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Good morning, Northside Family.

This year, we're intentionally focusing on Good News, allowing the story of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark to inspire us. As the Mercy Me song says, *"it's not just good news...it's the best news ever!"* So, even before we begin worship this morning, here's some of the best news ever!

Wednesday afternoon, **Ella Wells** was baptized into Jesus. Ella is a 7th grader and her immersion Wednesday was the culmination of some wonderful guidance and sharing by her parents, **Matt & Savannah**, in leading their daughter to Jesus. I applaud Matt & Savannah for pouring faith into their daughter, making sure her faith was her own. Welcome to the Family of God, Ella!

This morning, we'll all be privileged to witness the impact of the best news ever as **Emily Mann** will be baptized into Jesus. Emily is a 6th grader and the daughter of **Susan Mann** and the granddaughter of **Jeff & Brenda Oliver**. Susan has been purposefully leading her daughter to confession and salvation since last fall. Through their Bible study together, Emily has decided today is the day of her salvation. Welcome to the Family of God, Emily!

This week, one of my daily email devotions offered this sage advice: *"A troubled person is a person to love, not a problem to fix. And people often change slowly and struggle deeply."*

Sit with that and let it marinate in your mind for a moment.

"If I could just fix my spouse!" "If I could just fix my child!" "If I could just fix my neighbor!"

"Why won't God fix my boss?" "Why won't God fix my child?" "Why won't God fix my boss?"

Perhaps it is because, in our quest to fix, or have God fix another person in my life, I have neglected the call to love. People are not machines in need of a fix, but souls in need of love.

There is an old tenet that invites, *"Let us then see what love can do."* Since love is the greatest virtue of all, let us then see what love can do. Instead of trying, prodding and cajoling to fix, let us then see what love can do in our one another relationships. When change is slow and struggles deep, let us then see what love can do.

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 included as one when registering, so just one \$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

Shepherd's Note

I ran across this article recently, and it gave such a lift to my spirit that I wanted to share it with you. Sometimes we forget that we're not alone when we're dealing with problems that threaten to overwhelm us. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For you are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). Carroll

THE PIANO

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the houselights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. And the audience was mesmerized.

Whatever our situation in life and history—however outrageous, however desperate, whatever dry spell of the spirit, whatever dark night of the soul—God is whispering deep within our beings, "Don't quit. Keep playing. You are not alone. Together we will transform the broken patterns into a masterwork of my creative art. Together, we will mesmerize the world with our song of peace."

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Last Sunday a new family placed membership with our Northside Hispanic ministry, **Eduardo and Sarai Meza** and their two sons **Eduardo Jr.** and **Leonardo**. They both were baptized in the church of Christ, Eduardo at Mabelvale church of Christ and Sarai in a church of Christ in Piedras Negaras, Mexico. They live in the Haskell area. We welcomed them in prayer and they are excited about serving God here at Northside.

"*Do not be afraid*" is the lesson we have been studying this month in our Wednesday Bible class. This is part of the series *Commands of Christ*. We find this command in Matthew 10:28. The context is Jesus sending out his apostles to preach the kingdom of God. His disciples were sent to speak about God and His plans and Jesus said to them: "*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.*" In other words, his command is: "*Do not be afraid of people when you talk to them about me and my kingdom.*" Let's continue spreading the gospel to all of those who we have contact with, not afraid of men, but trusting God and his care for those who bring the good news.

Conner's Contemplations

Winterfest was a blast!! Of course, we had bunches of fun all over town, but a lot of spiritual talk and uplifting occurred. After we returned home, we were able to see a bit of the spiritual fulfillment we received at Winterfest in action... I want to say a huge congratulations to the Wells family on the Baptism of **Ella Wells**. She was baptized on Wednesday afternoon. Welcome to the family **Ella!** We are so proud of your decision!!

The theme of Winterfest was *One Story*. It took the shape of encouraging teens (and adults) to share their stories (testimonies) of how Jesus has worked in their lives. One of the key note speakers, **Jim Krueger** worked for Marvel Comics and helped write many of the stories, scripts, and dialogues that we all know and cherish. He brought several "ordinary" teens on stage and asked them questions about their lives. Upon hearing their answers, he helped direct and instruct them how to tell their stories to reach people in a more effective way. His main point was: "*everyone has a story... a testimony that will reflect Jesus and help reach people way more than just throwing bible verses at them ever could.*" He encouraged everyone to share their story of conversion, pain, trials, etc...and then tell people how Jesus, their faith, and prayer shaped those experiences and got them through the tough ones.

