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Good morning, Northside Family!

Tuesday evening following VBS, **Chad Wagner** was baptized into Jesus. The desire of Chad's heart is to fully, completely dedicate his life to Christ. We welcome Chad into the family of God and celebrate his new-found forgiveness in the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday, **Jennifer Crow** shared the following message with our church family as she asked for our prayers: *"I feel very stagnant in my spiritual life. I haven't been in the Word or spent time in prayer like I know I should. I want to be better for myself, my husband, and my kids. They need me to show an example of putting Christ first in my life and I haven't been showing that. I want Christ to renew a steadfast spirit within me. I ask for forgiveness and hope to be better. Please pray for me to have a desire to make time with the Lord every day."*

Last Sunday, we were also privileged to pray in thanksgiving as a visitor to our assembly, **William Clements**, shared some good news. William and his wife, **Rosemary**, are friends of **John & Carol Shelton** and **Ron & Cindy Wallace** and have been on our long-term prayer needs list as they've both been receiving treatment for cancer. William and Rosemary have both been recently pronounced cancer-free by their oncologists. Praise God for his goodness and answer to prayer!

VBS 2019 is in the books! What an exceptionally good week of fellowship and fun, spiritual growth and goodness. **Dawn Mitchell** once again coordinated a great experience for the children. **Chuck Ball** shared some inspired messages about how to "move forward" from discouragement, grief and guilt, and the need for healthy churches. **Tony Clay** did a fantastic job leading the kids' songs each evening and **Carson & Jack Clay** did phenomenal with the evening skits. In addition, a whole host of dedicated volunteers served as teachers, leaders, nursery workers, refreshment servers, and cookie providers. On the front end, thanks to all who gave their time as decorators and, at the conclusion, those who helped clean up. The big servant hearts of Northside shone brightly once again and our mutual prayer is that the lessons of VBS 2019 will sink deep in the heart and soul of each child.

Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m., The CALL of Saline County will hold an informational gathering in our Outreach Building. You'll hear details on how you can make a difference by becoming a foster or adoptive family, or volunteer to help The CALL in their mission of assisting foster and adoptive families. At this gathering, a teen adopted from foster care just last year and the adoptive dad will share their story. Child-care will be provided. For more information about The CALL, see **Wes & Amanda Ader** or **Steven & Melissa Runyon** whose personal experience and investment with The CALL have greatly blessed their family and our church family! You can also visit TheCALLinArkansas.org and The CALL of Saline/Perry Counties on Facebook for more information.

Could we make one final volunteer plea? Saturday, August 3 is the annual Ralph Bunche Back-to-School Backpack Day at Ralph Bunche Park. Could you help provide cookies for the picnic? We anticipate providing lunch for 750 that day and all the cookies you could provide would be a most welcome gift to our community.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Wow! We've had an outstanding Vacation Bible School. The kids were great! I had the privilege of sharing in the teaching of the Bible stories to the pre-school age and that was so much fun! Thanks to everyone who helped, whether it was decorating (awesome!), teaching, herding children from place to place, drama, leading crazy good singing, organizing and helping with play times, serving snacks, or anything else I've overlooked. Thanks! Thanks also to **Dawn Mitchell** and **Stephanie Howell** for their overall vision and direction, and their hours and hours of extraordinary work. Remember: "*And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'*" and, "*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'*" (Matthew 18:3;19:14).

Remember two special events this week: This Thursday at 11:30 a.m. we'll have a mid-summer **JOY Group** potluck luncheon for ages 55 or older. There's no theme, so bring what you like. It may be an opportunity to share a dish from some of the fresh food available only during the summer garden harvest season.

And, this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. **Barbara Salley** and **Stephanie Howell** are planning a fun Game Night for all of us (all ages) in the Outreach Building. Bring snacks (enough for your family) that can also be shared. Drinks will be provided. This will be a wonderful night to interact within our church family and with people of all ages.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Next Saturday a group of sisters are planning to attend to an area wide ladies' day at Heartland Church of Christ in Kansas City, Missouri. The theme is "*The Wise Woman.*" **Marissa Solis**, from Northside, is the guest speaker.

Next week we will begin our small groups in houses. On Wednesday, July 31, **Mark and Martha Littlejohn** are planning to arrive in Benton for an introduction lesson and then small groups on the following three days. Sunday, August 4, will be the conclusion of the small groups.

