



NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

— GROWING TOGETHER —

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Good morning, Northside Family!

Five weeks from today, we will host our annual *Friend's Day* – a special Sunday devoted to inviting our friends, family and neighbors to be our guest for worship. We'll also enjoy a fellowship luncheon in the Outreach Building following worship that morning. Today, we have invitation postcards for you to hand out. And, with Friend's Day being the Sunday before Easter, the hope is that your friend, family member or neighbor will join you on back-to-back Sundays! Let's all be praying daily for God to open the hearts of those we invite to receive our invitations.

Last Saturday, I was in Bentonville, honored to take part in the celebration of life service for **Frank Bray**. During the service, his oldest daughter, **Beth**, read the words to a hymn we've all sung many times. She said the words captured well the kind-hearted generosity of her father. For me, something about hearing the words read brought this old hymn to life in ways I'd never noticed before, focusing my heart and mind to the powerful invitation to which this song calls. It was written 102 years ago by William Golden.

*Each day I'll do a golden deed by helping those who are in need;
My life on earth is but a span and so I'll do the best I can.*

*To be a child of God each day my life must shine along the way;
I'll sing His praise while ages roll and strive to help some troubled soul.*

*The only life that will endure is one that's kind and good and pure;
And so for God I'll take my stand, each day I'll lend a helping hand.*

*While going down life's weary road I'll try to lift some traveler's load;
I'll try to turn the night to day, make flowers bloom along the way.*

Appropriately titled "A Beautiful Life," this hymn speaks volumes of the life to which we should all strive to live. May this week find us helping others, shining Jesus and praising God, allowing Him to make something beautiful of us.

Our friends at Johnson Street Church of Christ have invited all married couples to attend their 3rd annual Married Couples Banquet which will take place on Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Enclave Gallery. The theme for the evening is "An Everlasting Love." Tickets are \$25 per couple for a catered meal. RSVP forms are available on the table beneath the Church News bulletin boards near the office. The deadline to RSVP is March 6. You can also RSVP via call or text to **Jennifer Nelson** (501-960-1711) or **Dionne Threatt** (501-249-7487).

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

I just want to say thank you to each of you who help make Northside's variety of ministries and activities go smoothly. Of late, we have had several events that required advance planning, coordination, leadership, decorating skills, back-intensive setting up, breaking down and cleaning up.

Last Saturday evening, though I was out of town and could not attend, **Josh and Kim Hastings** as well as **Terry and Jan Hastings**, and perhaps others, planned an entertaining evening to encourage greater appreciation of the Natural State, and ultimately to benefit Corin Read Christian Camp, certainly one of the beautiful natural resources near us with an even greater spiritual purpose.

Thanks to those of you who teach adults and children regularly, occasionally, or fill in at the last minute. I especially came to appreciate this most recently; on a Wednesday a few weeks ago, I needed to be subbed for both morning and evening classes due to being sick, and again this week due to my serving as a juror Tuesday and Wednesday. Thanks **Jim Gardner, Randy Mitchell and Terry Hastings** for stepping in and teaching with little advance notice.

One more appreciation I cannot help but express is to many of you who routinely use your amazing decorating or artistic talents turning an empty Outreach Building into a beautiful venue to dine, fellowship and gather. Recently, two meals for seniors were served on beautifully decorated tables due to several of our ladies who shared their gifts of decorating and organization.

My encouragement to each and all of us is to glorify God by sharing what gifts we have been given. Glorify God by recognizing the talents others have and encourage their use. Whether your talents are the type used in more public ways, or just quietly in the background, God has given you gifts that he asks you to use to honor him, and so to bless others. *"We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If one's gift is prophecy, let him use it in proportion to his faith; if it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is giving, let him give generously; if it is leading, let him lead with diligence; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully"* (Romans 12:6-8).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Next Saturday, March 7 there is a fellowship of the Hispanic churches of Christ in the area hosted by the church in Hope. Members from Batesville, Benton, Conway, Geyer Springs, Mabelvale, Russellville, and Texarkana. We will get together for singing, prayer and lift each other up our faith in Jesus. I will be the speaker this day, and we are expecting at least 100 in attendance from all the congregations. Food, activities and sports are planned after devotional service. It is exciting to have a day like this! We have both church vans reserved for this day.

Last weekend we took one of our daughters and grandkids back to Mexico after a month of vacation with us, and on Sunday we met with the Church of Christ in Ciudad Victoria Tamaulipas Mexico. When they learned that I was a preacher they asked me to preach. They also had their monthly fellowship after service, and we stayed and enjoyed delicious homemade Mexican food. While I was away, **Javier Guzman** taught class and **Alejo Solis** preached here last Sunday.

Our brother **Alejo Solis** is doing great with his Ministry preparation through Sunset Online Bible School. In January, he finished the first subject *"Old Testament: Genesis"* and now he is taking *"Life of Christ."* Hopefully next month he will take the third course which is *"Christian Home."* This study has a total of forty courses. Every Sunday after our worship assembly, Alejo and his family travel to Conway to support preaching to the congregation while their minister is in El Salvador getting his Visa. Alejo and his family have been supporting them for more than six months now.

Youth Minister Musings

Good Morning Church Family!

It has been a roller-coaster couple of weeks.

First, thank you once again for your condolences concerning my grandma, **Linda**. Most of who I am for Christ I learned by watching her. She loved and served above everything else, even when she was sick. She was always making sure we were all taken care of. She was and is a beautiful soul.

Second, we had an absolute blast on our WINTERFEST trip! We heard half a dozen amazing lessons offering a deeper perspective on the book of *Daniel*.

