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Good morning, Northside Family! Happy 2019! I trust that your New Year is off to a blessed beginning!

What better way to begin a New Year than to add a new family to our Northside family! Today, **James & Paige Garrett** wish to place their membership with us. Paige is the niece of **Lewis Pryor** and she and James were recently married (Friday, December 7). The Garrett's live at 104 Pope Drive, Benton (72015). Welcome to Northside, James and Paige! Best wishes on your new life together in marriage and your new friendships in Christ at Northside!

You certainly finished off 2018 with a very generous bang! Through Wednesday, \$57,252.85 had been given toward debt reduction. Since the advent of the debt in October, 2013 (due to the construction of our current worship center and some refinancing of existing debt on the Outreach Building) you have generously given \$895,401. Add to that the ongoing mission work, the local investment in kingdom causes, and the development of Corin Read Christian Camp and, truly, God through your generosity has done amazing things over the past five years!

Another great impact in 2018 was made through the Food Pantry ministry. In total, 3,929 households accounting for 12,623 individuals were served through the food pantry in 2018. To all the volunteers who serve our neighbors and to those who generously give financially to feed the hungry, thank you!

Two weeks from today, we'll have a combined worship assembly with our friends from Johnson Street Church of Christ. The Sunday before the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday has become an annual opportunity to worship together and always brings an added blessing. It is an annual sacrifice for our friends from Johnson Street to gather across town with us to worship with one heart and one voice. I hope you'll make certain to be here two weeks from today.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 2 for the Sportsman's Night Out in the Outreach Building. There will be a wild game feed (and chili for those who don't like wild game) at 6:00 p.m. An auction to benefit Corin Read Camp will begin at 7:00 p.m. Following the auction, **Jimmy Sites** from Spiritual Outdoor Adventures will speak. Jimmy will stay over the following day to speak during the morning worship assembly. For more information, see **Josh** or **Terry Hastings**.

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. You can go online to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or see Jim for more information.

Earlier this week, I read that according to research on the habits of Americans, we spent an average of 1,642 hours watching television and 608 hours on social media last year. Maybe our resolve in 2019 can be to make the most of the ample time afforded us to make a Kingdom impact! A Psalm attributed to Moses, the man of God, requests: *"Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom"* (Psalm 90.12).

I Love You all,  
Jim

### **Billy's Thoughts**

There are so many occasions to praise God both individually and when we come together. One of the ways we do this is when we sing joyfully unto the Lord. I believe that from various New Testament Scriptures and historical documents from the first 2-3 centuries AD, the first Christians came together and sang hymns, and without accompaniment of instruments. Their voices praised God. Their voices were enough. However, I am with all of you at times wondering how to reconcile this early Christian teaching and practice and the Old Testament's frequent mention of instruments accompanying several of the Psalms, or used in Temple worship. This article, however is not to make arguments for *A Capella* singing in worship, but to think of the types of emotion that various Psalms evoke, and the musical style that would have "fit" each text.

I was listening to the local classical music station. One of the announcers said the music of Igor Stravinsky was almost instantly recognizable (I think of it as sounding "edgy"). Similarly, Bach or Dvorak, Mozart or Strauss are also fairly easy to recognize stylistically, almost as easy as distinguishing between country and rock styles.

This got me thinking about how each Psalm type was probably sung to a tune or instrumentation appropriate to the mood of the lyrics of the Psalm. Imagine with me for a moment what type of ancient music would fit Psalm 23 (the tune is not listed), or, I wonder what the tune, "The Doe of the Morning" really was like since it accompanies Psalm 22 (the one Jesus quoted on the cross: "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*"). Psalm 4 called for stringed instruments, Psalm 5, pipes. Each Psalm was unique.

I wonder if we ever sometimes read scripture as if it is all written on the same tone, never reflecting on the timbre and intensity of a specific passage. Next time you read a Psalm, or even narrative Bible texts, try to appreciate the tone and emotion the writer would have wanted you to understand.

The next JOY Group Potluck luncheon is Thursday, January 17 at 11:30 a.m. and the next Corin Read Board Meeting is Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the camp.

