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Good morning, Northside Family!

Thank you for your interest and participation in our four-week January Wednesday Bible class on *Angels*. It was wonderful to dig into Scripture to discover about the role of angels. Your interest in the study inspired and encouraged me. Today, there are copies of my teaching notes in the foyer if you'd like to review and further study/reflect. And, a reminder that we will pick up the study and devote more time to understanding angels during the Summer Quarter on Wednesdays.

This week, the Barna Research Group that studies cultural trends that affect faith, church and spiritual influence, released a fascinating, insightful study on the impact of children's ministry. "*One of the key findings of Guiding Children to Discover the Bible, Navigate Technology & Follow Jesus shows that nearly 6 in 10 highly engaged Christian parents say children's programming is the primary reason they chose their current church (58%), proving that even though children may be small, they carry big weight when it comes to family decisions about where to worship.*" You can read their findings at [barna.com/research/children-church-home/](http://barna.com/research/children-church-home/).

We are blessed at Northside to have a great leadership team in **Stephanie Howell & Kim Rippee** (Children's Ministry) and **Evan Rippee** (Youth Ministry). They are hard-working, diligent and sincere in helping lead effective, faith-building ministry for our children and teens.

Their ministry couldn't happen without so many of you who volunteer to teach, lead Children's church, serve during VBS, and a host of other faith-building activities throughout the year. Thank you all so very much for your investment in the spiritual growth of our children.

Our children's curriculum is called *The Gospel Project*. This curriculum covers the entire Bible every three years and ties the text of each class into the Big Story, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If a child attends Northside consistently throughout their elementary school years, he/she will be taught through the Bible twice before graduating into the Youth ministry.

A couple of weeks back, we had the privilege to worship with our friends from the Johnson Street Church of Christ. On Thursday, I received a phone call that I knew was coming, but nevertheless did not want to hear. Brother **W.K. Hannah** had transitioned from this life to his eternal reward.

Despite his thin physical stature, Brother Hannah was a giant of a man in the Kingdom of God in Benton. He was a part of Johnson Street since its inception, having been baptized into Jesus by the late, great Gospel preacher **Arthur Fulson**. Brother Hannah and his sweet wife, **Justeen**, were married for over 70 years and gave their lives to the service of God. I know many of you join me in appreciation of the man and mentor Brother Hannah was to so many of us. His passing is a big loss to us, but a great gain for heaven.

Our next 13-week session of *GriefShare* will begin this coming Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. If you have suffered a recent loss, or are stuck in grief from a past loss, GriefShare will be a blessing to you. In a small group of friends sharing your experience, you will be strengthened by a Bible-based, faith-building journey from mourning to joy. If you would like to participate, please sign-up on the bulletin board by the church office today.

I Love You all, Jim

### **Billy's Thoughts**

I just want to say a special thanks to Jim for a great January Wednesday series on *Angels*. January series are becoming a special mid-winter tradition to look forward to each year. By the way, Jim plans to continue with a more extensive study of Angels on Wednesdays this summer.

With the end of the January series, this Wednesday we'll return to our regular Wednesday adult class offerings. In the Worship Center and in the morning class, I'll be teaching *Jeremiah*. Don't worry if you missed the beginning of this study in December; this Wednesday we'll start off with an informative video overview of Jeremiah, so everyone will be updated.

Ladies' and Men's classes will also resume in the Outreach Building. **Leigh Hooton** and **Shirley Wallace** are leading a study for women, *Experiencing Contagious Joy*. **Wes Ader** coordinates the men's study on the *Names of God*. A new 13-week session of *GriefShare* will begin this Wednesday in Jim's office from 6:30-8:15 p.m. The *Guide to the Bible* (How the Bible Fits Together) class for women led by **Rhonda Covington** and **Keely Treadway** will also resume in room 19a.

A shout out to all who came out to Corin Read and worked very hard last Saturday. Thanks be to God for beautiful weather that day and a special recognition to the 13 kids (the youngest was 3 years-old) and teens who came and joyfully pitched in. Thanks!

