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Good morning, Northside Family.

This morning, our congregation of two languages comes together as one as both our English and Spanish speaking family worships together. This morning, **Fernando Toledo** (our Spanish-speaking Minister) will bring the Good News while **Conner Smith** (our bilingual Youth Minister) will translate his message into English. Our worship this morning will be led by **Omar Alvarez** and **Rodney Crownover**. Praise God that the salvation of God in Jesus Christ reaches across languages and ethnicities to draw us by the Spirit into one family!

For some time now, you've likely seen or heard reference to an event on Friday, May 31 at the Benton Event Center to support John 3.17 Ministry. John 3.17 is a year-long, faith-based recovery ministry for women (offered at no cost) in Jackson County near Newport. The Director of John 3.17 is **Jim Woodell**, former Director of River City Ministry in Little Rock. We first connected with John 3.17 through **Johna Lawrence** and have seen first-hand the redemptive power of Christ-centered, faith-based recovery in her life (Johna is now part of the staff of John 3.17).

For the past three weeks, it has been my supreme blessing to host and shepherd groups of ladies from the ministry that have canvassed central Arkansas raising awareness of their ministry and support for the "Summer of Hope" event on May 31. These ladies have spoken to civic groups, circuit court judges, police and sheriff administrators, city leadership, mental health professionals, church and business leaders. Their impact has already been seen in two referrals from Saline County to John 3.17 for admission into the program.

John 3.17 currently has space for 42 ladies. On average, they are forced to turn away 16 ladies requesting help each week due to lack of space. John 3.17 has embarked on an expansion project to increase their space to accommodate 81 ladies (for comparison, the more familiar John 3.16 ministry for men can accommodate 160 men). 13 acres of land has been donated for the expansion and now funds are being raised toward the construction of additional facility space.

As I write this, 18 corporate sponsors and 25 table sponsors (430 people total) have committed to attend. Now, I want to personally invite your participation. You can purchase a ticket for the event this morning for \$10. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a delicious fish fry dinner catered by the John 3.16 catering team at 5:30 p.m. (the John 3.16 catering team was recently voted best caterer in Northeast Arkansas). Having attended a John 3.17 dinner in Batesville last summer as the guest of **Tracy & Brenda Styles**, I can promise you the evening of inspiring testimonies about the redemptive power of God will move you and change you! This morning, I invite you to see me and get your ticket to the "Summer of Hope" dinner. It just might be the best Friday evening you spend all summer.

Don't forget next Sunday evening, we'll all gather for worship at Johnson Street Church of Christ at 5:00 p.m.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

New Adult Bible classes are gearing up. In fact, Wednesday morning and evenings, beginning this Wednesday, **Jim Gardner** will lead a study of Esther which will continue throughout the summer. Sunday mornings beginning June 1, you'll have several options to choose from: In the worship center, **Eric Scism** will teach *Deuteronomy*; Young Adults will meet in **Jim Gardner's** office with him leading *Habakkuk*; Young Marrieds who meet in the back of the original auditorium will begin a video series –*The Anatomy of a Disciple*; **Randy Mitchell** will teach *Life Lessons from Jesus* in the ORB #1; and **Todd Ferguson** will teach *2 Peter, 2 & 3 John and Jude: Beware of Religious Imposters!* in ORB #2. *Praise and Worship* continues in 19a with **Jimmy Mitchell** and **Rodney Crownover** leading.

A mighty big thanks to all who helped lead or host a Sunday evening LIFE Group. If you haven't already thanked your leader(s) and, in the case of home meetings, your hosts, please do. These are often unsung heroes. I don't know about you, but in LIFE Group, I find comfort, encouragement and prayer support, not to speak also of often deeper insight into God's Word. Our last LIFE Group meetings are tonight. Next week, the holiday weekend, Johnson Street Church of Christ has invited us to worship with them.

Beginning June 2, we will begin our Summer *Heroes of Faith* Series each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. through August 25. Several of our men or young men are preparing a lesson on one of the Heroes or Heroines of Faith from Hebrews 11 and will share a message in the worship center. The order of lessons is based on the speaker's choice of hero and date that worked best for them, so the order does not follow Hebrews' order of names as listed. **Todd Ferguson** kicks off the study 6/2 with Gideon; 6/9 **Dan Reed** – Joseph; 6/16 **Eric Scism** – Jacob; 6/23 **James Smith** – Isaac; 6/30 **Jeremy Clay** – Enoch; 7/7 **Jack Clay** – Samuel; 7/14—VBS; 7/21 **Wes Ader** – Samson; 7/28 – TBD; 8/4 **Rob Nossaman** – Barak; 8/11 **Richard Wallace** – Sarah & Rahab; 8/18 **Rick Treadway** – Noah; 8/25 TBD. You'll note July 28 and August 25 are still open spots and heroes of faith Abel, Abraham, Moses and David are still available. We need two more heroes to step out in faith and volunteer to teach about one of these spiritual heroes. Let me know if interested.

