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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last Sunday as I was teaching the College-age Bible class in my office, we were pleasantly surprised by a visit from the Kindergarten Class. Taught by **Maude Caudle** and **Sue Edwards**, the Kindergarten crew was on a "Prayer Walk" to various spots on our church campus to pray. It was an incredible gift to me personally and to our college class to have the children step out of their normal routine to bring a blessing. May we all consider how we might do the same.

Tuesday, thanks to the leadership and vision of **Wes & Amanda Ader** and **Steven & Melissa Runyon**, our church was privileged to host an informational meeting for The CALL, a faith-based foster/adoption agency in Saline County. We received the following note from **Julia DesCarpentrie**, Coordinator for The CALL: *"Thank you Northside for hosting our informational meeting. We had 22 families representing 12 different congregations attend – a great turnout! Seven of those families were from Northside. Today (Wednesday), I sent off seven families' paperwork to begin the process to foster or adopt children in foster care and have several couples who plan to complete the paperwork and drop it off in the next week. We appreciate your hospitality and helping us with the mission to love children in foster care with the extravagant love of Christ!"*

As we continue to seek opportunity to be a beacon in our community, tomorrow begins the start of a week-long effort to bless students and families in the Benton School District. The annual *Ralph Bunche Back-to-School Backpack Day* will be this coming Saturday at Ralph Bunche Park. The activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish up at 2:00 p.m. with the backpack distribution. Churches from all across our city donate supplies with Northside serving as the receiving place. The supplies will be sorted and organized in advance of Saturday when each child will choose a backpack which will then be loaded with their grade-appropriate school supplies. In addition, Northside provides clothing for children (kindergarten through middle school). You've done such a great job of donating clothes already. If you have more, we'll accept them until Thursday. **Donna Bowers** leads a great crew of volunteers in sorting the clothing.

There is a big cookout/picnic for all who attend next Saturday. Can you help? In addition to providing clothing, we also need donations of cookies. We typically serve around 750 people, so the more cookies, the better!

One great addition to our effort this year will be the presence of ladies from John 3.17 Ministry who will be volunteering. They will stay over next Saturday night in our Outreach Building and be with us next Sunday morning for worship. Joining them will be **Jim Woodell**, Executive Director of John 3.17. We will dedicate the Transformation House and its ministry to graduates of John 3.17 next Sunday morning.

Also next Sunday, our Hispanic congregation will celebrate their 13th Anniversary. What a blessing to have one family worshiping in two languages on this church campus every Sunday! Be sure to read both **Fernando** and **Conner's** articles inside today's bulletin for some really good news about how our English and Spanish-speaking teens joined forces to serve together this past week.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Fall LIFE Groups

I'm working to plan our Sunday evening LIFE Groups which will begin in September.

Some, perhaps as many as 8, 9 or 10, groups will meet scattered throughout our classrooms and Worship Center, and others in homes. I'd really like for us to increase the number of groups meeting in homes to 5 or 6 groups this Fall.

One difference from previous years is that we hope most groups will include multiple generations. We will not have a separate children's LIFE Group this Fall but will include the children in with adults in most of the groups. By the way, kudos to those adults who have been taking care of the separate LIFE Group for children over the past seven years! They really need an opportunity to be a part of a group that includes adults.

The elders and myself are working on some innovative ideas as to how to integrate our children in most LIFE Groups that will truly bless all of us no matter our age. A helpful article online by Andrew Mason is, "*11 Ways to Value Children and Small Groups*" at this link: <https://churchleaders.com/.../175337-11-ways-to-value-children-and-small-groups.htm>

Of course, teens will continue their LIFE Group this Fall.

The plan is to begin this change, learn from it, and evaluate it in December to see if we should continue on through May or modify for the Spring semester.

Are you willing to lead or help lead a LIFE Group? Is your home a possible location for a home LIFE Group? Please let me know of your possible willingness or interest. You can call or text my cell (501) 435-7607 or email me at billy@northsidecofc.info.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

What an amazing week I just had with Northside teens. The work they did for our community in this local mission trip was outstanding. The carnival at Tyndall Park was successful as we saw the church in contact with the community. One of the great things everybody loved was to see Spanish-speaking and English-speaking teens working together for Jesus. During this day we spoke one language to our community: the language of Christ through love, compassion, sacrifice and service.

This Wednesday **Mark & Martha Littlejohn** and will arrive in Benton to help us organize the church in small groups. Mark will be teaching an introductory lesson on Wednesday, then small groups from Thursday through Saturday.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the 13th Anniversary of the Northside Hispanic Ministry. After our worship service we will have a meal at Corin Read Camp and enjoy the swimming pool.

Conner's Contemplations

Good morning everyone! I hope you all had a great week! The Youth Group Mission Trip was fantastic! I am so proud of what our teenagers accomplished! I never really worry about assigning projects for our teenagers to do because they all seem to get them accomplished! This last week we spent three days together working and playing and sleeping. We served alongside our Hispanic teenagers and it could not have gone better!

Our kids interacted with the Hispanic teens and they all seemed to get along fine. There were a few cultural differences but our teenagers did not let those distract them from making friends and working together.

