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Good morning, Northside Family. For all who've returned from time away during Spring Break, welcome home. I hope and trust your time away was refreshing and rejuvenating. Remember to pray God's blessing of safety on those who are still traveling home today.

Last Sunday, we were privileged to pray for **Jessica Zanca**. Jessica asked that we pray for her, her family and her career. Jessica is typical of a lot of families these days—a working mother striving to be her best as a wife, mother, employee and follower of Christ. Let's all remember Jessica in our daily prayers.

Mark your calendars for the week before Easter, Monday-Friday, April 15-19. The Saline County Ministerial Alliance has asked us to host the annual "Holy Week" service that meets each day that week from 12:00-1:00 p.m. We were blessed to host the county-wide Thanksgiving Service back in November, 2017. You supported that effort so well and I hope/encourage you to do so again this year during the Holy Week services. Lunch will be served and a message will be shared each day from a different member of the Ministerial Alliance. The gatherings will take place in the Outreach Building.

It's not too early to begin thinking and praying for a family member, friend or neighbor you'd like to invite as your guest on Easter Sunday (April 21) and/or Friends Day (April 28). These two Sundays provide an ideal opportunity to connect with people who might not otherwise be as receptive to an invitation to worship. Be thinking about who you'd like to invite and begin praying daily for God to open their heart, not only to receive your invitation but to receive the Good News.

Last weekend, we moved Mandy's mother into the Briarwood Nursing Home in Sheridan. She had been in Assisted Living for the past eight years, but the advance of her Parkinson's Disease necessitated the move. She has a sweet little roommate, an elderly woman who is blind. On the day we moved her in, the roommate was bemoaning the fact that company was coming to visit her later that day and she wasn't up for the visit. The CNA working with her at the time remarked, "*Honey, you need to be grateful you have people that want to see you...half of the residents here never have anyone come to see them.*"

Boy, that comment struck me. And it reminded me of what Jesus' brother, James wrote in his epistle, "*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...*" (James 1.27). Perhaps this week you could carve out some time to drop in and brighten the day of one of our widows/widowers. It honors God to befriend and encourage the lonely. If you can't make a personal visit, why not mail a card of encouragement to let one of our elderly members know you're thinking of them and appreciate them? You can contact the church office for a list of our aged members who are in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Thursday, while traveling to and from White Hall for the funeral visitation for June Cox's brother-in-law, I noticed the following wisdom on a church sign: "*Instead of looking for what is depressing, look for what is a blessing.*" Here's to seeing the blessings God sprinkles throughout this upcoming week.

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

This afternoon is a special day. In some small way like the dedication of the Temple in the days of Solomon, we are dedicating the caretaker house this afternoon out at Corin Read. This is somewhat symbolic, as there is still some work to complete, but we want to make sure that we say thanks to God, and to individuals who had a part in the construction of this important piece of the development of Corin Read Christian Camp (the church and camp calendars made this Sunday the very best choice for this). If you can come out, please do. It will also give you a chance to see the camp and other recent projects.

You'll want to see the new third cabin building! Construction is really moving along, thanks to the money and work contributed by the Mountain Fork Christian Camp organization and volunteers from churches of Christ in Texarkana area.

So, please arrive by 2:00, rain or shine (as I write this on Thursday, the Weather app predicts a 40% chance of rain for Sunday but they could be wrong), and join in this time of celebration, praise and thanksgiving.

“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Angels of God and His church at Northside celebrated the baptism of our new sister **Catalina Ortiz** on Sunday March 10. She is from Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico and came to visit her daughter **Sarai Meza** and her family who are members here at Northside. We thank God for His Son and his sacrifice and for His church that preaches salvation and reconciliation with God. Now Catalina is going back to Mexico and she will worship and grow in Christ with the church of Christ that meets there.

Last week **Conner** and **I** had a great mission trip to Guanajuato and Michoacán, Mexico. It was a great time where we could explore opportunities to serve and to have a future mission trip. Our brother **Raul** and **Elena Perez** were our contact. They come twice a year to Benton to visit their daughters and we stayed with them on this trip. We visited three congregations of the church of Christ: Leon Guanajuato, La Piedad Michoacán, and La Hacienda Guanajuato. With God's help, we hope we can prepare a mission group to go to these congregations and serve the Lord.

Conner's Contemplations

Happy Sunday! I hope you all had a good Spring Break week and are back refreshed! On Thursday we took a group trip to Petit Jean State Park and got to see the giant waterfall there. We explored all over the trails and climbed up and down some rocks! It was a blast. While walking the trails, we sort of kept our heads down focused on the trails. If we looked up for too long, we would trip over a rock, or get our feet muddy. One of the harder things we did was crossing the “river” (the creek) to explore other sides of the trails.

When we would cross, we spent the majority of our time looking down again! For if we looked up too long we could slip. At one point we all were crossing over some rocks. While crossing several of us slipped on the rocks and got our feet wet. Some managed to stay dry but others got wet on this particular crossing. However, at one point or another we all got some part of our body accidentally wet.