Each Sunday evening at 5:00 will be a time of praise, prayer and powerful messages from the Word for adults and children. Teens will continue with their LIFE Group throughout the summer, occasionally meeting with the adults, and young single adults will also continue their LIFE Group. It's gonna be great!

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Today is a very special Sunday for us! We gather together to praise God in two languages. Waiting the day when the vision of John the apostle will come true: *"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"* (Revelation 7:9,15-17).

Next weekend is our congregational retreat, a special time we have at Corin Read Christian Camp. I want to thank every person who has invested time, money and effort. The love to our God makes us *"to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life."* Corin Read Christian Camp is a special place where lives of all ages are touched by God for eternal salvation, the true life.

Conner's Contemplations

The book of John starts out with *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."* The Word of God turned out to be Jesus. Words have so much power, but God's Word gave us life. He gave us all new hope and love. His word became flesh and came down to earth and lived with us. His word experienced the human condition and portrayed how we should act even now. His word impacted us in ways we barely grasp.

God made us in his image. In my studies, that has proven to me to concern more than just physical likeness. It concerns our ability to create, love, share emotion, and so many other aspects. Our words are made in his image as well. Think of the power his words hold. Reflect on the power our words hold. Even though it is not our ultimate decision our words can help lead someone to salvation. Our words can heal, and help, and encourage. However, our words can also destroy, tear down, and discourage. Our words can cause others to stray, ruin relationships, even ruin our own lives.

Think of how many marriages have been hurt or even destroyed by words. Think of how many people have been turned away from God's love by words. It's scary how much power words have. Yet it is amazing that even with our words capability for destruction, all things can work for the good of mankind and the Will of God.

Think of how words have started relationships that bloomed into marriages. Those words eventually culminate in new life with a child being born from that marital love that began through words.

Being on the brink of marriage has made me reflect on how two simple words conjoined together in a sentence can join myself to my bride for life. "I do" has the power to shape an entire family's future. It joins two families, it creates an unbreakable bond, it begins the process of new life.

Our words are truly amazing and a gift from God. I pray that we all use them as God has - in ways that will bring life to those around us and inspire others to follow his way. I pray that our words will bring people closer to God and help show them his light, way, and love.

Events in May

TODAY: Combined worship with our Hispanic families

TODAY: Wedding Shower honoring **Nick Quinn & Natalie Hampel** 2:00-4:00 in the outreach building.

TODAY: Deadline to turn in deposit for camp. You can either may online, give your deposit to the office, **Wes Ader, Stephanie Howell or Charlie Manning.**

TONIGHT: Induction of 6th Graders into Youth Group at 5:00 p.m. in the Outreach Building

MONDAY: Bryant High School Graduation

MONDAY: Teens Softball game 6:15 on field 2 and 7:15 on field 3. Please go out and support our team.

MONDAY: 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.

TUESDAY: Pickleball 6:30 for those in the youth group. Please see **Savanah Wells** for more info.

TUESDAY: Parkview Graduation

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

SATURDAY: Clay Williams & Erica Smith will be united in marriage at 5:30 in our worship center.

May 26: Blood Drive 10:30-1:30

May 27: 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.

May 28: Pickleball 6:30 for those in the youth group. Please see **Savanah Wells** for more info.

May 31: Summer Playdate at Hurricane Lake Swimming Pool with **Sherry Nossaman!** Meet at Hurricane at 9:30 a.m. Bring a couple dollars to help cover cost of pool.

May 31: John 3:17 fundraiser @ the Benton Event Center. Catered by John 3:16 Ministries. Tickets are \$10.00.

Congratulations to Mark & Mary Woodville who will be honored with the Angel Award from Treatment Homes, Inc. on June 4 at their annual dinner at the Governor's Mansion. Mark & Mary have been providing therapeutic foster care services for over 30 years. **Kris Crownover** is scheduled to speak at the dinner.

"Northside Church of Christ, Thank you so very much for the sack of Mary K products that I received on Mother's Day. I was so shocked that I couldn't even remember how old Jim was until I asked him. He is 65 so I finally stumbled around and said it right! I truly had a Blessed day all day. I love you all! Janice Smith."

