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Good morning, Northside Family! Wow, what a great start to 2020!

Sunday evening following LIFE Groups, **Jenniva Mitchell** was baptized into Jesus by her daddy, **Jimmy**. Sunday was Jenniva's birthday and, in all future years, she'll have twice the reason to celebrate on January 5. It is awesome to see the wonderful way Jimmy is raising his girls and we celebrate with he and Jenniva, **Charis & Scarlett**. Jenniva, welcome to the Family of God! We are very proud of you and your commitment to Christ!

Last Sunday morning, our brother **Chris Givens** asked that we pray for him. Chris requested that we pray for the peace of God to fill his heart and allow him to relax and enjoy life and his family at a less-stressed pace. Finding peace in a fast-paced world, full of family demands and job stresses, is quite the challenge and we commend Chris for his courage in asking us to pray for him in that quest. Chris, we love you and are praying for you.

And, we had an awesome start to the New Year last Sunday morning in Bible class with 373 present and participating across all ages groups (the largest attendance since August 24, 2014)!

The great blessings of the week began a week ago today and just continued throughout the week!

Each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 1:30-3:00 p.m., our *Food Pantry* opens to the community. A team of volunteers serves each afternoon to assist those in our community needing food assistance. This past week, the Pantry set an all-time record for distribution during one week! 130 households were served which eclipsed the previous high of 125. Monday (43), Tuesday (49), and Wednesday (38) the servants in our pantry were the hands and heart of Jesus in providing resources to those struggling with food insufficiency. May the feeding of their stomachs of hungry be an inspiration to find spiritual nourishment in Jesus who can and will feed the souls of all humanity.

The blessings continued on Wednesday with your interest and involvement in our special, four-week class this January. Each January, we step away from the routine, more familiar narratives in Scripture to stretch our minds and hearts with less-familiar topics of study. This year, that challenging topic by suggestion of **Cindy Wallace** is *Angels*.

Thanks to your interest, 317 were present Wednesday which is the highest mid-week attendance we've had for a non-VBS Wednesday evening since May 18, 2011! If you missed the kickoff lesson this past Wednesday, I encourage you to join us this Wednesday, either at 10:30 a.m. in classroom 19-A or at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Next Sunday, one of my favorite Sunday mornings of the year will take place as our friends from **Johnson Street Church of Christ** will join us for Bible class and worship. This has become an annual opportunity for praise, worship and fellowship on the Sunday prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance. This year, **Chris Threatt**, the outstanding Preaching Minister of Johnson Street will speak and **Jimmy** will lead worship.

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Ten or more years ago, in order to help fund Northside's Day School (which is now closed) and to kick-start fund-raising for the future Corin Read Christian Camp, Northside cookbooks were printed to be sold. This cookbook is chock-full of some of the best recipes of Northside members. Some of the recipes are from an era when congregational potluck meals were more common, so you know they are taste-tested and good!

Many of you over the years have purchased one or more of these. In spite of this, we still have almost 200 copies taking space, so we'd like to offer one or more free to everyone, no strings attached. However, if you'd like to contribute something to Corin Read, we'll gladly accept your donation, but it is not required. Feel free to take as many of the cookbooks as you think you can use or gift to someone else.

An extra plus, I think, is that there is basic information about Northside. Who knows, by gifting to someone locally, it may pique an interest in the church.

So, there'll be a table in the entry area today with the cookbooks and a basket if you want to donate something to Corin Read (again, this is optional).

FYI, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. is our next JOY Group potluck. If you are 55+, please come out for good food and fellowship. The theme is "Winter Wonderland." Carol Shelton is planning the decorations.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Today after our worship service, we are celebrating and welcoming in the Outreach Building, the new baby of the Hispanic group: Rebecca Arteaga. She was born on December 22, weighed 9.2 pounds and measured 20.16 inches. Her parents are our brother Fernando and sister Lorena Arteaga, and they have Anita (15), Jose (8) and Fernando (6).