### **Hispanic Happenings with Fernando**

*The Plan and the Purposes of God are being carried out, although it does not always seem that way.*

During last year, God's plans and purposes were being carried out and this New Year will not be the exception. You will live within the plans and purposes of God every day, although sometimes it does not seem that way. In the biblical story, we find characters who lived within the plans and purposes of God, although everything seemed to indicate the opposite. Joseph the dreamer, was at first hated and sold by his brothers, separated from his family, in affliction and pain, and a slave in Egypt. Everything seemed to indicate that because he was in distress God had forgotten him. But it was not like that! The plans and purposes of God were taking place in his life. Moses, the liberator, despite having acquired a high level of knowledge in Egypt, found himself tending sheep in the desert for forty years. Everything seemed to indicate that God had forgotten him, but it was not so! God's plans and purposes were taking place in his life, although everything seemed to indicate the opposite.

During this New Year, when circumstances tell you that God has forgotten you, remember that His plans and purposes are being carried out, even if we do not understand the circumstances. Do what Joseph and Moses did: maintain your faith, trust in God, depend on God, serve God, wait on God. Our King is coming. Have a blessed New Year.

### **Conner's Contemplations**

Happy New Year! As you read this morning I will have found myself in Colorado Springs! The National Youth Ministry Conference is held there this morning, and I am attending with several of the Youth Ministers from around the state. We all decided to travel and room together to help split some cost factors, have some familiar company, and get to know each other better. This conference has classes, worship services, vendors, and plenty other Youth Ministry related activities.

Conferences like this reminds me: "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*" (Proverbs 27:17).

We go to these conferences as ministers in order to better teach, interact with, and guide teenagers in their lives. We interact with each other in our groups for the same reasons. We spend time with other ministers to learn and grow. Each time our group meets I leave feeling uplifted and understanding something I had not understood before.

Church, in essence, works the same way. We meet each week to worship, but also to sharpen one another. We come here to lift each other up in spirit. Sadly, though, some people see church as place of judgement and fear. One of the today's biggest follies for the church is the idea that we have to be perfect when we enter these doors. Maybe that is why people feel unsafe in church, because we know we aren't perfect under our own façade but all we see are "perfect Christians" when we enter. Colossians and Ephesians both tell us to be honest and open with one another. I would recommend Colossians 3 and Ephesians 4 if you want to read about Paul's thoughts on the subject.

We all know that not every church suffers from this stigma, and we in turn, may not suffer. However, it is hard to know what people feel if they don't tell you. It is difficult to know if someone does feel judged or scared when they enter the church for the same reasons they might feel these emotions. So with that in mind, may we be always more encouraging to one another. May we be open with each other. May we show the love of Christ in our openness and spread that love to all those around us.

### Events In January

**TONIGHT: LIFE groups** will meet.

**THURSDAY: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** 11:00. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

**SATURDAY: Beginners class for Pickleball.** See **Ken** or **Rhonda Covington** for more information.

**January 13: Baby Shower** honoring **Joe & Rosemary Gatliff** at 2:00 in the outreach building. They are expecting a boy and are registered through this link: [www.babylist.com/rosemary-gatliff](http://www.babylist.com/rosemary-gatliff).

**January 17: JOY Group** potluck luncheon 11:30. If you are 55 years of age and older please join this group for good food, fun and fellowship.

**January 20: Baby Shower** honoring **Greg & Jenna Pryor**. They are expecting a girl.

**The ladies at Northside** have received an invitation to attend a retreat with the Iron Rose Sister Ministries on November 1-3, 2019 in Conway. For more information please see the postcard posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

**Please make these changes** in your church directory. **Sue Edwards** no longer has a landline. Her cell number is 931-510-3624. **Mike, Julie, Jonathan & Jordan Parsons** have moved to 7303 Worth Avenue East, Benton 72019.

**If you have made** a change in your address and/or phone number, please write the change on the back of your attendance card. We are wanting to send out a current directory but we want all of the information correct.

**The meal prepared** by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant on the first Friday of the month was hamburger soup, Asian salad, deviled eggs and cornbread. **Shannon Lincoln** prepared the dessert. We received a nice letter last week from the volunteer coordinator at Hospice. She mentioned how the family members of the patients really appreciate the meals. Thanks to all of you who support this ministry by either making monetary donations or preparing a dessert.