Love Notes and Heartstrings

I hope all the moms had a great Mother's Day! I am inviting you to extend your role as a mom by getting involved in Heartfelt ministries. I have placed mom and sister forms on the ladies ministry table and by the amount of sister forms picked up, it is clear this ministry is needed! There have been suggestions made to make this more manageable for the moms. This next year we will not give a gift each month. We will be using a devotional guide put together by **Susan Dorsey** from Christian Ministry author, **Julia Bettencourt.** I welcome all suggestions to help make this ministry a success! Please write any suggestions or concerns and place in an envelope with my name on it on the ladies table. The deadline for sign-ups is June 30. Thank you all for your prayers! Trish

Upcoming Events

June 2: Deacons Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by our elders, immediately after a.m. worship.

June 2: Baby shower honoring **Hayley Haltom** in the Young Adults & Others classroom in the main building 2:00-3:30.

June 3: Teens Softball game 6:15 on field 2 and 7:15 on field 2. Please go out and support our team.

June 8-12: Senior Camp for children entering 4th-12th grade.

June 10: Teens Softball game 6:15 on field 2 and 7:15 on field 2. Please go out and support our team.

June 13: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00-12:00. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

June 14-15: Beginner's Camp for children entering 1st -3rd grade.

June 15: Nick Rice & Madison Sipes will be united in marriage at 6:00 at 567 Most High Loop, Hot Springs National Park.

June 15-20: Uplift

July 14-18: VBS More info later

Prayer List: Blythe Bowers had an MRI under sedation last week to check for nerve damage in her spine.

John Burgess received all clear results on his 3-month oncology PET scan. **Houston Colson** is now at home after having successful knee surgery last week. **Phil Davis** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on his left hand tomorrow in Hot Springs. **Tammy Givens** will begin her 3-day comprehensive exam on May 28 at St. Jude's in Memphis. **Mark Greeno** will be reevaluated by his cardiologist in 3 weeks for a partial blockage. **John Shelton** is now at home after having successful shoulder surgery last week. **Harold Stuart** had a CT and bone scan last Friday. **Colby Turney**, son of Sabrina Wright and grandson of Linda Pike, will have surgery on May 30 to insert pins to straighten his spine.

Continue to remember: Joe Arnold, Audrey Auguston, Linda Ball, Clint Barnhart, Tonda Belcher, Patrick Bowers, Cheryl Bradford, Tyler Buck, Mona Burleson, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, James Chandler, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Steve Connors, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Todd Donahue, Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Cathy Gall, Dave Garner, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Betty Howell, Grady Howell, Herbert Humes, Russell & Sarah Johnson, Barbara Joiner, Joe Kaderabek, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Piper Lacey, Caleb Lambert, Reba Leonard, Lance Lieblong, Kim Lindgren, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Nikki Magee, Peggy Manning, Robert & Sue Matheny, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Carol Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Whitney Redmon, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Richard Schultz, Margaret Scott, Roy & Barbara Slaughter, Janice Smith, Joyce Smith, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Shelly Thompson, Jeanette Underwood, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

Shepherds

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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
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: May 12, 2019

Bible Classes	324
AM Worship	613
PM Worship	104
Wednesday	229
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$12,547.67

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

Rodney Crownover/Omar Alvarez.....Worship Leaders
I Will Call upon the Lord/A Jehova Invocare.....63
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News/Anuncios
Our God, He Is Alive/Nuestro Dios vive hoy.....23
Humble Yourself/Humillense delante de Dios.....745
Jesus Is Lord/Mi Senor es.....180
Javier Guzman.....Prayer/Oracion
Faithful Love/Amor Fiel.....18
Ron Wallace.....Communion Devo & Offering
.....Comunion & Ofrendas
Thank You, Lord/Gracias Dios..(offering/Ofrendas song)..474
Jesus Loves the Little Children/Cristo ama a los ninitos...1015
Oh, How I Love Jesus/Oh cuanto amo a Cristo.....574
Carlos Bautista.....Revelation 7.9-10, 13-17
Fernando Toledo.....“Our Hope in Christ/Nuestra Esperanza
en Cristo”
Shout Hallelujah/Canta Aleluya.....PH
Light the Fire/Haz mi alma arder.....PH
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer/Oracion

Infant Nursery

Kathy Campbell & Cristin Goodner

Toddler Nursery

Angela & Jenna Howell

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

(Children will stay with their parents)

Pantry Needs:

Cereal, Ramen Noodles,
Mac/Cheese,
Pudding Cups, Vienna Sausage,
Soap, Shampoo

We are in desperate need of Mac/Cheese.

During the summer months all of the backpack food items will be donated to the library.

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