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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last Sunday, we were blessed to witness the new birth in Christ of **Zoie Hart**. After spending time discovering the Good News of the Gospel with **Susan Dorsey** and **Angela Howell**, Zoie confessed her faith in Jesus and was immersed for the forgiveness of her sins. Zoie is a Junior at Benton High School.

This morning following our worship, all of the newest members of Northside are invited to **Shepherd's Pie** in the Outreach Building. This is a twice-a-year gathering hosted by our Shepherds and their wives for the newest members of the Northside Church family. If you are new to Northside and have not attended a Shepherd's Pie, you are invited! In addition to lunch together, the Shepherds will share a brief overview of Northside's ministry and how you can be personally involved right here in the Good News of the Kingdom.

The Food Pantry served 314 families / 1,015 individuals during the month of February, an increase over February, 2018. The government shutdown affected recipients of SNAP assistance, increasing the need for folks in our county to be served. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and donors who provide such Christlike service to our neighbors in need.

We received a wonderful card in the mail this week from **Ron & Judy Beeks**. The Beeks' live in Wyoming and join us in worship every Sunday via the live stream. To Northside, they write: *"We are so thankful for all of you and for all you do to spread God's love. We are most thankful to be able to sit with you in worship each Sunday morning via live stream. We are slow about thanking you for the surprise greeting you all sent to us on a Sunday some time ago. That was very unexpected and much appreciated. It will be wonderful when we all get to heaven! Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you as you do His work. Because he lives we are your brother and sister, Ron and Judy."*

There is a Bradford Pear tree on the hillside between the parking lot and the cemetery. From the vantage point of my office desk chair, I can see that Bradford Pear tree every morning. Two weeks ago, I noticed how the blooms of the tree had seemingly budded overnight. What seemed like lifeless wood throughout the winter months had suddenly come to life anew, arrayed in brilliant white blooms.

It got me thinking...every year right around March 1, that Bradford Pear blooms out. No matter how wet or dry, how cold or comfortable, the winter months might have been, that tree reawakens to life about the same time each year.

That Bradford Pear tree reminds me of God's faithfulness. No matter how wet or dry, how comfortable or cold the seasons of our life may be, God is faithful. Some seasons of life feel like traversing a parched desert, others like a tropical storm infused surf, and still others like the icy blast of winter's fury. And, some seasons are like a beautiful spring or autumn day – comfortable, sunny, with a gentle breeze that is pleasant in every way. No matter the season of our circumstances, God's faithfulness on display through the changing of the seasons in nature is just as true in the seasons of our life.

"Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest...Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love" (Thomas Chisholm).

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Wow! Thanks for your generous outpouring responding to the announcement Sunday of the opportunity to help provide mattresses for the new cabin at Corin Read Christian Camp! By Monday morning \$3,015 had been received with another \$400 promised! Tomorrow night is the camp's Board meeting when a final decision on which mattress will be chosen from among mattresses with before-tax prices ranging from \$90 - \$115.

If you had planned to give toward this project and haven't yet, you still can; if we receive more than the cost of mattresses, we'll need to also buy plywood for the foundations and screws to assemble the beds. Or, you can hold off for a specific appeal, or, just donate to overall construction. In any case, thanks!

By the way, the elders felt that putting donor's names on the mattresses (I had mentioned this possibility a few weeks ago in a bulletin article) would not be best, so we'll forgo that idea. Your names are written in heaven (the very best place for them to be!).

Our LIFE Groups will begin a new series of lessons taking us into mid-May. These are based on biblical teaching from Acts 20:17-38. Pray that God will move in us through this study of His Truth! Paul's last words to leaders from the Ephesian church are powerful and important even today. If you are not yet in a LIFE Group, please let me or Jim know so we can connect you to a group meeting in a home or here at the church building at 5:00 p.m.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

I want to share some good things happening in our ministry. Twice a week some of our sisters are gathering together to have a devotional. One group meets on Tuesday and another group meets on Thursday. They sing, pray and study the Bible. My wife and I have had the opportunity to teach them and hopefully this new ministry can continue and grow in faith and number. One of our sisters who was not attending church services is coming to these devotionals. Also a mother of one of our sisters who is not baptized yet is attending. Our prayer is that this new ministry can be an instrument to God to bring others to salvation.