We are excited to announce our Annual Hispanic Marriage Seminar here at Northside on February 14-16. Our guest speaker will be Jesús Amaya who is one of the best professional marriage counselors in Mexico. He travels to teach these seminars all over Mexico and we will have the blessing of having him with us. He is a great teacher, preacher and communicator. He and his family are a dedicated family of God and to the church of Christ in Torreon Coahuila, Mexico. On Saturday, February 15 we will have a Dinner for couples with a speech for them. Please keep this in your prayers as the church is edified and families in the community are blessed through this event.

We are very grateful to the Lord who put in the heart of our sister Claudia Washington to take charge of the weekly Spanish bulletin. Today she has started with this ministry.

From Our Youth Minister, Evan,

Hello All!

We had a great turnout at the last Teen Life group at the Ireland's house! **Chris Dalby** led a great devotional encouraging us to "GO" love God and Others throughout our week. We will be at it the Ireland's house once again this evening from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a van (or two!) available for any teens who wish to ride from the church building.

Coming up in February, we are going to invite all the parents of our teens up to the Youth Loft after Sunday morning worship for the purpose of presenting our tentative plans for the Youth Calendar for the rest of the year. This will be a great time for your ideas and questions! We will try to limit it to about 30 minutes.

What Makes a Good Story?

Last week in teen class, we began our study on the Gospel of John. John is a unique Gospel in many ways, but perhaps the most noticeable difference when you begin reading it is how it opens up. "*In the beginning...*" sounds familiar. When you ask someone what is the most common way to start a classic story, they most likely will give you the tried-and-true "*Once upon a time...*" This is probably the most famous and widely used open thanks to the popularity of its use in Disney movies, but there are hundreds of variations that are used in thousands of stories that you can pull up in a quick search on your phone or computer. Some of the most popular follow the same idea and "*Once upon a time...*" like "*Many, many years ago...*" and "*In ancient days...*" Even Star Wars uses the same notion of the story happening in an ambiguous place at an unknown but distant time with "Long ago in a galaxy far, far away..." But how does God start a great story? "*In the beginning...*"

I am not sure about you, but for me those three words carry a lot of weight, perhaps because I know the story they are attached to, but none the less the words "*In the beginning...*" conjure thoughts and feelings of a place and time so foreign and so far off that we can't even wrap our head around it. The two places that always come to mind when I hear these three words are Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1. Both depict the creation but are openings to two very different, very real stories. Genesis 1:1 begins with God creating everything but then leads into the chronicle of humanity's fall and the cycle of sin and death. It seemed hopeless after that—would there be a happy ending for these people who constantly turn their backs on God? Then you get to the Gospels, and specifically for our study John 1:1, where "*In the beginning...*" is followed by a message of hope through the life and sacrifice of Jesus.

As we continue our study in John with the teens, we will continue to return to this idea that all these things that we read about God and Christ started with three words that not only invoke wonder and inspire imagination, but also are the starting point for a very real, very personal story that hasn't finished being told yet. That's right, the story God that began with the creation is still being told...through your response to what you read and believe about the love of Christ and how you carry it on.

We are not a "*Once upon a time...*" people. We are an "*In the beginning...*" people, and we should seek God daily so that his story can unfold in our lives.

Have a great week!

This Week

TODAY: **Singing at Mt. Carmel** 3:00-4:00. Please join this group if you love to sing.

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

TUESDAY: **Corin Read Christian Camp board meeting**, 6 PM at the camp.
Pickleball 5:30-7:30 for our teens

THURSDAY: **JOY group** potluck luncheon 11:30 for those 55 years and older

Upcoming Events

January 20: **Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

January 14: **Pickleball** 5:30-7:30 for our teens

January 19: **Wedding Shower** honoring **Emory Rockwell and Cole Thompson** after Evening Services in the Outreach Building. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target and Amazon.com

January 25: **Corin Read Christian Camp Work Day** (alternate in case of snow, rain, or extreme cold - February 1)

January 26: **Congregational Potluck** after morning services in the Outreach Building. Please make plans to attend and bring food to serve your family plus a few

Young Adult Game Night/Finger Food Dinner

(adults only this time) at the home of Rob and Sherry Nossaman on Saturday night, February 1 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to 501-517-3455 or their email: rsnossaman@yahoo.com

Their address is 5916 Wall Street, Benton. There will be a sign up sheet in the young adult classroom on Sunday mornings or you can email Sherry with your food choice.