### **Hispanic Happenings with Fernando**

In our preparation for our Marriage Seminar on February 14-16 with the theme: *The ways of saying I love in marriage*, I want to introduce our guest speaker **Jesus Amaya**. Our brother is married and has two grown daughters. He studied at the preacher Bible school in Torreon Coahuila, Mexico. Then he studied psychology at the university. He also studied on the Master's level in Marriage & Family Therapy with a specialty in university teaching. He worked 26 years as a teacher at the preacher Bible school in Torreon. He also taught psychology at the university. He worked in his private clinic as a psychologist. He has been an elder of the church for 10 years. He has written approximately 150 hymns for the Church. He edited a hymnbook with 72 of those hymns and has also written 26 songs for children. He wrote a book on marriage. He is currently dedicated to working full time for the church of Christ in Torreon. We are sure that his teachings will be a great blessing for the marriages of our congregation and the community which we are inviting to join us.

### **From Our Youth Minister, Evan,**

Hello all!

We have had an exciting week and with that comes some exciting news on our summer mission camp! Coming up May 31—June 4, the Northside Youth Group will be traveling to Jonesboro to take part in RADIUS Work Camp.

RADIUS was started last year in Paragould for the purpose of finding a handful of families who were in desperate need of an update to the exterior of their homes but were either financially or physically unable to do the work themselves. Many of the families served last year were at risk of fines due to unkept property as well as under pressure from neighbors and renters of nearby properties who were worried about their own property value.

What we do is we select 6 to 8 families who are in this situation and who own their home and we offer to repaint their home, fix windows and any siding with minor damaged paint porches, fix handrails, clear brush and overgrown weeds, and do minor landscaping if needed, along with any other minor renovations that can be handled by the group. And we do this for these families at no cost to them.

The teens are led in doing this work by Youth Ministers and adult volunteers from the congregations that attend, and the best part is that while all of this hard work is being done on the outside of the house, we also get to do some work on the inside of the house by ministering to the spiritual needs of the families we are helping. During the work days, Youth Ministers and teens from the group will host devotionals and prayer sessions with the families in the comfort of their own space. Then at the end of the week, RADIUS hosts a banquet where all the families are picked up and brought to the Valley View Church building in Jonesboro and celebrated for allowing our groups to serve them. Each family is presented with a family Bible and followed up with throughout the following year by the host congregation to ensure that their spiritual needs are continually met.

Along with serving families in need, the teens will also spend the week partnering with other teens from Youth Groups from the Northeast Arkansas area and they will spend time in worship and fellowship every night after the workday is done.

Did I mention that this trip is only \$30 for anyone 7th—12th grade? Oh, and adult leaders attend free.

So, do you want to be a part of RADIUS Work Camp?

Talk to me if you do.

## This Week

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

**WEDNESDAY:** **Winterfest meeting** for teens going, their parents, and chaperones, 7:30 pm in OR2 classroom next to the kitchen.

## Upcoming Events

**February 9:** **Youth Parent & Calendar Meeting** after morning services in the Youth Loft

**February 10:** **Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

**February 11:** **Pickleball** 5:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for teens.

**February 13:** **Alzheimer Support Group** 11:00 a.m. in classroom 19a. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

**February 14:** **Widow's & Widower's Luncheon** In the Outreach Bldg, 11:30 am

*"Dear Northside family, Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits during the recent death of my brother, Robert Webb. Your love and concerns are very much appreciated and has been a comfort to us." In Christian Love, **John Webb** & family*

*"Thank you so much for your generosity! We appreciate you helping our Caldwell Elementary Angels this year." -**Alayna Ambort**, School Counselor*

*"Thank you for your prayers, kindness & love. I can feel the prayers all around me. I know that is what is healing me. John and I feel so blessed by being a part of the Northside family." -**Carol Shelton***

**We have received** an invitation to the annual women's conference that is held on the Harding University campus, February 21-22, 2020. Formerly known as W.I.N.G.S. (women in God's service) Conference, it has been renamed "**Bloom**" to represent the spiritual growth they hope to see among the women who attend. The theme this year is from Hebrews 12.1-2. For more information, see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the office.



