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Good morning to my Northside Family and my Johnson Street Friends! For the fourth consecutive year, we're enjoying the privilege of worshipping together on this Sunday before the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Thank you **Sam Calvin & Chris Threatt** (elders) and all the members of the Johnson Street church for making the sacrifice to come across town and worship together today. We look forward to returning the favor in May on the eve of Memorial Day when Northside will worship with you!

How do you like the new Northside logo? After nine years, it was time for a different look and **Conner Smith** did a fantastic job creating the new logo design. It speaks to our common desire—to grow together in Christ and grow in our outreach to the community! May we be fruitful disciples by following Jesus, growing together, loving and serving the lost and the least.

Last Sunday, we welcomed **Danny & Michelle Satterfield** into our Northside Family! Danny and Michelle recently moved to Bryant from Maumelle and served with the Levy Church of Christ prior to their move. Michelle is originally from Panama City Beach, Florida and attended the Jenks Avenue Church of Christ. She works as a recovery nurse at St. Vincent's and will graduate in May as a Nurse Practitioner from Harding. Danny grew up in Metairie, Louisiana and Marietta, Georgia and was raised in a family that attended the Church of Christ. He graduated from Harding's Physician Assistant program and now works at Arkansas Bone and Joint as a Physician Assistant. Danny and Michelle are big LSU football fans and love their two dogs. They live at 513 Creekside Cove, Bryant (72022) and their phone numbers are 770-344-8072 (Danny) and 850-319-3985 (Michelle). Welcome to Northside, Danny and Michelle! We are grateful God led you to us and look forward to growing with you!

What a steady wave of marriages and engagements we've seen recently! Congratulations to **Nick & Amie Garner** who were married on New Year's Eve and **Jurgen & Allison (Farmer) Debooserie** who were married last Saturday. Engagements and upcoming marriages include: **Gary Lowe & Angie Smith** (March 23), **Kalyn Barnes & Wade Garrett** (April 27), **Erica Smith & Clay Williams** (May 25), **Natalie Hampel & Nick Quinn** (June 15) and **Nick Rice & Madison Sipes** (June 15). Congratulations to all these couples and let's all remember them in our daily prayers as they embark on a life-long commitment to each other.

The next GriefShare group will begin on Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in this 13-week group that provides a Bible/faith-based approach to grief, please sign up on the bulletin board near the church office today. One addition to this coming session of GriefShare – we are inviting any of our teens, college-age, or young adults to sign-up and participate. Sadly, many of our youngest friends have suffered unspeakable losses in their young lives. We will watch the videos as one group each week, then split the discussion into two groups: one for the younger participants, another for the older participants. **Gary Lowe** will once again help me by leading the discussion for the older adult group. You can go online to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or see Jim for more information.

I Love You all, Jim

### **Billy's Thoughts**

Thursday at the JOY Group potluck luncheon, we played "Would You Rather?" Most of the questions were of the silly type, but one was of a more introspective nature: "*Would you rather have many friends, or one good friend?*" I would have guessed a slightly different outcome, but of the 35 or so participating, there was a slight bit more who prefer having one good friend over multiple friends.

The game illustrates the challenge of Jesus' desire expressed in John 13:34-35 for his followers to be known by their love for each other. How do we love all of the church, when by our very personalities, some of us find it easier to have closeness with a few, while others relate to the many? Add to that we may not even know that we are different in this respect until we play a silly game like "Would You Rather?"

Perhaps the point is that we have to work to overcome limitations seemingly imposed by the personalities we are born with. If I am more of an introvert (and that describes me to a T), I will need to reach out to more individuals than I naturally am inclined to. If I am, by nature, an extrovert, I may need to choose to get to know and encourage specifically one or a few people, rather than only everyone.