Conner's Contemplations

Each week I write one of these articles, and I try to keep it relevant to what is going on in society, my life, the church, or the teens activities. As most of you have figured out by now, I recently asked **Kaylee Rawls** to be my wife. To be frank, that's just about the only thing in my mind daily. It is still surreal to me to not call her my girlfriend but my fiancé. On Wednesday Billy came into my office and asked me, "How do you spell your fiancé's name?" I hesitated for a second because I thought, *Oh yeah I'm engaged now!* We have been trying to get some arrangements together for the wedding already!

No time like the present, right? Well me being absorbed with thoughts of Kaylee has pointed out a detail of my walk with Christ that could use some work. To be honest, I'm sure there are several of us who struggle with this as well.

The absorption has shown how enamored and obsessed I am with my bride to be. Our relationship has shifted, to a point where every decision I make (be it tedious or meaningful) I am thinking about her. I wonder what might happen if I did that with Jesus? What if I made every single decision, every single action, every single thought, with Jesus on my mind? What if I thought about his words, teaching, and love as much as I think about Kaylee? It might make a difference—a huge one! If I kept my mind on Jesus all day every day, if I let his words and desires guide every single decision I make, if I talked to him every single time I get a chance, I wonder what might change?

Well even in the week I've been engaged, having Kaylee on my mind like that all the time has already drastically improved our relationship. We are working as one cohesive unit as we plan our wedding. I now know that if I had a relationship with Jesus that mimicked the relationship with Kaylee, my walk with Jesus would be so much better. So, I will work on improving how much space I give Jesus in my everyday life. I want to improve on letting him into every aspect of my being. Just as Kaylee and I have improved and will continue to do so, I know that my relationship with Jesus can only get better if I let him occupy my thoughts like I let Kaylee. The kicker is – they can occupy it at the same time. Jesus can occupy my mind with Kaylee at the exact time. If we keep our relationship guided by him, he can occupy our minds and help us become better as eventual spouses and as fiancés right now.

I pray we can all let Jesus occupy our minds and allow our relationships with Jesus to improve!

Events for March –

March 14-19 Fernando and Conner will be in Mexico scouting a mission trip opportunity.

March 21-23 Spring Break Day trips (Petit Jean, Climbing Center, Third Realm prices and times to come)

March 30 Fun day @ Corin Read

March Events

TODAY: Shepherds Pie after morning worship for new members who have placed membership since September, 2018 or who have never attended one.

TODAY: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00. If you love to sing, please join us. You do not have to be in the Praise class to attend.

TUESDAY: 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

WEDNESDAY: Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: GriefShare class 6:30-8:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Financial Peace University

THURSDAY: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting at 11:00 a.m. The facilitator is **Melissa Baxley**.

March 18-22: Spring Break

March 21: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30 for everyone 55 years of age and older.

March 23: Gary Lowe & Angie Smith invite you to join in the celebration of their marriage at 2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

March 31: Wedding Shower honoring **Clay Williams & Erica Smith** 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Young Adult & Others classroom (back of the old auditorium). They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Walmart.

You are invited to attend a come-and-go 100th birthday celebration honoring **Seth Henry** (father of **Martha Davis**). It will be held Saturday, March 16, from 1:00 to 2:30 in the 100 Hallway Activity Room at Mt. Carmel. No gifts, please. Cards may be sent c/o Mt. Carmel Community, 3505 Boone Rd., Room 203, Benton, AR 72015.

Please pick up a copy of the 2019 budget that is on the table just outside the office. If you have any questions please see one of the elders.

