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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last week, we were privileged to witness the new birth in Christ of **Emily Mann** and **Ella Wells**. In addition, last Sunday at the close of the Spanish-speaking service, **Lea Alvarez** was baptized into Jesus by her father, **Omar**. Praise God for new life in the family of God!

Also last Sunday, we welcomed to our Northside Family **Caleb & Rachel Lambert**. The Lambert's live at 919 James Madison Drive, Benton (72019). Caleb works in Communications on traffic cameras and message boards for ARDOT and Rachel is a Mental Health Counselor at Second Chance Youth Ranch. In their spare time, Caleb likes to hunt and fish, Rachel likes traveling and Harry Potter, and they both enjoy going to Silver Dollar City. Welcome to Northside, Caleb & Rachel! We're grateful to grow alongside you in faith, hope and love.

And, last Sunday while we were celebrating new life into God's family on earth, we celebrated the passing of our dear **Nelda Burrow** into new life in heaven. Nelda was a treasure and her personality and vitality will be sorely missed. Thank you for all your expressions of comfort and care to her son **Dennis** and his family, as well as to each other as we'll all miss Nelda so much.

**Carson Sloan** will lead *Financial Peace University* beginning this Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. FPU is a Bible-based, God-honoring approach to financial management and stewardship developed by Dave Ramsey. This is a 9-week course that will meet each Wednesday through May 8 (the class will \*not\* meet on Wednesday, March 20 due to Spring Break). Today is your last chance to sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. For additional information, you can see Carson or check out [www.financialpeace.com/groups/1066816?c=ccf](http://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1066816?c=ccf).

The registration fee for FPU is \$109. Couples are included as one when registering, so just one \$109 fee. Engaged couples are also encouraged to take this course. As an incentive, our Elders have generously agreed to refund the entire registration fee at the end of the course to any person or couple who attends all nine sessions. That's a great deal and I encourage you to consider taking advantage of their offer and learn how to "live like no one else so you can live (and give!) like no one else!"

This week, we received a thank-you card from **Johna Lawrence** that reads as follows: *I just want to thank everyone who took the time to drive in the rain to see me graduate John 3.17! I also appreciate everyone who has sent me encouraging cards. It meant a lot to know that so many people thought of me. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and my recovery and walk with Christ. I honestly believe that the prayers played an important role in my time at John 3.17 and will carry me through the rest of my journey! I love you all so much and will see y'all soon, Johna.*

If you'd like to continue to encourage Johna, you can do so via mail to 431 Hwy 145 South, Newport, AR 72112 or via text message to 870-316-8973.

I Love You all,  
Jim

### *Billy's Thoughts*

This Wednesday evening is the start of *Financial Peace* facilitated by **Carson Sloan**. It will meet in the classroom known as 19a or the Singing Classroom. If you haven't already signed up (bulletin board near the church office door), please do today. The cost is \$109 for the materials individual or couple, but if you attend every session, the elders will reimburse the full cost. The class will not meet the Wednesday of spring break.

Many good things happen through Northside members quietly serving every day. I want to especially shout out to **Stephanie Howell** and **Dawn Mitchell** who spent many hours painting and reorganizing the room used for children's worship. They are tireless workers. Another unsung hero is **Donna Bowers** who often is the person arranging food for meals for families after or before a funeral. She seamlessly did this twice this week for the **Hastings/Roberts** family, and for the **Burrow** family. Thank you, Donna.

One example from Scripture of service, perhaps most appreciated after the death of a servant, is Dorcas in the city of Joppa. Acts 9:39 picks up the story as Peter is surround by widows in the church, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Would that two things happen with each of us: (1) that we develop a heart of greater service, and (2) that we notice and encourage those around us who serve. Amen!

Don't forget to choose one of our outstanding adult Bible classes that meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

### *Hispanic Happenings with Fernando*

Last weekend we had our Annual Marriage Seminar. Our speaker was **Benjamin Lozano**. He and his wife **Erika** minister in one of the congregations in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. They did a great job edifying the marriages. "A happy marriage" was the theme this year. As part of the seminar, on Saturday we had a dinner for couples, games and a lesson. We were thankful to God to see our teens and families serving God through this event.

### *Conner's Contemplations*

Good Morning to everyone!

I hope you had a good week and work and are here ready to be refreshed in fellowship and God's Word.

This week has been a strange one for the Kingdom of Christ. The Methodist church has been at the forefront of religious debate, discourse, and discussion this week. If you have not heard they had a conference where they decided their policy (as a whole) on gay marriage, gay clergy, and other LGBTQ topics. They had heated debate, and much anger expressed during this conference.

It made me think about how attitudes are today. It seems no matter where we turn, there is degradation being thrown at people. From Christians to atheists to in-between'ers. There is so much vitriol being spewed over someone's beliefs that we cannot get away from it.

Our society has enacted this idea that if our opinions line up with biblical principles we must be "bigoted, hateful, out of touch, sexist, misogynistic", etc....Society has even managed to convince other Christians that the Bible has less meaning than our social values and opinions because it disagrees with someone's social values. It is a dangerous time to be vocal Christians. Do we let this danger shape our thoughts though? Do we let it change our actions? Do we let society dictate what we say and do? Or?

Or do we let God shape our hearts? Do we let the Bible be our worldview? Do we let Christ move our feet and guide our actions? These are the questions we must ask these days. I find one of the biggest dilemmas for teenagers and adults alike is: "Where do I find my identity?" "In what do I let myself be consumed?"

Where we find our identity can shape so much about who we are as people and who we will later become.