### **Hispanic Happenings with Fernando**

One of the reasons we come together to worship God is because we love him and delight in his presence. But it is also because we are pursuing His blessing. We want His blessing in our lives. In Exodus 32:29 it says, "*and he has blessed you this day.*" The context of this verse has to do with a Radical Fidelity to God. In this passage of the golden calf, the Hebrews were unfaithful to God for several reasons. (1) They did not align themselves to the time of God and became desperate because Moses did not return from Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:1). (2) They misused their time, instead of using their time to pray to God who brought them out of Egypt, they used it to pick up the gold earrings from their wives and children, and they got up early to worship the gods that were made (Exodus 32:2, 6). (3) They used their property poorly, instead of having brought gold as an offering to Jehovah, they used it to make a golden calf to worship (Exodus 32:17-19). (4) Their faith was placed on man, they said on more than one occasion about the man who brought them out of Egypt referring to Moses and not to God (Exodus 32:1,23). The Hebrews were unfaithful to God and for that reason Moses announced to them that on that day they had to make a radical decision to have a Radical Faith (Exodus 32:26-27) and thus receive the blessing of God. The problem was not that they sinned, the problem is that God gave them the opportunity to repent as the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 36-37). But on this occasion at Sinai the people did not want to do it and instead of being saved, about three thousand men fell. Those who repented of their sin had to make a radical decision by taking the sword and destroyed what would contaminate them in their walk with God (Exodus 32:27-28). What can we learn from this biblical story? (1) That God demands from His people a Radical Faithfulness to Him and only Him. (2) That we must align ourselves to the time of God, although sometimes it seems to take too long what we ask Him. (3) That we use our daily time wisely to work, to family, to prayer, to the Word of God, to serve others, to devotional time in home. (4) To make good use of the blessings that He gives us. (5) To put our trust in Christ and not in man. That is a Radical Faithfulness to God, and thus, like God blessed the Hebrews, he blesses us also, because as I said at the beginning, we all want to be blessed by Him.

### **Conner's Contemplations**

The previous week was very exciting for me! I spent most of it in Colorado Springs at the National Conference of Youth Ministers.

First, I absolutely abhor flying, so getting onto a plane and trying to relax on the journey was not easy. We landed safely and we then drove to our hotel for the conference. Each day of the conference was unlike any of the rest. The classes, group sessions, vendors, worship, and small groups all worked cohesively together. Even the speaker's lessons for each worship session went hand-in-hand with the previous lesson. Each new person I met, each lesson I heard, each song I learned, each class I attended all had great impact on me. I pray that the lessons I learned will help my ministry improve!

All these parts working together amazed me! It was like a church but on a much larger scale. It reminded me of our congregation. We each have a place within Northside's ministries. Some of us are teachers, others are servants, others are encouragers. Here at Northside we can all discover a place to plug in and find purpose. After all that's what God has called us to do! Find a purpose-driven life and shine his love to those around us.

Just real quick announcements for the YOUTH GROUP

**Winterfest: Feb. 15-17 (money due soon keep an eye out for announcements on this)**

**LIFE Group: Tonight's Group will meet in the Loft here at Church**

**LIFE Group: The Rockwell's will host the Teen Life Group starting in February.**

**More Announcements will be posted on Facebook and mentioned on Sunday mornings.**

### Events In January

**TODAY: Baby Shower honoring Greg & Jenna Pryor** 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the main building (young adult & others classroom).

**TUESDAY: Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in outreach building

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**Congratulations** to three of our college students who attend Harding University. They made the Dean's List for their grades achieved during the fall 2018 semester: **Nathan Mayes**, a junior visual art studio major  
**Emory Rockwell**, a senior public relations major  
**Adam Styles**, a senior accounting major  
Also, **Carroll & Betty Davis'** granddaughter, **Lindley Davis**, made the Dean's List. Lindley is a freshman at Harding.

**Sympathy** is extended to **Nancy Davis** in the death of her sister, **Wanda Montague Roberts**.

**We have received an invitation** to attend a Ladies Day at Valley View Church of Christ in Jonesboro on Saturday, February 16. The topic will be "*Psalm 23: Through the Eyes of a Shepherd*". The speaker will be **Rachel Nix**. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

**The meal that was prepared** by **Janie Elliott** last Tuesday for the Hospice House in Bryant was ham, potato salad, butter beans, fried okra and macaroni & cheese. Janie also baked a coconut cake for dessert.

