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Good morning, Northside Family.

Was last Sunday morning not precious, with tender-hearted **Levi Givens** courageously asking us to pray for him because he'd "messed up"? I love Levi! His courage reminds us to never forget the words of Bob Goff: *"If you think your mess-up is bigger than God's grace, that's your second mistake!"*

This morning, our message from Mark and the Good News story of Jesus is about a productive harvest, despite a lot of seemingly unproductive sowing. The first of Jesus' parables in Mark, the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4.1-20), calls us to positive anticipation and confident expectation about the Kingdom of God and its ultimate impact on this world.

Perhaps you find that hard, what with all the bad news we're bombarded with on a consistent basis. To live by faith with positive anticipation and confident expectation can be challenging, to say the least. Here's how one writer captures it:

Positive anticipation: the ability to think of the future with excitement, confidence and good cheer. I don't know about you, but I was raised on a steady diet of "saving for a rainy day." When you are taught that, it is impossible to walk through life without seeing dark clouds gathering on every horizon. The storms are nearing, the thunder is crashing, the lightning is flashing, and one day it will strike you. Be ready for that day. Save for that day. Because you never know. All your life becomes a practice run for the inevitable catastrophe awaiting you. In motorcycling, we say, "Dress for the wreck." Wear all this protective gear – the leather jacket, the full-face helmet, the Kevlar pants, the leather gloves, the tall, thick boots. That makes sense when riding motorcycles, but it's a poor theme to live your life by.

It's a poor theme to live our lives by because we're so busy watching out for the wreck, we can never enjoy the scenery. We know people like this. If we're honest, we admit that maybe we're like this ourselves. We have no sense of positive anticipation. Life is risky, life is menacing, life is dangerous. We stand in a flower garden and see only withered blooms...we become so consumed with potential tragedies that we fail to enjoy the triumphs, the joys, the successes. We see only the clouds on the horizon and never the sun breaking through.

In the final book of the Bible, Revelation, written during a time of intense persecution under the Emperor Domitian, John writes about positive anticipation to the church. He describes the defeat of evil and the victory of good. The letter reaches its climax in the 21st chapter with these words: "Then I saw a new heaven, and a new earth...I heard a voice saying the dwelling of God is with us, that God will be with us, and we will be with God. God will wipe every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more. Mourning and crying and pain will be no more." It's right there in the Bible, right there at the end, as if it were the last lesson we needed to remember (Phil Gulley).

Here's to a week of positive anticipation and confident expectation that we will sense and see the power and working of God all around us this coming week.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

March's JOY Group Potluck is this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. I hope if you are in the age range of 55 or above, and your schedule permits, you'll plan to come. If you haven't yet decided this is for you, typically, beside the great food and great conversation (and we all need some of that), we share in one or more fun activities or games. In addition, there is laughter, usually, after **Jeff Davis** or I read some silly jokes or stories. If for no other reason than that, come; we all need laughter! So, see you Thursday!

There has been an immense amount of work done at our Christian Camp, Corin Read, recently. You are probably aware of the mattress project. Thanks to all who helped. \$3,725 was quickly donated, which is more than enough to purchase the mattresses and additional plywood and hardware. A Mountain Fork Christian Camp board member who is also a member of the De Queen church of Christ, **Rodger Neeley**, will build the bed frames.

Yesterday, if all went according to what was planned when I wrote this on Wednesday, wiring and insulation were partially or fully installed in the new cabin building. The biggest hurdle for completion of the caretaker's house to be move-in ready, and for the new cabin to be fully plumbed, is construction of two septic systems pending proper permits. Please pray for this to go smoothly and expeditiously.

Please plan to come out to Corin Read next Sunday afternoon, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. for the dedication of the caretaker house and for fellowship with some type of goodies (what's your preference: ice cream, cookies, other?) It'll be a time you can visit the camp property, see the progress on the new facilities, and for our kids to play a bit, weather permitting. "*Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind*" (Psalm 66:5)!

Stephanie Says

If you taught during the 2018-2019 teaching cycle that started in the summer of 2018, you are invited to the Teacher Appreciation Dinner from 6:00—7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. We will have a meal and a couple of brief messages. **Jim Gardner** will share a short devotional. **Justin Dorsey** will share on behalf of the Northside safety team to let you know what safety precautions are in place at Northside. Along those same lines, **Dawn Mitchell** will let you know about the new children's check-in system that we plan to roll out in September. **Billy McLain** and I will conclude the evening with a brief message. You must RSVP by Sunday, March 24 so that we can turn in a number as requested by the caterers two weeks prior to our dinner.

Are you making plans for your children or grandchildren to join us for Bible camp? We will have two camp sessions in June. The first session is for those going into the 4th-12th grade and will be June 8-12. **Conner Smith** has chosen the theme of *Identity* regarding who we are in Christ. The second session is a one night Beginner Camp for those going into the 1st-3rd grade. This session starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night, June 14 and ends on Saturday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of Beginner Camp is to give the younger kids a taste of what camp is like for the older kids. It makes it easier for them to transition to the longer camp. The overnight camp gives the 1st-3rd graders a taste and it leaves them wanting more. For more information and to register, go to www.northsidecofc.info/crcc.