This reminds me of how our lives are sometimes. We try to cross through life and stay dry. We try to go through life without getting wet (sinning). Yet at one point or another we all sin. The rocks of life can be slippery, but not everyone will slip on them. I mean that not everyone will have the same “slip” as everyone else. The things that cause us to slip will not always be the same for each person. Our obstacles (slippery rocks) are unique to ourselves. There will be times where you slip but no one else will. There will be times where everyone else slips and you get across just fine. Regardless of when, how, or what, there will come a time where we all slip.

We will all get our feet wet. It doesn't matter when though, because once your feet are wet, they stay wet for a long time. Yet even with wet feet we have to continue our journey. So my encouragement for you today is: When your feet get wet (you sin) keep moving! Eventually they will dry and you will be able to continue as if nothing happened at all – That's the salvation of Christ!



“ If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.” 1 Peter 3:10 (NLT)



March Events

TODAY: Dedication at 2:00 of the caretaker house at Corin Read 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.

TODAY: 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**. Please respect this deadline. The caterer needed 2 weeks notice.

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

FRIDAY: Fifth Friday Singing at Hazel Street Church of Christ in Pine Bluff. For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

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.

March 31: Deadline to pay \$60.00 for the Ladies Retreat. You can give your money to **Trish Jones**.

Sympathy is extended to...

June Cox and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, **James Truhett**. His funeral was last Thursday in White Hall.

Tammy Givens and her family in the death of her aunt, **Rosetta Cannon**. Her funeral was last Friday in Paragould.

Andrea Gaines and her family in the death of her grandmother, **Magnolia May**. Her funeral was yesterday in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rickey Treat in the death of his mother, **Betty**, last Friday morning.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

I am enjoying the beauty of coming out of winter into the colors of spring! I love the longer days of sunshine. I get excited to plant flowers, see the trees turn green and hear the birds chirping.

Just like the beautiful newness of spring, I enjoy watching the new friendships develop between our Christian sisters. A great way to begin and enrich these friendships is to fellowship together! The first opportunity is at the Ladies Retreat coming up on April 12-13. The sign up sheet and forms are on the ladies table and the cost is \$60. The deadline to sign up and pay is March 31.

Another way to get involved is through the Heartfelt Ministry. I will have more news and information coming soon on how to participate. This ministry has enriched so many lives and friendships and I encourage every lady in our congregation to find out more!

Happy Spring!
Trish Jones

April Events

April 6: Ladies Day at Village Church of Christ in Hot Springs Village. For more information please see the postcard posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

April 6: Teacher Appreciation Dinner 6:00 in the outreach building.

April 7: Wedding shower honoring **Madison Sipes & Nick Rice** 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Young Adult & Others classroom (back of the old auditorium). This will be a gift card/money shower.

April 11: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00-12:00. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

April 27: Annual Fundraiser Yard Sale. All proceeds will benefit our youth group activities/camp scholarships. If you need a scholarship, you must work the yard sale.

April 29-May 2: Gospel campaign for Main Street Church of Christ in Stuttgart. They are needing door knockers. Please call the office no later than April 1 if you can help with their campaign.

Prayer List: Clint Barnhart, Rick & Melba VanZandt's son-in-law, had surgery last week for cervical spine damage. **Ronnie Hastings**, Todd's dad, will be scheduled for triple bypass surgery soon. **Jim Hobbs**, Tommy's brother, has improved and has been released from Hospice Care temporarily. He has Parkinson's Disease. **Anne Johnson** will have heart tests sometime this month. **Carol Mayes**, Laura Hutchison's mother, has substantial blockage in her carotid artery. She was scheduled to see a heart doctor last Friday. **Gene 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 Tuesday at the Heart Hospital. **Shelly Thompson** is scheduled to have surgery tomorrow for the tumor on her spine. **Ruth VanZandt**, Rick's mother, is better and is back at home. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ's daughter had surgery last Friday at UAMS.

Continue to remember: Audrey Auguston, Haylee Barnes, Blythe Bowers, Cheryl Bradford, Tyler Buck, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, James Carlisle, James Chandler, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Steve Connors, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, 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, 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, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
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Kelley Geurin Steve Smith
Chris Givens Alejo Solis
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

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Records: March 17, 2019

Bible Classes	276
AM Worship	414
PM Worship	150
Wednesday	205
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$10,296.86

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
Hide Me Away, O Lord.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
I Will Call upon the Lord.....63
We Will Glorify.....578
The Law of the Lord.....PH
Brent Jones.....Prayer
Years I Spent in Vanity.....381
Mark Shepard.....Communion Devo & Offering
Teach Me Lord to Wait.....(offering song).....764
Who?.....(children’s song).....PH
Thy Word.....449
Ben Johnson.....James 5.7-8
Jim Gardner....“Good News: The Kingdom of God is Like...”
Trust and Obey.....915
The Glory-Land Way.....535
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Kristie & Kinley Turbyfill

Toddler Nursery

Christy & Tyler Evans

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Teresa Phillips

Pantry Needs:

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:

Randy & Dawn Mitchell