**Please check the table** in the kitchen in the multipurpose area to see if any of the dishes belong to you. Thanks to all of you who helped in any way when food was needed.

**During the month of December** we provided food from our food pantry to 281 families for a total of 907 individuals. Thanks to all of you who support this ministry in some way either by working on the days the pantry is open, going to pick up food, unloading the truck or making monetary donations.

### Love Notes and Heartstrings

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

**Happy New Year!** I'm always excited to begin the new year! New beginnings and fresh starts! Why not begin the new year getting involved with a group from church. There are so many opportunities for you to get to know someone better! A great way for the ladies is coming soon with the ladies retreat in April. I will be giving more information in the coming weeks, so keep watching and save the date....April 12-13 at CrossHeirs in Humphrey, AR. Let's all make the very best of ourselves in Christ for 2019! Blessings to you all~Trish Jones

### Upcoming Events

**February 2: Sportsman's Night Out Fundraiser** to benefit Corin Read Christian Camp. More info later.

**February 6: GriefShare** class will begin 6:30-8:00

**February 15-17: Winterfest**

**February 22-23: Annual WINGS** (Women in God's Service) Conference. The topic will be *"And They Will Know"*. More information will be posted later. However, you can go online now and register.

**We are needing help** with disinfecting toys in the toddler and infant nursery. If you are able to help, please contact **Stephanie Howell** or **Linda Pike**. This could be done on a rotation basis with several people or one person could take charge of this ministry.

**In a world where you can be anything  
BE KIND**

**Prayer List: Jody Barnes** has been diagnosed with bronchitis on the verge of pneumonia in both lungs. **Marilyn Cushing**, Janie Elliott's sister-in-law, is in the hospital in Irving, TX. **Jan Hastings** fell and suffered a broken foot and twisted knee. **Barbara Joiner**, Keely Treadway's mother, received "all-clear" results from her recent bone marrow test. **Mark Shepard** is waiting for results on a recent MRI on his kidneys. **Harold Stuart** will have a PET scan Tuesday. **Shelly Thompson** received a great report concerning her recent diagnosis of having a spinal tumor. The tumor is likely benign and will be treated with injections. No surgery at this time. **Jeanette Underwood**, friend of June Cox, has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer and is scheduled to begin treatment on Thursday. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, got his trach removed last week. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter, has been diagnosed with cancer in her liver. She will meet with an oncologist on Wednesday.

**Continue to remember:** Linda Acree, Linda Ball, Kaylyn Barnes, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles Caradine, Jimmy Card, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Shirley Harkreader, Alice Harris, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Mike Knappier, Reba Leonard, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Robert Matheny, Pat Maxwell, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Gene McVay, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Jeremiah Nutter, George & Sharon Pearson, Wayne Perry, Jewell Powell, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bernadette Rockwell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Betty Stuckey, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Richard Wallace, Brandon Webb, Doug Willis, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville and Sabrina Wright.

**We want to also** continue to remember **Hannah** and **Norah Bishop** when we pray. They were seriously injured in an auto accident recently in Kentucky. Their sister, **Jude**, passed away last Wednesday. Their parents are **Kyle & Katie Bishop**. This family is connected to **Tammy & Chris Givens**.

**Shepherds**

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

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**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: December 30, 2018**

Bible Classes 248  
AM Worship 503  
PM Worship 80  
Wednesday 241  
Weekly budget \$13,034.19  
Contribution \$57,252.85

**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  
We Shall Assemble.....PH  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
Shout Hallelujah!.....PH  
He Has Made Me Glad.....103  
Surround Us, Lord.....PH  
Phillip Howell.....Prayer  
There Is a Redeemer.....287  
Chris Givens.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Thank You, Lord.....(offering song).....474  
Jesus Love Me.....(children's song).....1014  
Behold Our God.....PH  
Ken Covington.....Colossians 1.9-14  
Jim Gardner....."Good News is Here!"  
There's a Fountain Free.....909  
We Shall Wear a Crown.....PH  
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Sue Edwards & Anne Johnson

**Toddler Nursery**

Melissa & Jaggar Baxley & Harley Clancy

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE groups will meet**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Jean Corley

**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:

**Todd & Tracy Ferguson**