It was a great weekend and I know we all learned amazing things!

Teen Announcements:

March 21-23: Please look on Facebook, or let me know if you or your family might be interested in a spring break trip to Blanchard Springs.

ASAP: Teen boys/men softball team – to sign up please see me, I will need to collect some info for the Registration.

March 1: Fun night out (\$10)

March 30: Fun Day at Camp & Airsoft War – Bring your own airsoft weapon, ammo, and gear

February Events

TUESDAY: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older. If you have any questions, please call **Ken Covington** at 501-213-7186

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Mike, Diane, Chad and Janet Knap-pier will leave to go on an African campaign.

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. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday night. Please see **Carson** or **Jill Sloan** if you have any questions.

March 9: Johnson Street Church of Christ's 2nd Annual Marriage Couples Banquet at the Enclave Gallery. The dress code is formal attire. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple.

March 9: Ladies' Program at McAlmont Church of Christ. For more info, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

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. If you have any questions please see one of the elders.

"Dear Northside, The last 6 months were hard. More procedures than I can count. Two surgeries and a broken bone and through it all you sustained me with prayer and encouraging words! Terry and I would not have been able to survive without you! Thank you Northside family. Jan Hastings"

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

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (2 Corinthians 12:9). I have some exciting news about our ladies retreat on April 12-13! **Jennifer Crow** has **Kay Gowan** from College church of Christ in Searcy scheduled to speak to us on Saturday centered on *"He Touched Me."* On Friday night, **Susan Mann** will be sharing her story of how Jesus touched her! Her mom, **Brenda Oliver**, will introduce Susan and tell us her perspective from the Mom's side. Their story has been amazing to watch and encourage and shows us how God works in His time. The deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, March 31. My prayer is that we can all grow together in love! Many blessings to you all! Trish Jones

Several from our Northside family have lost loved ones recently. **We extend sympathy to:**

Carrie Clay in the death of her stepfather, **Charles Grady**. He passed away after having a massive heart attack. His service was Friday in Greenbrier.

Lisa Graves in the death of her grandfather, **John David "Jack" Thompson**. His service was last Friday in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Terry Hastings in the death of his sister, **Sheila Roberts**, last week. Visitation is tonight at 5:00-7:00 at Moore's Funeral Home in Cabot. Graveside service is Monday at 10:30 at Pinecrest.

Prayer List: **LaVada Davis**, Phil Davis' sister, is now at home. **Don & Patricia Flowers** are both at home recuperating from having pneumonia. **Anne Johnson** will have heart tests in March. **Kim Lindgren**, Jeannie Pryor's niece, was recently diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia and experiencing great pain **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, did ***not*** have to undergo cardioversion last week as his heart was out of A-fib and back in normal rhythm. **Sharon Pearson** began treatments for cancer last week and will continue treatments every three weeks. **Diana Richard** got a good report from her doctor last week and is no longer wearing a heart monitor. **Edith Swaim** is in the Heart Hospital being treated, after having breathing difficulties.

Continue to remember: Blythe Bowers, Tyler Buck, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Miranda Dodson, Todd Donahue, 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, Chris Humes, 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, Dale Ridge, Bernadette Rockwell, Bess Sanders, Dylan Sanchez, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Mark Shepard, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Richard Wallace, M.D. Williams, Angela Wilson, 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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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 17, 2019

Bible Classes	289
AM Worship	484
PM Worship	162
Wednesday	227
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$10,393.31

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
Every Praise.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Our God, He Is Alive.....23
It Is Well with My Soul.....490
Exalted.....PH
Conner Smith.....Prayer
Ten Thousand Angels.....349
Charlie Manning.....Communion Devo & Offering
Heart of a Servant.....(offering song).....693
Jesus Loves the Little Children.....(children's song).....1015
Stepping In The Light.....PH
Rob Nossaman.....Proverbs 29.25
Jim Gardner....."Good News Despite Conflict"
Where He Leads I'll Follow.....417
Every Praise.....PH
Todd Ferguson.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Mary Styles & Mary Stuart

Toddler Nursery

Katherine & Elissa Dalby

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Trish Jones

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:

Jim & Linda Acree