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Good morning, Northside Family. Hope you and your family were able to celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, food and fellowship.

I saw this the other day and found it very thought-provoking: *If your church closed its doors today, would the community notice? Are you filling a need in your community that would be greatly missed if you were not there?*

Isn't it a blessing to be a part of a church family that impacts our community? Inside today's bulletin, you'll read in Fernando's article about the upcoming 13th anniversary of the founding of the Hispanic congregation. That ministry has made a great Kingdom impact in the Spanish-speaking community in Benton and Saline County.

Next Sunday, another annual impact will be made through Vacation Bible School. Some of my earliest church memories are of VBS days at Northside (back when I was a kiddo, VBS met in the morning). **Dawn Mitchell** and her team of volunteers have put together another fantastic experiential learning opportunity for our children this year with the theme: *Marooned: Steady Faith on Shifting Sands*. For the adults, our good friend **Chuck Ball**, the outstanding Preaching Minister for the Cabot Church of Christ and son of **Linda Ball**, will be our guest speaker. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you for VBS so the impact can be multiplied. It all starts next Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. and continues Monday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

Looking ahead, on Tuesday, July 23, a special community-wide event will be held in our Outreach Building. The CALL of Saline County will hold an informational meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The mission of The CALL is to "mobilize the church in Arkansas to love foster children with the extravagant love of Christ." According to The CALL's data, 84 children in Saline and Perry counties spend time each day in foster care due to abuse or neglect with, on average, 74 families to care for these children. The mission of The CALL is a special passion for **Wes & Amanda Ader** and **Steven & Melissa Runyon**. If you'd like to learn more about The CALL and opportunities to serve, you are invited to attend the informational meeting.

Our annual ministry to the children of the community through the Ralph Bunche Community Action Committee's annual Backpack Day will be on Saturday, August 3. The week leading up, our Outreach Building will transform into a storehouse of donated school supply items that will be given away to children in the community. This year, Northside has been asked to supply cookies for the picnic. Cookie bakers, could you circle that week on your calendar and volunteer to help out by donating cookies for the children and parents who will be blessed by your generosity.

That's a month of community impact, not to mention the regular service through the food pantry distribution on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

What a blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community! And what unity arises when we serve shoulder-to-shoulder in meeting the needs of the lost, the least, and the less fortunate.

I Love You all, Jim

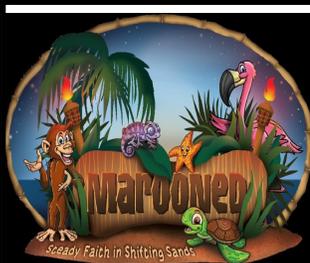
Billy's Thoughts

A great truth from our current Wednesday study of Esther is that God is at work all the time, when we know it, when we cooperate with Him, when we are unaware, unattentive, or even when we deny or resist his work, he is at work. He is at work in the hearts of our children as they count down the days until VBS begins, and in the hearts of adults and teens who will work hard this week preparing for this wonderful teaching opportunity known as VBS. Thanks to you who so quickly volunteered last Sunday to supply needed items for VBS.

God is at work through those who preach and teach. I have been keenly aware of His working through our men who each Sunday night have been bringing powerful lessons of faith and heroism from among the stories of the faith heroes mentioned by name in Hebrews 11. Tonight, I am sure there will be another great opportunity for personal growth and encouragement from the lesson that **Jack Clay**, one of our teens, will share on the life of Samuel. If possible, be here at 5:00 p.m. to learn, encourage and grow!

Continue to pray for the ministry of teaching through Corin Read Christian Camp. Continue to pray for the campers who have already completed their week, whether from Northside, De Queen, or the Senior High Week Campers from various congregations who just completed Mountain Fork's first week. Pray also for the remaining two camp weeks: this week is a MFCC Junior High/Middle School week; the following week is an elementary age week.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).



Next Sunday will be the beginning of our VBS. Have you registered your children? Registered yourself to help out? **VBS Registration is online now, for both children and volunteers**—find the link in our Facebook group or in your email updates. Paper registration can be found on the bulletin board next to the office.

Our theme this year is **MAROONED—Steady Faith on Shifting Sands**—and we'll be decorating different areas as beaches, jungles or coastal areas. Do you have any items to decorate with those themes? Please let **Dawn Mitchell** know. Also, please check the wall in the foyer for needed items.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

This month of July is the 13th Anniversary of Northside's Hispanic Ministry. We are planning to celebrate with thanksgiving to God on Sunday, July 28 during our worship assembly. Also, we are planning, with the support of the teens, to go out and invite the community on Tuesday, July 23. We will have a special event at Tyndall Park to outreach and invite them to come to our Anniversary. One of our goals is to find ways to let every Hispanic in our community know that God has His church in Benton and that everyone is welcome to our church services.

Next Saturday our teens are planning to attend to a Youth conference at Central Avenue Church of Christ in Batesville. The theme is *"World's Influence in Our Youth."* It is great that our teens get to know other youth who are fighting the good fight of faith and encourage one another to go against the negative world influence.

A Reason to Rejoice

"Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls—yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3.17-18).

It's been said that worry is the advanced interest we pay on troubles that seldom come. We try to justify worry, of course: *"It's okay for me to worry because I'm in a difficult situation."* In many ways we all are—some more than others. But maybe we all just need to lighten up a little when we can. You might think, *"Easy for you to say."*

Consider these words from Paul who was writing under adverse circumstances. Paul was under house arrest with the possibility he might be acquitted, or beheaded. He didn't know what his future held. Yet he gave us some of the most inspiring words found in the pages of Scripture: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"* (Philippians 4.4-6).