Sympathy is expressed to the family of **Charlotte Pyle** in the passing of her mother, **Inez Pyle**. Visitation will be Monday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. and the funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. both at Spring Creek Baptist Church.

Sympathy is expressed to **Jocelyn Hurst**, on the passing of her father, **WK Hannah**.

## Prayer List:

**Patrick Bowers** - will undergo a back ablation procedure tomorrow at Arkansas Spine and Pain.

**Frank Bray** - is now in Hospice Care in Northwest Arkansas.

**Leda Johnson** - Megan Irwin's grandmother has fallen multiple times over the past week.

**Diana Richard** - is home after being admitted to Saline Memorial on Thursday after a fall at home.

**Johnny Scroggins** - is now home after receiving a heart stent.

## Continue to remember:

Linda Alexander	Betty Humphries	Roy Slaughter
Blythe Bowers	Lynn Hutto	Brenda Smith
Joe Campbell	Glenn Kays	Patsy Steele
Charles Caradine	Rod Kirk	Kristen Steiner
Cash Clancy	Bill Loe	Harold Stuart
Tim Dean	Wilma Lunsford	Letha Styles
Briaunah Diamond	Charlotte Mabery	Fred Swaim
Todd Donahue	Robert Matheny	Edith Swaim
Susan Dorsey	James Mayberry	Randy Townsend
Don Flowers	Pat Maxwell	Sissy Treat
Patricia Flowers	Karla McCoy	Ruth VanZandt
Kelley Geurin	Manher Mehta	Ron Wallace
Mark Gober	Jim Miller	Kathy White
Steve Graves	Bob Nossaman	Autumn Wilder
Mark Greeno	Mark Otwell	Angela Wilson
Helen Hairston	Sharon Pearson	Billie Wilson
Kenneth Haltom	Joe Peevy	Bartha Wise
Logan Harris	Francille Pryor	Syble Womack
Michelle Hastings	Brenda Rhodes	Mark Woodville
Donna Haughee	Chuck Rice	
Orville Haxton	Doug Robinson	
Seth Henry	Earlene Russell	
Lillian Hogue	Bess Sanders	
Leigh Hooton	Micah Sexson	

**Names will stay on the "continue to remember" list for a month unless the office is given an update.**

**Shepherds**

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

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**Chairman thru March:** Terry Hastings

**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  
Evan Rippee  
Kim Rippee  
Fernando Toledo

**Records: January 26, 2020**

Bible Classes	368
AM Worship	546
PM Worship	179
Wednesday	285
Weekly budget	\$13,901.00
Contribution	\$10,056.00

**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.
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*  
God Is So Good.....83  
*Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News*  
I Stand Amazed.....147  
Years I Spent In Vanity.....381  
Calvary.....PH  
*Landon Morgan.....Prayer*  
How Deep The Father’s Love.....PH  
*Randy Mitchell.....Communion Devo & Offering*  
Alas And Did My Savior Bleed.....(offering song)...324  
Jesus Loves Me.....(children’s song).....1014  
Wonderful Grace of Jesus.....112  
*Michael Zanca.....Ephesians 2.4-7*  
*Jim Gardner....."Good News Releases Captives"*  
What Will You Do With Jesus.....PH  
I’ll Be A Friend To Jesus.....699  
*Richard Wallace.....Shepherds Prayer*

**Infant Nursery**

*Kim & Josh Hastings*

**Toddler Nursery**

*Suzanne & Dan Reed*

**5:00 P.M. Worship**

**Communion**

*Kelley Geurin*

**Pantry Items Needed:**



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| Ramen Noodles    | Spam                |
| Saltine Crackers | Toilet Tissue       |
| Pudding Cups     | Dish Washing Liquid |
| Vienna Sausages  |                     |

**The backpack program for Caldwell & Howard Perrin schools is in need of:**

- individual chip bags
- peanut butter or cheese crackers
- pudding cups
- individual applesauce cups
- juice boxes
- individual Mac ‘n Cheese
- Capri Sun
- fruit cups
- pop tarts

Please put your items in the tubs just outside the children’s worship room in the multipurpose area.

*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***