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Good morning, Northside Family!

What a wonderful day of worship we experienced last week as our friends from the Johnson Street Church of Christ joined us for the fourth consecutive year on the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Thank you for helping to honor the long-time service of past elders **Jeff Davis, Ontaria Richardson, and Walter Rhodes**. Sadly, due to failing health, **W.K. Hannah** was unable to be with us. As I write this on Friday morning, Brother Hannah is now in comfort care at the Heart Hospital. He has been a friend and mentor to so many in the Kingdom of God, in the Ralph Bunche community, and throughout the city of Benton. Please remember the Hannah family, especially his daughter and our sister **Jocelyn Hurst**, when you pray.

Next Sunday, **Jimmy Sites** from Spiritual Outdoor Adventures will be our guest speaker. Sites, a graduate of CAC and Harding, transitioned from preaching ministry to create his outdoors ministry. He is coming to be the featured speaker for the Corin Read Christian Camp fundraising dinner on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in our Outreach Building. If you'd like to discover more about Jimmy and his unique ministry, go to [spiritualoutdooradventures.com](http://spiritualoutdooradventures.com).

There are several sign-up sheets on the bulletin board near the church office awaiting your name! If you might benefit from the spring session of **Grief Share**, sign up today. Grief Share, a 13-week video/discussion based group, begins on Wednesday, February 6 and will meet from 6:30-8:15 p.m. The annual **Widows & Widowers Valentine Luncheon** is slated for Thursday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Outreach Building. Finally, **Stephanie** is planning a **Teacher's Appreciation Dinner** on Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Outreach Building. If you have taught in the past year in our church's Education Ministry, you are invited and can sign up today.

*"But be sure to fear the LORD and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you" (1 Samuel 12.24).*

Did you take time to count your blessings this week? Did you intentionally focus on the good things you saw God doing around you this week?

Our new year has gotten off to a great start thanks to the good news story of Jesus as written in the Gospel of Mark. The fast-paced manner in which Mark writes is like an excited child who cannot wait to tell a parent or friend something exciting. Mark's gospel, written years after the resurrection of Jesus, tells of good news in such breathtaking fashion that we cannot help but be inspired.

Of all the wonderful things God has done for you, for us, none compares with the wonderful story of love, redemption and second chances offered by the cross and the empty tomb!

I Love You all,  
Jim

### Shepherd's Note

*"I have hungry and you...?"*

When was the last time you were really hungry? Not just "had the munchies," or "had a craving," but really hungry? And, there was no assurance of how or when that need would be met! Most of us can't remember ever being in that situation. Unfortunately it's a recurring circumstance for some in our county. Many times elderly or needy folks find themselves in a position where their meager income just can't support their need for food, shelter, and medicine. Jesus addresses such situations in Matthew 25:31-46. And he really doesn't go into much detail as to scrutiny about whether people are worthy of help. But we know that oftentimes, poor choices have contributed to their situation.

Northside's food pantry addresses one of those needs. We are so proud of the many men and women of this church that selflessly give their time and/or resources to meet the need for acquiring and distributing food (and sometimes other things) to our neighbors. You may not know, but there's probably someone sitting close to you who does this on a regular basis. And that is the secret to our on-going service: **THEY CARE!** If you have extra time and would also like to help in some way, there are many things done behind the scenes in preparation. You can help too! See **Betty Davis** or **Jim Acree**.

### Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Last week we started our home Bible studies and meet once a month. We sing, pray, study the Bible, and have dinner together. Children, youth and adults enjoy this time together.

Every Sunday our teens have a series of Bible studies under the theme: *Dealing with Temptation*. These class studies and discussions are based on the wilderness when Satan tempts Jesus. Our brother **Carlos** is teaching this class.

Every Sunday our families sign up for a prayer chain. Each family takes our bulletin and prays during a specific hour starting at 3:00 p.m. until midnight. We thank **Julio** and **Sindy** for organizing and leading this ministry.

### Conner's Contemplations

Each week we come to church, worship our Lord, sing praises, lift prayers, and listen to uplifting sermons. Every Sunday tends to have the same schedule, order of events in church, and activities. There are a few exceptions to this, but for the most part we tend to keep the same schedule as Christians on Sunday. Our weekly schedules seem to mirror this routine as well. We go to work or school for the same hours each day, we study the same general subjects, or do the same general jobs. We have dinner at generally the same time after work. We have sports, band, choir, or theater practice the same time after school. It's the same, Same, SAME!

I wonder, do we put this "same-ness" into our relationship with Jesus? Do we treat that relationship with less value than any of the other relationships we have on this earth? Our earthly relationships are hyper-dynamic. They change, grow, wax, wane, improve, fall, exist, and then don't. Our human relationships have best friends, and worst enemies. We have acquaintances and distant friends. Most importantly we have our "lifelong" friends that we trust with our very most precious possessions and secrets. We rely on these people in times of struggle and pain. We relish victories and joy with these friends. We have dynamic relationships where we grow closer as friends over time.

Why do many of us not have this type of relationship with Jesus? Well...that answer is different for each person.