*"I appreciate so much everything that has been done for me. I thank you for the food, cards, phone calls, visits and especially the prayers. Please continue praying for me and my sons, Teddy & Kevin.
In Christian Love, Reba Leonard"*

*"We would like to thank all those who came to see us and checked on us during the last several week. We appreciate all of the prayers, cards and texts during the illness and passing of my Dad, Henry (Bud) Cearley. We felt each and every one of them.
In Christian love, The Barnes Family"*

New Year, New Habits?

Where would you like to serve this year? Don't forget to turn in your Member Info form in the office. If you need a form, you can find that in the office also.



Children's Worship Sign Up at Signupgenius.com Sign up for the Sundays you have the heart to serve or sign up for a certain week of each month. You decide what is convenient for you. Check the Northside Facebook Group for the link!



Prayer List:

Lois Baxter will have an outpatient procedure on Thursday at Baptist.

Sherry Benton had successful outpatient surgery on Wednesday.

Seth Henry has been moved to in-patient rehab at Saline Memorial.

Reba Leonard has been moved to Amberwood, room 203.

Micah Sesson, Grisham & Teresa Phillips' son-in-law, is still in Baptist and making slow progress.

Kristen Steiner, daughter-in-law of the Dorseys, is undergoing treatment for a rare, non-malignant tumor.

Donna Bowers had a biopsy on Thursday and will get results on January 22. Her husband, **Patrick**, underwent tests Friday morning.

Blythe Bowers	Buddy Jones	Shirley Ridge
Joe Campbell	Glenn Kays	Doug Robinson
Charles Caradine	Rod Kirk	Earlene Russell
Cash Clancy	Reba Leonard	Bess Sanders
Briaunah Diamond	Bill Loe	Roy Slaughter
Todd Donahue	Cathy Loe	Brenda Smith
Susan Dorsey	Wilma Lunsford	Patsy Steele
Don Flowers	Charlotte	Harold Stuart
Patricia Flowers	Mabery	Letha Styles
Kelley Geurin	Robert Matheny	Fred Swaim
Mark Gober	James Mayberry	Edith Swaim
Steve Graves	Pat Maxwell	Randy Townsend
Mark Greeno	Dudley McClerkin	Sissy Treat
Helen Hairston	Karla McCoy	Ruth VanZandt
Kenneth Haltom	Manher Mehta	Ron Wallace
W.K. Hannah	Louise Mehta	Kathy White
Logan Harris	Jim Miller	Autumn Wilder
Misty Harrison	Mark Otwell	Angela Wilson
Michelle Hastings	Sharon Pearson	Billie Wilson
Donna Haughee	Joe Peevy	Bartha Wise
Orville Haxton	Francille Pryor	Syble Womack
Lillian Hogue	Brenda Rhodes	Mark Woodville
Betty Humphries	Chuck Rice	
Lynn Hutto	Diana Richard	

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 Nossamon
Tom Davis Rick Treadway
Todd Ferguson Richard Wallace
Terry Hastings

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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 5, 2020

Bible Classes	373	
AM Worship		529
PM Worship		177
Wednesday		317
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00	
Contribution	\$13,260.39	

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
Only By Grace.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Highly Exalted.....PH
Before The Throne Of God Above.....PH
John Corley.....Prayer
Exalted.....PH
Hallelujah, What A Savior.....337
Wes Ader.....Communion Devo & Offering
Lead Me To Calvary.....(offering song).....332
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....1014
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.....202
Michael Haltom.....Romans 12.17-21
Jim Gardner....."Good News On Trial"
What Will You Do With Jesus.....926
I'll Be A Friend To Jesus.....699
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Nedra Russell & Lisa McNeely

Toddler Nursery

Rob & Sherry Nossaman

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Carolyn Trusty

Pantry Items Needed:

Ramen Noodles Pudding Cups
Macaroni & Cheese Toilet Tissue
Green Beans



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

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

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:

Terry & Jan Hastings

