



NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

— GROWING TOGETHER —

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Good morning, Northside Family! Just like a couple of Sundays ago when we had a swath of our church family away at Winterfest in Gatlinburg. Today we again have a gaping hole (especially up front!) with 35 teens and five chaperones at Corin Read Camp. This weekend, that group of 40 has been blessed to be together for a retreat focused on “Being Still” from Psalm 46.10. The group plans to be back to the church building by noon today.

Last Sunday, we talked about fear, specifically the fear factors related to the coronavirus spreading, the economy tanking and the nation dividing. We talked about how the Bible calls us to a greater fear that vanquishes all of our lesser fears. Since last Sunday, we’ve witnessed fear and panic grow like wildfire—cancelling many events, closing schools, in our community, county and nation.

I would like to repeat something I suggested last Sunday: that panic and fear is more dangerous than the virus itself. I’m not a scientist, nor a doctor, but I do know God’s intention is that we not live in a debilitating, paralyzing state of fear and anxiety.

“When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid (Psalm 56.3-4).

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4.6-7).

Today, let’s expand on that greater fear that drives out all lesser fears—the fear of the LORD. What is it? What does it mean? How does the fear of the LORD vanquish all other fears? Listen with an open mind and heart to what God says to us today.

The ministry of our Food Pantry continues to make an impact on the hungry within our county. During the month of February, 282 families, accounting for 915 individuals, were served. Thank you to all who work, serve, share, and fund the ministry of our Food Pantry. You are making a difference!

Carson & Jill Sloan are a great blessing to our church family through their leadership of *Financial Peace University*. The next opportunity for you to learn Bible-based, God-honoring principles of stewardship and money management begins on Wednesday, April 1. Financial Peace will meet each Wednesday evening through May in classroom 19-A. The cost for the course is \$109 which includes a workbook and year’s worth of online resources. Our elders have agreed to refund the \$109 registration fee in full for those who take the class and attend all sessions. For more information, you can see Carson or Jill this morning or go online to www.financialpeace.org.

Also, don’t forget our next blood drive on Sunday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the Outreach Building. This drive is in honor of **Micah Sexson** and all donations will go to Saline Memorial Hospital. You can sign up today on the bulletin board near the church office or online at www.arkbi.org and enter sponsor code L592.

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Some thoughts on God's judgment: Today I'm not sure if we would want a Jeremiah, who could bring clarity to why a national or international catastrophic event occurs. In our recent Wednesday study of *Jeremiah*, I got the idea that people in his day really didn't want to hear from him whether or not the catastrophes of their day were sent as punishment from God to Israel or just happened for no particular reason. After all, none of us likes to be corrected, or reminded of our errors by anyone, much less by God's own representative.

Is the corona virus allowed, or sent, by God to somehow punish the world? I don't know. I don't know a Jeremiah today who can tell us. But, that being said, perhaps we still could, and should, stop and reevaluate our way of living, our trust in God, and whether we are willing, to a person, to confess our sin and pray to God - for ourselves, for others, for our nation, for the world - that we may be healed (James 5:19 paraphrased here).

If the corona virus stays around for days, months, or indefinitely, let's make sure we don't miss out on this time to heal in ways more important than even from sickness a virus might bring. Here's the takeaway - I need to trust in the Lord, whether sick or well, whether in a crowd, or sheltering-in-place. If a virus is sent to punish, then we should humbly learn; if God is simply getting our attention and reminding us we are not in control, we should listen; if God is causing us to halt, let's use the time to reconnect with Him and what's important to Him.

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him" (Jeremiah 17.7).

Update/reminder: If you are 55+ and are able, remember the JOY Group potluck is still scheduled for this Thursday at 11:30 (if there is a change, we'll notify via email and other usual means).

FYI about Corin Read Christian Camp — The Board will meet tomorrow evening at the camp at 6:00 p.m. Corin Read Christian Camp now has a motorized gate controlled by a keypad. If you need the access code, please call the church office, or call me or **Terry Hastings**.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, we have home devotionals in Benton and in North Little Rock. Several members gather together for singing, prayer and Bible study. We thank God for this space where we can share, support and encourage each other in our faith.

Last Saturday, the Spanish-speaking congregations of Batesville, Hope and Benton had a great fellowship. Our brothers in Hope, Arkansas received us with love and kindness. The next fellowship will be in June at one of the parks in Batesville and we're hoping other Hispanic congregations can join us.

Youth Minister Musings

Good Morning!

I pray that your family is healthy and at peace in these scary days we are facing.

We must remember that God is in control and that nothing, not even a virus, can separate us from the love of Christ. (Romans 8:31-39)

Due to having just returned from retreat, there will be *no teen Life Group* this evening.