We learned that we live in a modern-day Babylon with its digital idolatry and constant pressure to submit to worshipping things other than God. But we were also reintroduced to the characters of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who, despite the pressures of Babylonian captivity, being cut off from their homes and families, and being threatened with death, said *"Not Now, Not Ever!"* to submit to anyone or anything other than God. We learned that we can resist modern Babylon, too, by being aware of the times we live in, by preparing to give an account of why we refuse to bow, and by knowing that God *can* save us, but also resolving to serve Him even if he won't.

We even had fun being stuck on a broken tour bus for 8 & 1/2 hours. :)

All in all, over the last two weeks we have all succeeded and suffered, but we have done both together, as a family. And that is our goal, grow closer to God and grow closer together. Seeing these two things begin to happen in the lives of our teens makes my heart full.

Have a great week!

Evan

This Week

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

Upcoming Events

March 10: **Pickleball** 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for our teens.

March 12: Alzheimer Support Group 11:00 am in classroom 19a. Melissa Baxley is the facilitator.

March 15: Shepherds' Pie for our new members.

March 20: Teen "Be There" event in the Outreach Building.

"Dear Northside Family, Thank you for the meat and cheese tray, your prayers, thoughts and cards during the loss of my sister-in-law and mother-in-law. A special thanks to Jim & Billy for their visits and those that attended the services. I am very thankful to be a part of this caring church family.

In Christian Love, Charlotte Pyle & family"

Sympathy is expressed for the Bennett Family - Heath, Amy, Mazie and Bo -in the passing of Amy's aunt, Pat Emanuel. A celebration of life was held on Friday.

"Our Church Family, we, the ladies of the Romans 12:2 Transformation House, want to express in words how deeply moved by the outpouring of love and acceptance we have all received. The fellowship that is so freely given us all is so essential to the path of healing God has started within the heart of each woman of this ministry. Thank you, Northside Family, for loving us!

Sara, Heather Jo, Haley, Megan, Callie & Laura"

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Save The Date: April 18, 2020

8:30 am—1:00 pm

Ladies Day with

Speaker Nicole Whitacre

"Recipes for Evangelism"

Highway Church of Christ

501-315-3303



Prayer List:

Ethan Haughee got good results on tests this week.

Addie Kinkaid recovering from a broken arm.

Colton Morgan recovering from a broken leg.

Catherine Roberts, Susan Dorsey's mother, will have surgery on Tuesday

Johnny Scroggins quadruple bypass surgery on Wednesday.

Carol Shelton awaits results of recent thyroid biopsy.

Harold Stuart learned this week that his cancer is in remission.

Randy Townsend will have surgery on March 9.

Continue to remember:

Blythe Bowers	Lillian Hogue	Jason Rundel
Joe Campbell	Leigh Hooton	Earlene Russell
Charles Caradine	Betty Humphries	Bess Sanders
Maude Caudle	Lynn Hutto	Micah Sexson
Cash Clancy	Glenn Kays	Roy Slaughter
Brenda Davis	Rod Kirk	Brenda Smith
Tim Dean	Bill Loe	Patsy Steele
Briaunah Diamond	Wilma Lunsford	Kristen Steiner
Todd Donahue	Charlotte Mabery	Phil Stinnett
Susan Dorsey	Robert Matheny	Letha Styles
Sue Edwards	James Mayberry	Fred Swaim
Curtis Evans	Manher Mehta	Edith Swaim
Don Flowers	Jim Miller	Sissy Treat
Patricia Flowers	Bob Nossaman	Ruth VanZandt
Kelley Geurin	Mark Otwell	Ron Wallace
Steve Graves	Wanda Otwell	Kathy White
Mark Greeno	Sharon Pearson	Judy Whittington
Cathy Hagameier	Joe Peevy	Autumn Wilder
Helen Hairston	Francille Pryor	Angela Wilson
Logan Harris	Brenda Rhodes	Billie Wilson
Michelle Hastings	Chuck Rice	Bartha Wise
Donna Haughee	Diana Richard	Syble Womack
Orville Haxton	Doug Robinson	Mark Woodville
Seth Henry	Paul Robison	

Names will stay on the "continue to remember" list for a month unless the office is given an update.



Take the ONE Sunday Challenge!!! Will you sign up for Children's Worship ONE Sunday?

Children's Worship Sign Up at [Signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) or on the board by the office. You decide what is convenient for you.!

Shepherds

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

Email address: elders@northsidecofc.info
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: February 23, 2020

Bible Classes	318
AM Worship	486
PM Worship	135
Wednesday	231
Weekly budget	\$13,901.00
Contribution	\$10,787.43

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
At The Name Of Jesus.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
You Are The Song That I Sing.....238
Let It Rise.....PH
One Day.....353
Evan Rippee.....Prayer
Lead Me To Calvary.....332
Richard Wallace.....Communion Devo & Offering
How Beautiful.....(offering song).....365
O How I Love Jesus.....(children’s song).....574
I Love To Tell The Story.....659
Joe Dorsey.....Hebrews 13.20-21
Jim Gardner.....”Good News to Share”
Tell The Good News.....623
Ring Out The Message.....622
Todd Ferguson.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Linda Acree & Lisa Graves

Toddler Nursery

LeeAnn & Ansley Clay

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Pantry Items Needed:

- Dish Washing Liquid
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Soap
- Ramen Noodles



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

- Pop-Tarts
- fruit cups
- peanut butter or cheese crackers
- individual applesauce cups
- individual Mac ‘n Cheese cups
- individual chip bags
- pudding cups
- 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:
Tom & Martha Davis