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Good morning, Northside family!

I'm really excited about being with you today and anxiously looking forward to our Potluck Luncheon following this morning's worship. Potlucks, once a staple of church fellowship, happen seldom anymore, so it's fun to dust off a good old-fashioned church tradition. I hope you'll plan to stay around and enjoy the food and fellowship today. As a part of our fellowship together, we'll honor **Linda Pike** who recently finished 20 years of full-time service to the Northside church.

Wasn't last Sunday's worship a boost and a blessing? It was wonderful having our friends from the Johnson Street Church of Christ join us. **Chris Threatt** delivered a powerful message from Mark 9:20-24, **Jimmy** led an inspiring, uplifting time of worship, and the fellowship was rich and rewarding. What a powerful witness of unity and Kingdom togetherness to the community! Thank you for your hospitality and welcoming spirit to our guests. We'll have an opportunity to return the favor and worship at the Johnson Street church building on the Sunday evening before Memorial Day, May 24.

The Singles' Ministry at Johnson Street is hosting their Fourth Annual Valentine's Day Banquet on Friday, February 14 at the Enclave Gallery. Tickets are \$25. The theme for this year's banquet is "*Jeans, Jewels and Jesus*" taken from Proverbs 20:15. **Drew Braxter**, Minister of the Rose City Church of Christ, will be the guest speaker. If you are interested in attending, more information is available on the bulletin board. You can also reach out to **Winifred Stamps** (501-860-4275, winifredstamps@yahoo.com) or **Ann Spencer-Cole** (501-551-2993, cacole@att.net).

A part of life in a broken world is grief and loss. The Bible never tells us we cannot grieve the losses we experience. But it does admonish us "*not to grieve like those who have no hope.*" What a comfort that in the midst of our grief, we can be hopeful because of the promises, power and presence of God.

The next 13-week session of *GriefShare* will begin on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. GriefShare is a Bible-based, faith-building journey from mourning to joy. You can find out more about GriefShare by visiting www.griefshare.org. If you would like to participate in this group, you can register this morning by signing up on the bulletin board next to the office.

Today, we resume our journey through the Good News Story of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Mark. What appears to be a story full of bad news (Peter's boast of his willingness to die for Jesus, only to deny him three times on the eve of the crucifixion) actually has some good news insights that we can apply in our own lives. Tucked away in the next-to-last book of the Bible, the short, one-chapter letter of Jude (the brother of Jesus) is this: "*To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen (Jude 24-25).*"

May our boast be the glory, majesty, power and authority of God our Savior and Jesus Christ our Lord who are able to keep us on a rock solid path.

I Love You all,
Jim

Shepherds' Note

We are now a month into a new decade that many are calling the roaring 20s. Many resolutions are already a distant memory. It seems that the world is still crazy and getting worse in so many ways. Australia has been on fire for months, Puerto Rico has been having earthquakes, many states are having record cold weather, and the list just goes on and on no matter what topic you seem to pick.

There is a brighter side. We have had an incredible set of Wednesday lessons from Jim on Angels. We have a new Youth Minister and his family serving our congregation. We just had a great fellowship with the Johnson Street congregation last week. There are great things around us all the time, but often we are distracted by the negatives in our lives that we fail to count our blessings. We have opportunities all the time to brighten someone's day with kindness, service, a card, a call, or just a kind word. We have been ransomed from sin and despair by the blood of Christ! We have been redeemed!

This does not mean that our lives are free of troubles, but we have a hope that many around us either do not share or fail to recognize. We try to share our love of God in the way we treat each other and those around us. As we continue with this new year, think about who you miss seeing at church. Who used to always be in worship, but you have not seen in a while? When was the last time you spoke with them? Reach out and reconnect. Let them know they are missed. We have been blessed with great growth as a congregation, but let us not forget that sometimes we have some of our brothers and sisters that fall through the cracks of growth.

Billy's Thoughts

You may wonder how Adult Bible class topics are chosen here at Northside. Or, maybe you have a topic or a biblical text you wish we could study on a Wednesday or a Sunday and you'd like to know who to tell it to. Since 2012 I have been the point person working with current teachers (and also trying to find and encourage potential new teachers), and coordinating most of the Adult Bible class curriculum offerings. So, if you have a class idea that you'd like to see covered, please let me know, or let **Rob Nossaman** know your ideas for the Sunday Young Adult class, or **Shirley Wallace** or **Leigh Hooton** for the Wednesday night Ladies' Bible Class.

Sometimes we have a topic that really hits a need or *piques* great interest, like the current Wednesday evening study of *Angels* Jim is teaching - this topic surfaced in an open discussion in the Wednesday morning Bible class of what would be an interesting next study. Sometimes a teacher knows what they would like to teach when we first plan. Unless that topic or Bible book is something we've recently offered, we'll usually go with that. Others who teach want more direction from me. Here's where your suggestions may help determine the class subject matter. Depending on the teacher and topic, I may provide a pre-prepared curriculum, a video series, a book(s) or online resources. Again, feel free to share your suggestions with me.