Sunday, August 4, is Northside Hispanic ministry's anniversary. Thirteen years ago Northside began to preach the message of salvation in the Spanish language to our community. Now a beautiful Hispanic congregation full of grace and salvation is proclaiming the good news in Spanish, not only through our community, but also to friends and relatives of our native country. God is good! After our church worship service, we will be celebrating with carne asada at the Corin Read Camp and swimming pool.

Conner's Contemplations

Welcome back to another great week of summer! It's beginning to wind down and come to a close, at least date wise. There are many activities for our teenagers to participate in these last few weeks! Please check Facebook, email, and text messages for any details regarding these! My last article listed them all and I will post regularly with updates!

The end of summer gets me thinking about something. We tend to have the same general event schedule for our teenagers here at Northside. It usually follows a pattern that has been set long before I was the minister. We usually have Uplift then Camp, then several weeks of day activities or group activities, then usually have a mission trip or two planned, and then we end the summer with some activity.

Every summer follows this pattern. Our patterns don't always line up with other Churches of Christ in our area either. They do things very differently. We line up with a camp or two but other than that we tend to do our own thing. This usually means there is not as much interaction with other churches in the summer like we try to have during the school year. I wonder why that is? Some might say its due to our autonomy as churches. I think that is a great answer. However, I wonder if we did things differently and lined up with more churches, what would be the outcome? Would our teenagers branch out and make new friends? Would they feel awkward and stay to themselves? It's a good question to pose. Interaction with other "new" people can have a profound effect on our teenagers, if guided correctly.

If we could encourage interaction with people we do not know, and try to get out of our comfort zones, imagine the result. Imagine a whole generation of teenagers and adults who regularly get out of their comfort zone to reach out to others. Imagine the growth not just of our teenagers but of our church as a whole. If we could truly foster teaching and activities for our teenagers to begin to enjoy getting out of their comfort zones, I think we would see a strong, good outcome in our teens.

These next few weeks and months, the Northside Youth Group (The Pack) is going to have several opportunities to get out of their comfort zone. We will be interacting with members from the community, members of our own church that have different cultural backgrounds, and members of other churches.

I would plead with parents to encourage your teenagers to be involved during these activities. Encourage them not just for the fun aspect but for the growth aspect. It takes a village... as the saying goes. We need parents just as much as teens and ministers. Thank you all for all you do!

Events This Week

TONIGHT: **Wes Ader** speaks on Faith Hero: Samson

MONDAY: Library Day! Animology showing at 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older. If you have any questions, please call **Ken Covington** at 501-213-7186.

TUESDAY: \$1.00 Movie at Tinseltown—*SpongeBob Squarepants* at 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY: The CALL of Saline County will have an informational meeting about foster parenting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Outreach Building. For more information, see **Wed & Amanda Ader** or **Steven & Melissa Runyon**.

WEDNESDAY: Early Morning Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m. will meet in Classroom 19-A. This week's class will be based on Esther 7.1-10.

THURSDAY: JOY Group potluck luncheon 11:30 in the outreach building. If you are 55 years of age or over, you are invited and encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY: Playdate at the Hamilton's for our young adults and their children.

THURSDAY: 8th annual "Tell the Story" Children's Rally at **Village Church of Christ**. **Stephanie Howell** will be taking a van. Kindergarten-6th grade (this fall) are welcome to attend. We will meet at Northside's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return to Northside's parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Bible Classes, singing, games, crafts, and lunch. NO COST! Parents wanting to attend with their kids are welcome. If your child needs a car seat, you will need to drive your child. We need at least one other adult chaperone to go.

FRIDAY: Family Game Night at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks to share and your favorite board or card game. Drinks will be provided. Hosts are **Barbara Salley & Stephanie Howell**.

SATURDAY: Memphis Zoo Trip. Meet at the Target parking lot at 7:30 a.m. to caravan.

SATURDAY: 30th Annual Singing at the Rison Church of Christ at 6:00 pm. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

Upcoming Events

July 28: Baby shower for **Jessica Zanca**, come and go 1:30-3 p.m. in the Young Adult classroom. Gift cards or diapers are appreciated. She is having a girl.

July 29: Playdate in the outreach building. Meet at 10:00, bring games and/or scooters/bikes/etc. Also bring your own lunch (we will block off the parking lot so the kids can ride bikes outside).