**Please make these changes** in your church directory. **Nick Rice's** new address is 1915 Auburn Hills Drive, Benton, 72015. **Josh Teague's** new address is 2702 Gage Dr., Benton, 72019

**The Wednesday night Men's class** will not meet during the month of January. It will resume on Wednesday, February 6.

#### Stephanie Says...

Think Spring! Think warmer thoughts! Think and pray about teaching in children's ministry during the Spring Quarter (March, April, May). The following classes are available.

#### *Sunday Mornings:*

3 year olds, 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade.

#### *Wednesday Evenings:*

1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade

#### Love Notes and Heartstrings

*"While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet"* (Daniel 8:18, NIV).

He Touched Me...I can't stop singing the song since I heard the topic for our ladies retreat. Think about it! There is no way to keep track of all the ways He touches me each day, but one of the best ways is through friendships with you! There are numerous ways to get involved with the blessing of Christian friendships and one is with the ladies retreat. Sign up forms are on the ladies table! Talk to me, **Barbara Salley** or **Shirley Wallace**. We welcome you! Love, Trish

### Upcoming Events

**February 2: Sportsman's Night Out Fundraiser** to benefit Corin Read Christian Camp. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the office if you plan to attend.

**February 6: GriefShare** class will begin 6:30-8:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

**February 14: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meeting at 11:00 a.m. The facilitator is **Melissa Baxley**.

**February 14: Valentine luncheon** for widows & widowers at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

**February 15: 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.

**February 15-17: Winterfest**

**February 22-23: Annual WINGS** (Women in God's Service) Conference. The topic will be "*And They Will Know*." A flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area. A schedule and online registration are available at [www.harding.edu/WINGS](http://www.harding.edu/WINGS)

**Prayer List: Todd Donahue**, Wyveta Kirk's son, does not have cancer, but continues to deal with near unbearable pain in his recovery. **Jan Hastings** had an MRI on her knee last week and prays that surgery will not be necessary. **Ethan Haughee**, Jeff & Donna's grandson, is having stomach issues and will be seen by a gastro doctor on January 28. **Trish Jones** will have an MRI soon after being diagnosed with a kidney stone. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, is having tests due to heart issues. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, will have surgery on February 13 followed by a heavy dose of radiation. She will have another treatment six weeks later. She is on a transplant list.

**Continue to remember:** Linda Acree, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Jimmy Card, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Don & Patricia Flowers, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Shirley Harkreader, Alice Harris, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Reba Leonard, Wilma Lunsford, Robert Matheny, Pat Maxwell, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Gene McVay, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Sharon Pearson, Wayne Perry, Jewell Powell, Mike Ransom, Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bernadette Rockwell, Bess Sanders, Dylan Sanchez, Margaret Scott, Mark Shepard, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Betty Stuckey, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Richard Wallace, Brandon Webb, M.D. Williams, Doug Willis, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville and Sabrina Wright.

**Shepherds**

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

Email address: elders@northsidecofc.info  
Chairman thru March: Richard Wallace

**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: January 13, 2019**

Bible Classes 392  
AM Worship 611  
PM Worship 178  
Wednesday 249  
Weekly budget \$13,732.00  
Contribution \$15,672.73

**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**

Steve Thompson/Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader  
We Praise Thee O God .....2  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.....589  
Jesus Is Coming Soon.....712  
Hold To God's Unchanging Hand.....613  
Chris Threatt.....Prayer  
Alas And Did My Savior Bleed.....324  
Matt Wells.....Communion Devo & Offering  
When Morning Comes.....(offering song).....985  
Jesus Is A Friend.....(children's song).....PH  
Our God He Is Alive.....23  
Kirk Hannah.....Mark 8.34-38  
Jim Gardner....."The Call to Good News"  
I Have Decided To Follow Jesus.....674  
When He Comes In Glory By And By .....854  
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Stephanie Farmer & Suzie Smith

**Toddler Nursery**

Dickie & Leigh Hooton

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE groups will meet**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Charlotte Pyle

**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:

**Rob & Sherry Nossaman**