We have some wonderful teachers at Northside who are great Bible students themselves. One thing for sure, though: I know there are others among us whom God has given the gift of teaching who have not yet taught an adult class here. Please talk to me, email me or text me if you know, or suspect, you might have this gift and are willing to share it. We always need great teachers and great Bible classes.

Any suggestion for a topic or text for Wednesdays March through May? Let me know.

Tomorrow evening, I am planning to take a van to Harding University to hear the evening lecture "*Forward To the Moon: The NASA Artemis Program*" presented by NASA'S chief technology official, **Dr. Douglas Terrier**. Artemis is the next space program with the aim of sending humans to the moon in 2024. If you (young or old) are fascinated by space or space travel, or the incredible technology it takes to send people spaceward, or would just enjoy a different-type of fellowship outing, this is for you. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, if you want to go. The van will leave at 5:25 p.m. with return, depending on lecture length, around 9:30 p.m.

From Our Youth Minister, Evan,

Please don't forget about two important meetings coming up in the next few weeks!

If you are going to *Winterfest*, please join us Wednesday ,February 5 after Bible class in the Outreach 2 classroom. We will go over important information about our trip to Gatlinburg as well as tie up any loose ends with forms and payment arrangements.

If you are a parent of a teen, we would love to have you join us in the Youth Loft after Sunday morning worship on February 9. The purpose of this NSYG (Northside Youth Group) meeting is to present our tentative plans for the Youth Calendar for the rest of the year. This will also be a great time for your ideas and questions! We value your ideas and involvement in our ministry because it helps to encourage the teens in their walk with Christ, as well as giving us an opportunity to get to know you better as well! Please make plans to attend this informative meeting! We will try our best to limit this meeting to 30 minutes.

Coming up Next Friday: *5th quarter* from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in the Outreach building. Bring a friend!

A note to the teenagers—You guys and girls are awesome! You have helped to make me and my family feel so welcome here and for that we are grateful. You are all very blessed young men and women and we look forward to continuing to get to know you more as we all grow closer to God.

Remember from class last week...Come into the Light: Nicodemus was a great teacher and leader in the time of Christ, but he put his pride aside and stepped out in faith to follow Jesus.

Thanks for being you!

This Week

- TODAY:** **Congregational Potluck** after morning services in the Outreach Building to honor Linda Pike.
- TUESDAY:** **NASA Lecture** at Harding University
A van will leave at 5:25 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m. for those interested in going.
- MONDAY:** **Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.
- SATURDAY:** **Young Adult Game Night/Finger Food Dinner**—see below

Upcoming Events

- February 3:** **Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.
- February 5:** **Winterfest meeting** for teens going, their parents, and chaperones, 7:30 pm in OR2 classroom next to kitchen.
- February 9:** **Youth Parent & Calendar Meeting** after morning services in the Youth Loft
- 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.

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 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. **ALSO**, if you are in need of babysitting for that night, there will be babysitting by our teens available, 5:45 — 9:15 pm. If you want to bring your child/children, contact Evan Rippee at 501-722-5751, erippee@northsidecofc.info



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 re-named "**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.


Bloom 20/20
EYES FIXED ON JESUS

Sympathy is expressed to **Jennifer James**, whose grandfather, **Joe Fureigh**, passed away. Funeral was Saturday at Ashby Funeral Home.

Prayer List:

- Linda Alexander** - Evan Rippee's grandmother has been moved to an assisted living/rehab facility in Springfield, Missouri.
- Frank Bray** - former member now living in Bentonville is in Mercy Hospital in Northwest Arkansas.
- Tim Dean** - Jennie Pryor's brother suffered a stroke on Monday.
- Leigh Hooton** - is recovering at home from successful surgery.
- Inez Pyle** - Charlotte's mother-in-law is in Hospice Care at Saline Hospice in Bryant.

Continue to remember:

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

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

The meal prepared by Janie Elliott last Tuesday for the Hospice House in Bryant was chicken tenders, pinto beans, corn and okra. Dessert for the meal was chocolate cake. Thanks to all those who have donated to help make these meals possible.

Shepherds

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

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Curtis Evans Billy McLain
Julio Flores Steve Smith
Kelley Geurin Alejo Solis
Chris Givens Freddy Swaim
Javier Guzman

Staff

Jim Gardner
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Jimmy Mitchell
Evan Rippee
Kim Rippee
Fernando Toledo

Records: January 19, 2020

Bible Classes	334
AM Worship	586
PM Worship	202
Wednesday	213
Weekly budget	\$13,901.00
Contribution	\$14,167.16

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
Firm Foundation.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Stepping In The Light.....PH
When Morning Comes.....985
Farther Along.....753
Carson SloanPrayer
Cornerstone.....PH
Ron Wallace.....Communion Devo & Offering
Mansion Over The Hilltop.....(offering song).....881
Who?.....(children’s song).....PH
Only In Thee.....492
Alex Hamilton.....1 Peter 4.7-8
Jim Gardner....."Good News from a Rock Slide"
I Must Tell Jesus.....564
Standing On The Solid Rock.....PH
Rob Nossaman.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Gary & Angie Lowe

Toddler Nursery

Tammy & Naomi Givens

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Amanda Ader

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 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:
Rob & Sherry Nossaman