Where do you find yours? Is it in God? Is it the society? Is it in your own desires? These questions can only be answered by ourselves for ourselves.

My final question is: where do you truly find your identity? What truly defines who you are as a person?

#### TEEN EVENTS

March 21-23: Day trips for Spring Break (we made a few changes to the original plan)

March 30: Airsoft day at Corin Read

April 6: Area Wide devo at Central Church of Christ

### March Events

**TODAY: Wedding Shower** honoring **Nick & Amie Garner** 2:00-4:00 in Young Adult & Others classroom (back of the old auditorium). They are registered at Target & Walmart. Gift cards would also be appreciated.

**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** begins. If you plan to attend please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office. Please see **Carson** or **Jill Sloan** if you have any questions.

**FRIDAY: Jarred & Jennifer Crow** are hosting a game night for the college/young professional group in their home (3002 Denise Dr. Benton) at 6:30. Please RSVP to 501-326-5942. They will provide dinner.

**SATURDAY: Johnson Street Church of Christ's** 2nd Annual Marriage Couples Banquet at the Enclave Gallery. The dress code is formal attire. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple

**SATURDAY: Ladies' Program** at McAlmont Church of Christ. For more info, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

**March 10: Shepherds Pie** after morning worship for new members who have placed membership since September, 2018 or who have never attended one. Please RSVP to the office if you plan on attending.

**March 10: Singing at Mt. Carmel** 3:00-4:00. If you love to sing, please join us.

**March 14: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meeting at 11:00 a.m. The facilitator is **Melissa Baxley**.

**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.

**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 prepared** by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant on the first Friday of the month was pork roast, fried okra, hash brown casserole, and glazed carrots. Janie also made the dessert.

#### **Sunday Morning Adult Classes Beginning TODAY**

Worship Center—**Randy Mitchell**: "*Justice in the New Testament*"

OR 1—**Carroll Davis**: "*Living Life Well*"

OR 2—**Richard Wallace**: "*Study of James—This Changes Everything*"

Young Adult & Others Class—**Rob Nossaman**: "*Not Off Limits, Questions You Wish You Could Ask at Church*"

Young Adult Singles class—**Gary Garner & Steve Smith**

19a—**Jimmy Mitchell & Rodney Crownover**: Praise & Worship Class

### Stephanie Says

Thank you to those who taught in Children's Ministry during the Winter Quarter. **Brett & Kari Caradine, Maude Caudle, Wendy Christy, Lee Ann Clay, Carrie Clay, Tom & Martha Davis, Todd & Tracy Ferguson, Jim & Mandy Gardner, JoAnna Gist, Sarah Gober, Jackie Greeno, Kristen Hamilton, Donna Howell, Robin Humes, Kori & Hannah Ireland, Russell Johnson, April Jones, Susan Mann, Beverly Mayberry, Dawn Mitchell, Jeff Oliver, Charlotte Pyle, Chris & Elizabeth Ratliff, Art & Bernadette Rockwell, Chad & Trena Slaughter, Katrina Southwell, Rick & Keely Treadway, Carolyn Trusty, Daniel & Kristie Turbyfill, LaNell Womack, and Sabrina Wright.**

**Remember to RSVP** on the bulletin board or text Stephanie by March 24th if you will be able to attend the April 6th teacher appreciation dinner.

**Sympathy** is extended to the family of **Nelda Burrow** who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was held yesterday in our worship center.

**We also extend sympathy** to **Sonny Orrell** in the passing of his uncle, **Bob Richardson**. His funeral was Friday in Hot Springs.

**We offer condolences** to **Linda Carmichael**, a former member of Northside, in the death of her husband, **Tom**.

**Prayer List: Sheryl Bradford**, Ruth East's daughter, had surgery on her foot last week to correct ongoing complications from a horse riding accident last summer. **Cathy Gall**, Janie Elliott's daughter, is suffering with fibroid tumors. **Dave Garner**, Sonny Orrell's brother, had surgery last Friday to amputate both legs just below the knee. He is in St. Vincent's Hospital in Hot Springs. **Anne Johnson** will have heart tests sometime this month. **Edith Swaim** went home from the Heart Hospital last Monday to let her heart strengthen for potential surgery. **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 11 at the Heart Hospital.

**Continue to remember:** Blythe Bowers, Tyler Buck, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Miranda Dodson, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Alan Haltom, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Chris Humes, 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, Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bernadette Rockwell, Bess Sanders, Dylan Sanchez, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred Swaim, Jeanette Underwood, Richard Wallace, M.D. Williams, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

**Shepherds**

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

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Chairman thru March: Richard Wallace

**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: February 24, 2019**

Bible Classes	303
AM Worship	489
PM Worship	186
Wednesday	212
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$13,050.87

**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  
We Shall Wear A Crown.....PH  
Every Praise.....PH  
Just a Little Talk with Jesus.....959  
Curtis Evans.....Prayer  
Fairest Lord Jesus.....288  
Art Rockwell.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Bind Us Together.....(offering song).....704  
His Banner Over Us Is Love.....(children's song).....PH  
He Leadeth Me.....410  
Chris Givens.....Acts 4.12-13  
Jim Gardner....."Good News in Small Groups"  
Footsteps of Jesus.....416  
May the Presence of the Lord Go With You.....PH  
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Janie Elliott & Pat Traylor

**Toddler Nursery**

Jarred & Jennifer Crow

**5:00 PM**

**LIFE groups**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Martha Davis

**Pantry Needs:**

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:

**Terry & Jan Hastings**