Day one was spent on manual labor. We picked up trash, loaded onto a trailer and then hauled it to the landfill. We loaded several hundred pounds of trash as well as nearly one ton of shingles. On top of that, our teenagers as a group decided to help several other families at the landfill to get rid of their trash (all without prompts from any of the adults!). I was very proud of them.

Day two was spent door knocking and preparing for the Carnival we hosted at Tyndall Park. They all worked together to paint, construct and design games for our community children. At the Carnival we had over 60 attendees, many of whom had no church affiliation! It was fantastic!

Day three was spent at Corin Read Camp! We loaded a bunch of wood onto the vehicles and went to camp. While there we did some much needed painting as well as constructing a new game called the Whale Watch (it's basically a giant see-saw). **Levi Givens** had a hilarious description of it. He said "*Is it called a whale watch because it looks like a dock? And you know you like can see whales off a dock and stuff.*" Great comment! It took many teens to help build and several got some experience at drilling, cutting, hammering and nailing boards. They did a fantastic job. I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents who helped this week! We could not have done it without you.

It was a blessed week and our teenagers shined Christ to all those around! I AM A VERY VERY PROUD YOUTH MINISTER. Our teenagers deserve a very large pat on the back for what they accomplished this week!

Events This Week

TODAY: **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.

TONIGHT: **Keith Gaines** speaks on Faith Hero: David

MONDAY: 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).

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—*Sherlock Gnomes* at 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Swimming at the River Center. Meet at 9:30.

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.

FRIDAY: Hurricane Lake Swimming Day for Mothers and their young children. Please meet at Hurricane Lake at 9:30 and bring a few dollars to pay the fee. Also, call **Sherry Nossaman** to RSVP.

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

Upcoming Events

August 4: Young adult and their kids potluck in the outreach building after morning church services. **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.

August 4: Youth Lock-in. Village Church of Christ teens will be our guests.

August 6: \$1.00 Movie at Tinseltown—*Hotel Transylvania 3* at 10:00 a.m.

August 7: Swimming at the River Center. Meet at 9:30.

August 8: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00-12:00. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

August 8: 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.

August 9: 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).

August 11: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00.

August 12: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

August 13: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for our youth group.

August 18: Bridal Shower honoring **Kaylee Rawls & Conner Smith**. More info later

August 24: Heartfelt Reveal Party in the OR building. More info later

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.

We have been invited to attend a Congregational Singing at Mabelvale Church of Christ on Saturday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.. Refreshments will be provided after the singing. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

WE NEED COOKIES for the Ralph Bunche picnic. There is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Volunteer needed to be responsible of making sure who needs food after being in the hospital. If you need more information, please call the office.

Prayer List: Briannah Diamond, granddaughter of Leona Colson, is in Arkansas Children's Hospital. She suffered another stroke last week. **Susan Dorsey** is now at home. **Janie Elliott** will have a nerve block procedure in her back tomorrow. **Ron Fant** did not have knee surgery last week. He had cataract surgery. **Pat Feeny** will have a procedure tomorrow. **Don Flowers** had hip surgery last week due to injuries he suffered after falling. **Cindi Greenhaw**, Suzanne Reed's sister, had tests last week to determine if she qualifies for a kidney transplant. **Jan Hicks**, sister of Nedra Russell, did not have a stroke as previously feared. She was diagnosed with severe migraines. **Betty Humphries**, Gary Lowe's mother, is now in rehab. **Anita Knight**, the wife of Jelina Baxter's nephew, Ronnie, is improving. She is in the Heart Hospital room 202. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, is now at home. **Vince Nelson** had surgery last week to remove a bone spur on his vertebrae. **Jewell Powell** is now at Valley Ranch Health & Rehab in Little Rock. **Bess Sanders** is in Bryant Hospice room 704. **Sharon Senn**, James Garrett's grandmother, will have surgery on Wednesday for an aortic aneurysm. **James Sutton** is now at home after having knee replacement surgery last week.

Continue to remember: Clint Barnhart, Blythe Bowers, Brenda Bourque, Tyler Buck, Charles Caradine, James & Jenny Chandler, Cash Clancy, Todd Donahue, Trevor Ezell, Ellen Fant, 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, Yvonne Lewis, Lance Lieblong, Kim Lindgren, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Bo Maley, 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, Mark Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Chuck Rice, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Mary Catherine Roberts, Earlene Russell, 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, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

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

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
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Records: July 21, 2019

Bible Classes	288
AM Worship	478
PM Worship	120
Wednesday	226
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$12,489.22

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

Nathan Mayes.....Worship Leader
How Great is Our God.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Firm Foundation.....PH
Mighty Save.....PH
Al Nash.....Prayer
Cornerstone.....PH
Rick VanZandt.....Communion Devo & Offering
Sanctuary.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus is a Friend.....(children's song).....PH
Footprints of Jesus.....416
Carson Sloan.....1 John 2.3-6
Jim Gardner....."Good News Follows"
Just As I Am/I Come Broken.....PH
The Battle Belongs to the Lord.....749
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Contessa Scism & Stephanie Farmer

Toddler Nursery

LeeAnn & Anslee Clay

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Trena Slaughter



Pantry Needs:

Green Beans, Corn, Spam,
Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti,
Dish Washing Liquid, Laundry Detergent

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:

Randy & Dawn Mitchell