads Me I Will Follow.....876
Shout Hallelujah!.....PH
Tom Davis.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Shannon Lincoln & Sherry Nossaman

Toddler Nursery

Brent & Amy Jones

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Tammy Givens

Pantry Needs:

Cereal, Toilet tissue,
Dishwashing Liquid

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.

GOD'S HELP IS ONLY
A PRAYER AWAY.

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