The meal that will be prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant on Tuesday will be Mexican chicken, potato salad and deviled eggs. Janie will also make the dessert. We are so thankful to Janie for bringing this ministry to Northside. Many in our Northside family have benefitted from these meals when they have had a family member at Hospice. If you would like to be a part of this ministry you can either volunteer to prepare a dessert or make a monetary donation.

Congratulations to Joe and Rosemary Gatliff on the birth of **Henry David** on March 4. Henry weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz. and was 22" in length.

We need the following items for the crafts at camp. When you do your Spring cleaning please check to see if you have yarn, hair ribbon satin or grosgrain. (Just under an inch. 14/16 inch & 1/4 inch. Colors don't matter.), beads, buttons, baubles (pendants, jewelry, etc. You can put your items in the container outside the office.

We have been made aware of a ministry in Bryant called "Laundry Love". It is providing free laundry for those in need. It provides quarters, soap and dryer sheets. It is at the Bryant Laundromat on the first Thursday of the month from 6:00-9:00. The next one will be April 4. If you are interested in this please, you can call the office.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (James 1:2-3, NIV).

This was shared by my Bible study leader and it really touched my heart this week.

"In my devotion this morning there was a quote by Corrie ten Boom: *"when a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."* How do we react to trials and dark times? We want to avoid them. No one enjoys pain and suffering but God tells us we will have troubles in this life so let's look for the lesson we can learn and sit still and trust the "Engineer." There have been several times this past week that our family has faced some trials. It can be so easy to fall into the "woe is me" mindset! God is so good to work things out in the best way if we will look for it!

Our Ladies Retreat (April 12-13) speaker is **Kay Gow-an** and she will share *"He Touched Me"* with us on Saturday. **Susan Mann** and **Brenda Oliver** will share how they were touched in their trials on Friday night. I hope you will join us! It promises to be a very uplifting time! March 31 is the deadline to sign up and pay; your part is \$60. Have a great week! Trish Jones

Prayer List: Haylee Barnes is now at home after having a successful appendectomy last week. **Donna Bowers** received a good report from her recent blood work. **Sheryl Bradford**, Ruth East's daughter, is now at home. **Anne Johnson** will have heart tests sometime this month. **Carol Mayes**, Laura Hutchison's mother, is home following a brief stay at UAMS with stroke-like symptoms. She is being treated for a UTI. **Terri Orrell** was injured in a training accident suffering a torn cartilage in her chest and rib area. **Barbara Slaughter**, Chad's mother, received a good report from her heart cath last week. **Edith Swaim** will have surgery to repair a heart valve on March 26 at the Heart Hospital. **Shelly Thompson** is scheduled to have surgery on March 25 for the tumor on her spine. **James Truhett**, June Cox's brother-in-law, will have heart surgery March 13 at the Heart Hospital.

Continue to remember: Blythe Bowers, Tyler Buck, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Steve Connors, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Miranda Dodson, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Cathy Gall, Dave Garner, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Barbara Joiner, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Reba Leonard, Kim Lindgren, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Nikki Magee, Peggy Manning, Robert Matheny, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Mike Ransom, Whitney Redmon, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bess Sanders, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

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Records: March 3, 2019

Bible Classes	288
AM Worship	501
PM Worship	175
Wednesday	271
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$17,546.52

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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Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.--4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.--Noon

10:00 AM Worship

Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader
Jesus Is Lord.....180
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name.....162
A Wonderful Savior.....508
Surround Us, Lord.....PH
John Farmer.....Prayer
Exalted.....PH
Carroll Davis.....Communion Devo & Offering
Blessed Jesus.....(offering song).....PH
His Banner Over Us.....(children's song).....PH
Faith Is The Victory.....469
Michael Connell.....John 6.26-29
Jim Gardner....."Good News Identified"
Let Him Have His Way With Thee.....PH
Firm Foundation.....PH
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Mandy & Trae Gardner

Toddler Nursery

LeeAnn & Annslee Clay

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Judy Geurin

Pantry Needs:

**We desperately need Spaghetti,
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