Conner's Contemplations

Good morning, I hope everyone has had a good week

As you are reading this **Fernando** and I are in La Piedad, Mexico teaching lessons to one of the churches there. Our hope is that we can discover where Northside could help some of these congregations grow. We are visiting seven churches and church-sponsored areas in hopes that we can find a place where our teenagers and parents would be able to have an impact on the Lord's Kingdom in Mexico. By now we will have visited three different churches with more to come. We hope to assess the security, safety, and hospitality of the area. We will be visiting a rehab center for those afflicted with addictions and a preaching school to see if we can help repair/restore some of the buildings they use to prepare preachers to go out into the world.

We also hope to encourage congregations around the area to work together and, perhaps, help start a summer camp for the kids in the area. As with all things, we will do as the Lord wills and pray for his guidance on our trip. I would ask that you pray for us as we scout a new mission field! Thank you!

With love and respect, Conner

March Events

TODAY: Come-and-go 100th birthday celebration honoring **Seth Henry** (father of **Martha Davis**) 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.

MONDAY: Spring Break

TUESDAY: Pickleball has been cancelled due to it being Spring break

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Financial Peace University

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

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

March 24: Deadline to RSVP if you are planning to attend the Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, April 6. You can either sign up on the bulletin board next to the offices, call the office, or tell **Stephanie Howell**.

March 24: Dedication at 2:00 of the caretaker house and a time for fellowship. You can visit the camp property, see the progress on the new facilities, and for our kids to play a bit, weather permitting.

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.

Congratulations to Scott & Sarah Martin on the birth of **Isaiah Owen** Tuesday, March 12. Isaiah weighed 9 lbs. He was 19 1/2" in length. Proud big brother, **Isaac**, and big sister, **Isabelle**, welcomed Isaiah to their family.

We have been invited to attend the Fifth Friday Singing at Hazel Street Church of Christ in Pine Bluff on Friday, March 29. For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

All of the ladies at Northside have been invited to attend the 20th annual Ladies Day at the Village Church of Christ on Saturday, April 6. The guest speaker will be **Karan Hughes**. For more information please see the postcard posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

"To our Northside Family, Thank you for all your prayers, calls, and cards in the passing of my sister, Sheila, and the meal that was heaven sent. It is truly a blessing to have each of you as part of our family. God is Good. Terry Hastings and family."

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. so they will know how many to fix lunch for.

For the third Friday meal last Friday for the Hospice House in Bryant, **Janie Elliott** prepared beef stew, tossed salad and cornbread. Janie also prepared the dessert. Thanks to all of you again for supporting this ministry.

Sympathy is extended to **Jennifer Dorsey** and her family in the death of her grandfather, **Jim Campbell**, last week. A graveside service was held yesterday in Pottsville.

We also extend sympathy to **Vince Nelson** and his family in their loss of two loved ones recently. Vince's grandmother, **Oleta Nelson**, passed away last Saturday. Her funeral was last Tuesday. Vince's cousin, **Peggy Williams**, passed away last Thursday. A memorial service was held yesterday in Fouke.

We have been invited to help with a gospel campaign for Main Street Church of Christ in Stuttgart. They are needing door knockers on April 29-May 2. Please call the office no later than April 1 if you can help with their campaign.

Prayer List: Audrey Auguston, Sandi Villegas' sister, suffered a massive stroke recently while visiting another sister in Canada. **Clint Barnhart**, Rick & Melba VanZandt's son-in-law, will have surgery March 22 for cervical spine damage. **Austin Bowers** is now at home. **Rosetta Cannon**, Tammy Givens' aunt, is critically ill in Paragould and is receiving comfort care. **James Carlisle** is undergoing radioactive iodine treatments for a thyroid condition. **James Chandler**, Judy Whittington's father, is now at home. He will have a follow up with his cardiologist tomorrow. **Ronnie Hastings**, Todd's dad, will be scheduled for triple bypass surgery soon. **Anne Johnson** will have heart tests sometime this month. **George Speights**, Danny Russell's brother-in-law, is back in Baptist Hospital due to complications from recent surgery. **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, is now at home after having successful stent surgery last week.

Continue to remember: Haylee Barnes, Blythe Bowers, Cheryl Bradford, 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, Carol Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Terri Orrell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Whitney Redmon, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bess Sanders, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Barbara Slaughter, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

We have many in our Northside family who are being treated with having the flu and other respiratory illnesses. I hesitate to try to name them for fear I will leave someone out.

Shepherds

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

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Deacons

Carlos Bautista Michael Haltom
Gary Black Alex Hamilton
Jarred Crow Todd Hastings
Rodney Crownover Phillip Howell
Curtis Evans Charlie Manning
Julio Flores Billy McLain
Kelley Geurin Steve Smith
Chris Givens Alejo Solis
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

Staff

Jim Gardner
Stephanie Howell
Billy McLain
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: March 10, 2019

Bible Classes 317
AM Worship 533
PM Worship 185
Wednesday 219
Weekly budget \$13,732.00
Contribution \$13,846.24

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
Stepping In The Light.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Our God, He Is Alive.....23
He's My King.....166
Father, Hear The Prayer We Offer.....777
Michael Haltom.....Prayer
How Deep The Father's Love.....PH
Jeff Haughee.....Communion Devo & Offering
Don't Be Afraid.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....1014
Living By Faith.....560
Tommy Clifton.....Galatians 6.9-10
Jim Gardner....."Good News: Hear! Hear!"
My Eyes Are Dry.....792
Every Praise.....PH
Rob Nossaman.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Ann Townsend & Charlotte O'Neal

Toddler Nursery

Kristen Hamilton & Susan Mann

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Sarah Gober

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:

Tom & Martha Davis