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Good morning, Northside Family, and welcome to worship on this first Sunday of a New Year and a New Decade! What a blessing God has granted us to see the dawn of 2020 and an opportunity to serve the Kingdom of God in a New Year!

2019 ended on an upbeat note as we welcomed into our church family **Ryan, Karla, Jeremiah (JJ) & Maverick Eppinette** and **Clovis & Frances Reid**. Clovis and Frances are the parents of **Cindy Prescott** and have moved to Saline County to be closer to family. They most recently worshiped with the Airport Road Church of Christ in Hot Springs and have moved into their new home at 316 Sandlewood Drive, Benton (72015).

The Eppinette's come to Northside from New Life Church. Ryan grew up the son of a preacher in West Monroe, Louisiana, has served as a Youth Minister at Sheridan Church of Christ and is currently a Senior Engineer at Falcon Jet. Karla was born in El Salvador and is the daughter of **Sandra Quintanilla**, a member of our Hispanic church family. Karla is a full-time mom to JJ (age 4) who loves Ninja Turtles and Avengers and Maverick (18 months) who loves taking his big brother's toys away and long naps. The Eppinette's live at 2903 Henson Place, Bryant (72022) and their phone numbers are 501-707-4229 (Ryan) and 501-400-4179 (Karla).

Welcome to Northside Clovis, Frances, Ryan, Karla, JJ and Maverick! We are so grateful God led you to be a part of our church family!

I appreciated hearing from those of you who found this week's family devotional beneficial. Thank you for making time as a family on New Year's Eve/New Year's Day to recount the activity of God in the life of your family. May the words of Psalm 77.11 invite us to be aware of and celebrate the activity of God in our lives: *"I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago."*

After some time away from the routine due to the holidays, we return to the Good News story of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark this morning. We've reached the middle of Mark 14 and the final hours of Jesus before the cross. I pray that the meaning and message of the events leading up to the cross move us to live and exemplify the Good News.

We'll also resume LIFE Groups this evening at 5:00 p.m. If you were not a part of a LIFE Group in the fall, let the New Year bring a new beginning for your spiritual walk by participating in and engaging with a small group of your Christian friends. If you need help finding a group, see **Billy McLain**.

And on Wednesday for the next four weeks, we're going to take a deep dive into what Scripture says about *Angels*. The study, reading and preparation for this class has been eye-opening to me and I'm very much looking forward to sharing with you about angels—the often overlooked spiritual beings that show up in Scripture from the very beginning (Genesis) to the very end (Revelation). Here's hoping and encouraging you to join us either at 10:30 a.m. in classroom 19-A or 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Genesis 1:2 says that even before God created light on that first day that the earth was formless and empty. In a sense, the start of a new year is similar to that first creation event; we start the year with an as yet untouched calendar, formless and empty, on which we creatively note what we want, need or should accomplish, plan how to do it, and then start to work to realize the plan. The start of the year is a great moment to make changes of direction in our life.

An oft-used word throughout the Bible is repentance. Repent, at its core, means to change direction. Perhaps this start of a new year and a fresh decade is the ideal time to repent. Repent means to turn our heart to God, to rely completely on Him. Repent means to realign our priorities with God's priorities each and every day of our life. Repent means finally seeking to know God, and to follow him wherever he leads. Repent means to decide that every plan and every activity every day in 2020 is actually done "*in the name of the Lord*" (Colossians 3.17).

So, may 2020 be more dedicated in my life and yours to seeking and doing God's will! It's a fresh start; your calendar is more or less formless and empty – what will you do next? "*See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God*" (Micah 6.8).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Happy New Year 2020! My best wishes to each of you and your families hoping you enjoy the rich spiritual blessings that God has given us through the Lord Jesus.

Tomorrow, one of our deacons, **Alejo Solis**, begins his Bible studies in preparation for the work of the ministry. On Mondays I will be supporting him through a study program offered by Sunset International Bible Institute in Spanish. He is very excited and eager to grow in the Scriptures and tools for ministry.

I want to share some words that we put in our Spanish bulletin from one of our Sunday school teachers: "*I give thanks to God for the weekly children class entrusted to me. I want to let you know that your children are treated with respect and dignity and that we always praise the Lord and put our class in God's hands before we begin. If God permits, I want to continue teaching praises and all those beautiful stories full of Christian values that our Father left written. And I ask you always to ask your children what the class was about as that serves as reinforcement. God bless you*" (Meli Lozano).

From Our Youth Minister, Evan,

I cannot express how happy and excited my family is to finally be all settled in here in Benton and at Northside! We have felt so loved and welcomed by all of you and for that we want to express our thanks.