However, our relationship with Jesus can mirror our feelings about Church. It can be a "chore" every Sunday. It can be a place of safety. It can be something we dread having to come to. It can be our sole uplifting experience every week. I know that when we strive for a close relationship to Jesus—when we dive into his words, demonstrate his principles, reflect his love, trust his promises, and above all else love him—we will see a relationship blossom with him that is like none other. He does not fade, he does not leave, he is not untrustworthy, he is everything we need. When we truly believe these things, we can see a whole new world of joy, safety, and peace. A close relationship with Jesus means a better life on this earth—not an easier life, but a better one.

**Youth events:**

**Winterfest Meeting Feb. 6 after Bible class**

**Winterfest Feb.15-17**



LET US THINK OF WAYS TO MOTIVATE  
ONE ANOTHER TO ACTS OF LOVE  
AND GOOD WORKS.



## Events This Week

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

## 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 so we know how much food to prepare. It is free to attend. However, donations will be accepted.

**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 6: Men's class** will resume in OR 2 (next to the kitchen in the outreach building).

**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 16: Ladies Day** at Valley View Church of Christ in Jonesboro. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

**February 21: JOY group potluck** luncheon at 11:30. If you are 55 years of age or older, we encourage you to attend.

**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)

**February 27: Mike, Diane, Chad and Janet Knappier** will leave to go on an African campaign.

## Love Notes and Heartstrings

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."* Matthew 24:35 NIV, Mark 13:31 NIV Luke 21:33 NIV

I have had a frustrating week trying to get a MRI scheduled, that for me, seems very important. I am now on my third appointment. While making that third appointment, I realized the source of my frustration is the lack of communication. I was first told their tech couldn't perform my type of MRI, which makes me wonder if I should go somewhere else. Today I was told of the dire family emergency taking place for the tech. I have a much better understanding and am able to pray for that situation. For the Bible to repeat the exact verse (above) in three books, I think it's very important to communicate! I don't have to know every detail! We all want to feel like we matter and the right words make all the difference! Communication is so important in your family, with your friends and every aspect of your day-to-day life. How is your communication? I'm working on mine! Much love to you all, Trish Jones

**Please make these changes** in your church directory. **Nick Rice's** new address is 1915 Auburn Hills Drive, Benton, 72015. Please remember when you move or make a change in your phone number, please notify the office or write it on your attendance card.

*"To My Church Family, Thank you! Those two words can never really express our appreciation for all the prayers that you, as our church family, have said over the last 7 months for me. Chemo affects not only the patient but the whole family. God heard your prayers and now once again I am cancer free. Thanks to those who called, visited and sent cards. Love is such a powerful thing and so appreciated. In Christian Love, Harold & Mary Stuart"*

Sympathy is extended to **Jim & Pat Clower** in the unexpected death of their son, **Dean**, last week.

**Prayer List: Ruthie Burgess'** annual check-up revealed she is now 22 years cancer-free. **Jan Hastings** will see an ortho doctor Wednesday to get the results of her recent MRI. **Keith Gaines** had successful outpatient surgery last week. **Alan Haltom**, Michael's dad, is now at home recovering from successful hip replacement surgery last week. **W.K. Hannah**, Jocelyn Hurst's father and long-time elder at Johnson Street Church of Christ, is being treated at the Heart Hospital. No visitors at this time. **Ethan Haughee**, Jeff & Donna's grandson, will be seen by a gastro doctor tomorrow. **Trish Jones** will have an MRI Tuesday after being diagnosed with a kidney stone and a cyst. **Piper Lacey**, 7 month old great granddaughter of Syble Womack's and daughter of Justin & Sarah Lacey, may have to have an implant to cover her underdeveloped and possibly blind left eye. Steps are being taken to prepare her body for this. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, had successful cardioversion procedure last week. **Peggy Manning**, Charlie's mother, had successful surgery last week after falling and breaking her hip. **Gary Pruitt**, Tony & Jeremy Clay's uncle, is now at home after having surgery last week due to a stomach aneurysm. **Gary Sullivan**, Sue Matheny's brother, has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, will have surgery on February 13 followed by a heavy dose of radiation.

**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, Todd Donahue, 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, Dudley McClerkin, Gene McVay, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Sharon Pearson, 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.

**Shepherds**

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

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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 20, 2019**

Bible Classes	319
AM Worship	594
PM Worship	209
Wednesday	268
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$13,927.75

**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  
Jesus Is Lord .....180  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
All The Way My Savior Leads Me.....PH  
Where He Leads I'll Follow.....417  
Surround Us, Lord.....PH  
Jeremy Clay.....Prayer  
In Christ Alone.....PH  
Jim Acree.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Thank You, Lord.....(offering song).....474  
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....1014  
He Leadeth Me.....410  
Ron Jones.....Psalm 5.1-3  
Jim Gardner....."A Full Day of Good News"  
Let Him Have His Way With Thee.....PH  
God Be with You .....755  
Richard Wallace.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Nedra Russell & LaNell Womack

**Toddler Nursery**

Angela & Jenna Howell

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE groups**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Carolyn Trusty

**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:

**Randy & Dawn Mitchell**