July 30: \$1.00 Movie at Tinseltown—*Sherlock Gnomes* at 10:00 a.m.

July 31: Swimming at the River Center. Meet at 9:30.

August 3: Ralph Bunche Back-to-School backpack day at Ralph Bunche Park, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

For several years Northside has provided clothes for the children who attend the Ralph Bunche Back-to-School picnic. We are in need of good clean children's clothes sizes for kindergarten-middle school age children. We will collect clothes until Thursday, August 1.

There will be a young adult and their kids potluck in the outreach building after morning church services on Sunday, August 4th. Mark your calendars. **Sherry Nossaman** will have a food sign up sheet in Bible class or you can email her at rsnossaman@yahoo.com to let her know what you're bringing.

The meal prepared by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant on the second Tuesday was pork chops, scalloped potatoes, macaroni & cheese and orange dreamsickle cake. The meal prepared for lunch last week on the third Tuesday was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, fried okra, sliced tomatoes and pineapple cake with vanilla icing for dessert.

Prayer List: Briannah Diamond, granddaughter of Leona Colson, is in Arkansas Children's Hospital recovering from brain surgery. **Susan Dorsey** will have surgery Tuesday at Arkansas Surgical Hospital. **Ron Fant** will have knee surgery on Tuesday at the VA. **Jan Hicks**, sister of Nedra Russell, suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in Memphis. **Betty Humphries**, Gary Lowe's mother, is recovering from a fall that resulted in a broken hip and surgery to repair it. **Anita Knight**, the wife of Jelina Baxter's nephew, Ronnie, is gravely ill in the Heart Hospital room 202. **Piper Lacey**, great granddaughter of Syble Womack, received an orthotic eye last week. **Yvonne Lewis**, Terry Hastings' sister, is recovering from successful surgery last week to replace aortic valve. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, will have heart valve replacement surgery at the Heart Hospital on Tuesday. **Bo Maley**, a former very regular visitor, had hip replacement surgery last week. Bo and her husband, Bill, now live in Hot Springs. **Mark Otwell**, son of Carl & Wanda, is struggling with some health issues. **Bartha Wise** is in room 706 at Fox Ridge. However, she is expected to move to another room in the near future.

Continue to remember: Clint Barnhart, Blythe Bowers, Brenda Bourque, Tyler Buck, Charles Caradine, James & Jenny Chandler, Cash Clancy, Todd Donahue, Trevor Ezell, Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Steve Graves, Cindi Greenhaw, Mark Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Shannon Henry, J.C. Johnson, Russell & Sarah Johnson, Barbara Joiner, Joe Kaderabek, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Caleb Lambert, Reba Leonard, Lance Lieblong, Kim Lindgren, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Peggy Manning, Robert Matheny, Richard May, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, David Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Charlene McDonnel, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Jimmy Mitchell, Carl & Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Chuck Rice, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Mary Catherine Roberts, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Mark Shepard, Janice Smith, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

If you have asked us to prayer for a friend or family member, please keep us updated on their health.

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
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Jimmy Mitchell
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Records: July 14, 2019

Bible Classes		250
AM Worship		511
PM Worship	VBS	245
Monday	VBS	235
Tuesday	VBS	257
Wednesday	VBS	265
Thursday	VBS	220
Weekly budget		\$13,732.00
Contribution		\$11,776.51

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 A.M. Worship

Tony Clay.....Worship Leader
We Shall Assemble.....718
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
As The Deer (New).....PH
Listen To Our Hearts.....810
Chad Slaughter.....Prayer
Faithful Love.....18
James Smith.....Communion Devo & Offering
God Is So Good.....(offering song).....83
If You're Happy.....(children's song).....PH
The Greatest Commands.....448
Grisham Phillips.....Matthew 16.15-19
Jim Gardner....."Good News in the Lead"
Follow Me.....395
Beautiful Things.....PH
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

LaNell Womack & Amanda Ashton

Toddler Nursery

Tarzah Shaw & Susan Burton

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Charlotte Pyle



Pantry Needs:

In desperate need of
dishwashing liquid & jelly

During the summer months all of the backpack food items will be donated to the library. In addition to the food items that you have been bringing, the library is also collecting hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.



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:

Terry & Jan Hastings