Two notes and then a Bible thought for your morning.

-WINTERFEST is upon us! (Feb 14-16) and we have roughly 10 spots left. Please contact Dawn, Randy, Evan, or Kim for more information about how to secure a spot on this awesome trip! (To register, go to winterfest.northsidecofc.info)

-If you are a teen and you aren't coming to class Sunday mornings, please come! We would love to have you join in on our study and discussion this quarter!

In 2020, the teens will be studying through the life of Jesus and what it means to **SEEK GOD FIRST**.

Last Sunday, we set the stage with two truths and a question that will lay the foundation for our studies for the rest of the Winter teaching quarter.

Two Truths of the Universe; **1. THERE IS A GOD. 2.IT'S NOT YOU (ME)**. Question: What do you do in response to those two truths?

We live in a world that says we are our own gods. Our culture is literally trying to make us into our own idols. With selfie cameras and being able to print your face on anything from phone cases to boxer shorts, we are bombarded with the idea that "self is sovereign." And it's becoming increasingly clear that this idea is evolving a new culture where neither God nor Jesus are recognized as our life's authority.

Last year, the Barna Research Group published a book on studies conducted concerning the religious affiliations of Generation Z (ages 4-24). Generation Z makes up 25% of the world population, and the most sobering statistic that came out of that research is that out of the 69 million children and teens in Gen Z, **only 4%** have a Biblical worldview... Their worldview has been labeled as Post-Christian, Christ is a thing of the past.

Sobering.

What do we do?

I don't know what the fix-all answer is. But I do know that the only place to start is for God's people to continue to be focused on spreading the Gospel of Christ through love. And in everything we do we should give honor and glory to God. Let's **SEEK GOD FIRST**. Then we can figure the rest out together.

Don't worry about tomorrow, God's already there.

This Week

TONIGHT: LIFE groups resume

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

THURSDAY: Alzheimer Support Group 11:00 a.m. in room 19a. Melissa Baxley is the facilitator.

Upcoming Events

January 12: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00. Please join this group if you love to sing. You do not have to be in the Praise & Worship class to attend this ministry.

January 13: 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 16: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30. If you are 55 years of age and older, you are invited to attend.

January 19: Johnson Street Church of Christ will join us in worship for Martin Luther King weekend.

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

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 renamed "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.



Children's Worship Sign Up at Signup genius.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!



Sympathy is extended to Rick Treadway in the death of his father, Roy Treadway. His funeral was yesterday in Cabot.

Need to reserve a building? We have a "Building Reservation Request" form for you to fill out before the reservation can be finalized. Forms are on the counter in the office. Fill out the form, then attach it to the back of the blank forms. Someone from the office will contact you to let you know if your reservation has been approved.

New Year, New Habits?

Where would you like to serve this year? Fill out the Member Information Sheet insert today, selecting the areas listed on the back where you are interested in serving this year. Turn in as you leave today and the office will update your information!



Prayer List:

Stacy Barnes had tests on Thursday.

Sherry Benton will have outpatient surgery on Wednesday

Patrick Bowers is awaiting biopsy results.

Ruthie Burgess had hip replacement surgery on Friday at the Maumelle Surgery Center.

Laura Hutchison is awaiting a date for a lithotripsy procedure due to a large kidney stone.

Suzanne Reed is waiting for results of a recent MRI.

Micah Sexson, Grisham & Teresa Phillips' son-in-law, is improving some. He has been moved to an extended care room where he will be receiving more rehab.

Robert Webb, John's brother, is in ICU at UAMS under palliative care.

Continue to remember:

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

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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Chairman thru March: Terry Hastings

Deacons

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: December 29, 2019

Bible Classes 275
AM Worship 483
PM Worship 92
Wednesday New Year's
Weekly budget \$13,732.00
Contribution \$11,109.05

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
I Stand Amazed.....147
Just a Little Talk With Jesus.....959
John Farmer.....Prayer
Cornerstone.....PH
Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow.....334
Richard Wallace.....Communion Devo & Offering
A Charge to Keep I Have.....(offering song).....58
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....1014
Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus.....648
Tom Davis.....Romans 13.11-12
Jim Gardner....."Good News in Gethsemane"
Trust and Obey.....915
I'll Live in Glory.....895
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Dickie & Leigh Hooton

Toddler Nursery

Lisa, Harmony & Harrison Houston

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Cristin Goodner

Pantry Items Needed:

Ramen Noodles Saltine Crackers
Canned Soup Dish Washing Liquid
Canned Chili Laundry Detergent



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

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

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:



Todd & Tracy Ferguson