I love these verses. Paul wasn't sitting in some ivory tower, spinning up theories. He was not lounging on some beach in the Mediterranean. This was a man who was incarcerated, yet able to say, *"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice!"*

By the way, that is a command from God himself. To put it another way, to not rejoice is disobedience to God. Anyone can rejoice when things are going reasonably well. But when we're facing hardship or adversity or sickness or death, and then we rejoice, we are obeying God. God is in control and he loves you...so rejoice!

(taken from Greg Laurie Daily Devotions, July 3, 2019 at crosswalk.com).

Events in This Week

TONIGHT: Jack Clay speaks on Faith Hero: Samuel
MONDAY: Library Day! showing Celia's Sing Along Dance Party at 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm
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 - *Kung Fu Panda* @ 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m.
THURSDAY: Tyndall Park Day! Meet at park at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like. Splash Pad is close by as well.
THURSDAY: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.
FRIDAY: Hurricane Lake Swimming Day with Sherry Nossaman! Meet at Hurricane at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a few dollars to pay the pool party fee. Please RSVP Sherry

Upcoming Events

July 14: Baby shower for **Amy White**, come and go 1:30-3 p.m. in the outreach building. Gift cards or diapers are appreciated. She is having a boy.
July 14-18: VBS "Marooned—Steady Faith on Shifting Sands". See page 2 of this bulletin for more information.
July 15: Library Day! Fancyful Fairytales showing at 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm
July 16: \$1.00 Movie at Tinseltown - *The Lego Movie* @ 10:00 a.m.
July 19: Library Storytime 10:30, All ages welcome, ages 3-7 will enjoy it most!
July 22: 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.
July 25: Village Church of Christ Children's Rally. See the article below for more information.
July 26: Family Game Night at 7:00 p.m. More info later
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.

We have received an invitation to attend the 8th annual "Tell the Story" Children's Rally at **Village Church of Christ** on Thursday, July 25. **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 a.m. and return to Northside's parking lot at 2 p.m. Bible Classes, singing, games, crafts, and lunch. NO COST! Northside kids have enjoyed attending this event for many years.

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.

We have received an invitation to attend the 30th Annual Singing at the Rison Church of Christ on July 27th at 6:00 pm. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

For the first Friday meal for the Hospice House in Bryant, **Janie Elliott** prepared chicken rice with broccoli, yellow squash and deviled eggs. For dessert Janie prepared a strawberry poke cake. Thanks to those of you who help make this ministry a success. We give a big "thanks" to Janie for bringing this ministry to Northside. The family members of the patients who are in Hospice care are very grateful for the meals that are brought in. One family member shared that she had a family member in Hospice in Colorado and all that they furnished was coffee, hot tea and occasionally peanut butter crackers. She stated that it is amazing and such a blessing what is being furnished to the families in Bryant.

Sympathy is extended to **Shannon Saunders** and her family in the death of her dad, **David Rachel**, last week. His funeral was held yesterday.

Prayer List: Linda Ball fell last week and broke her wrist. **Susan Dorsey** will have surgery July 23 at Arkansas Surgical Hospital. **Ellen Fant** is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on Thursday. **Bill Givens**, Chris' dad, is recovering from a procedure to correct a detached retina. **Steve Graves**, Danny's brother, is in Saline Memorial Hospital room 439 diagnosed with bladder cancer. He will transfer to UAMS this week for treatment. **Mark Greeno's** follow up appointment with his cardiologist has been rescheduled for July 17. The results from a recent MRI on **Sarah Lenz**, Sarilee Nash's granddaughter, showed she is still cancer-free. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, will have heart valve replacement surgery at the Heart Hospital on July 23. **Walter Rhodes** is now at home after having a stent procedure last week. **Conner Smith** had successful nasal and sinus surgery last week and is now at home. **Steve Tolin**, Paige Garrett's dad, had successful triple bypass surgery last week. **Bartha Wise** is in room 706 at Fox Ridge. However, she is expected to move to another room in about a week.

Continue to remember: Joe Arnold, Clint Barnhart, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Charles Caradine, James & Jenny Chandler, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Houston Colson, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Cindi Greenhaw, 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, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Butch Redden, Whitney Redmon, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Chuck Rice, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Mary Catherine Roberts, Peyton Robertson, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Mark Shepard, Janice Smith, Joyce Smith, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Madison Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

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Records: June 30, 2019

Bible Classes	280
AM Worship	473
PM Worship	97
Wednesday	190
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$12,099.31

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
Surround Us, Lord.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
The Glory-land Way.....535
Wonderful Words Of Life.....543
In Need.....PH
Ron Jones.....Prayer
Behold Our God.....PH
Chris Givens.....Communion Devo & Offering
The Gospel In A Word Is Love.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....1014
Salvation Belongs To Our God.....PH
Phillip Howell.....Romans 1.16-17
Jim Gardner....."Good News In The Crumbs"
The Gospel Is For All.....PH
What The Lord Has Done In Me.....PH
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Charlotte O'Neal & Ann Townsend

Toddler Nursery

Brent & Amy Jones

5:00 PM Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Carolyn Trusty



Pantry Needs:

Tuna,
Cereal,
Toilet Tissue,
Dishwashing Liquid

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:

Tom & Martha Davis