Here is what is going on for the Youth Group the next few weeks pending health and safety.

March 20: We will be having the teens up to the Outreach Building for *Be There!* We will open the doors for open gym and games at 7:00 p.m. and follow with Tacos and Giant volleyball! We will have a devo at 9:30 p.m. and then spend the rest of the evening hanging out and playing games. We will finish at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12 we will return to Mount Carmel (Pending Virus Status and Safety) to lead the residents in an hour of song and praise. We had a great turn out last time and we want to take a larger group next time! We will leave the church on the van at 2:45 p.m. and return by 4 p.m. Any teens who want to stay at the church until time to leave for Life Group are welcome to stay.

If Mount Carmel seems it unsafe for their residents to receive guests, then I would still like to meet early that day for some extra fellowship time!

I hope you have a great week!

Wash your hands. If you are sick, stay home. Pray and be at peace.

-Evan

Don't Forget: We have two special Sundays that we will be celebrating at Northside Church of Christ.

Invite your friends to worship with us as we celebrate our Risen Savior.

Bible class at 9:00am Worship at 10:00am

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SUNDAY
& Potluck Lunch
April 5, 2020

Easter
Sunday
April 12, 2020

This Week

- TODAY:** **Shepherds' Pie** for our new members after Morning Worship in the Outreach Bldg.
- MONDAY:** **Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.
- THURSDAY:** **JOY Group** Monthly Potluck in the Outreach Bldg. Anyone 55 or older is welcome to attend.
- FRIDAY:** **Teen "Be There"** event in the Outreach Building.

Upcoming Events

- March 29:** **Blood Drive** in Outreach Building in honor of Micah Sexson
- April 5:** **Friend Sunday & Potluck Lunch** after Morning Worship

All young adults and their children are invited to eat together at Whole Hog Café in Bryant on Tuesday, March 17th at 6 pm. Each family will need to pay for their own meal, but the side room has been reserved.



Dear Northside: We want to thank everyone who helped during Brent's campaign. We appreciate everyone who placed signs on their property, wrote post-cards, taked to their friends and neighbors and who placed well over 1,000 telephone calls to Saline County voters. Thank you for your time and support.
-The Houston Family

DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)!

This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. New Class beginning April 1st! Contact the Church Office at 501-315-1128 for more info.

Have you signed up for the **Ladies Retreat** April 24-25 at Cross Heirs Retreat Center?! Signup on the Womens' Ministry table near the Childrens' Worship room. Cost is \$60 per person and checks should be made out to Northside church of Christ and turned in to **Trish Jones** or the office with a notation for the Ladies Retreat. **Wyveta Kirk** is our speaker and will bring us wonderful words from the Bible on doing all in the name of the Lord.

Prayer List:

- Patrick Bowers** had successful surgery Friday at Saline Memorial.
- Colin Cushing**, Janie Elliott's nephew, will undergo heart surgery this week.
- Sarah & Rubi Lenz** - Sarilee Nash's granddaughter is pregnant with Rubi (22 weeks) and having complications.
- Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings' dad, is in UAMS being treated for pneumonia.
- Howardine Martin**, Eric Scism's aunt, is hospitalized in Oklahoma with pneumonia.
- Margaret Organ** fell on Thursday and fractured her foot in three places. She had surgery on Friday.
- Carol Shelton** awaits results of recent thyroid biopsy.
- Mark Shepard** will undergo an MRI on Tuesday.
- Gary Sullivan**, Sue Matheny's brother, has discontinued treatments for cancer.
- Randy Townsend** is recovering from successful surgery on Monday.

Continue to remember:

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

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

Shepherds

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

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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: March 8, 2020

Bible Classes	346
AM Worship	505
PM Worship	163
Wednesday	271
Weekly budget	\$13,901.00
Contribution	\$15,890.30

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
The Lord Is In His Holy Temple.....108
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
I Stand In Awe.....96
Majesty.....266
I Worship You, Almighty God.....64
Lewis Pryor.....Prayer
Be Thou My Vision.....PH
Rodney Crownover.....Communion Devo & Offering
Be Still and Know.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Loves Me.....(children’s song).....1014
The Law of the Lord.....PH
Tom Davis.....Isaiah 8.11-13
Jim Gardner.....Fearless
Bring Christ Your Broken Life.....911
Holy, Holy, Holy.....47
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Sarah Martin & Cristin Goodner

Toddler Nursery

Kristie & Kinley Turbyfill

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Pantry Items Needed:

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



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

- peanut butter or individual chip bags
- cheese crackers • pudding cups
- individual applesauce • juice boxes
- cups • Capri Sun
- individual Mac ‘n • Pop-Tarts
- Cheese cups • fruit cups

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:
Terry & Jan Hastings