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Good morning, Northside Family!

I hope your Memorial Day weekend is going well! Memorial Day traditionally marks the “unofficial” start of summer and, with the end of the school year this past week, it truly feels like summer is here! More so than the start of summer, though, Memorial Day calls us to pause, reflect and remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom as a nation. Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., the annual Saline County Memorial Day assembly will be held at the Veteran’s Wall on the southeast corner of the Courthouse Square. This gathering is always very well attended by Northside. I hope you will join me again this year in paying our respect to those who gave all.

Our deep appreciation for those who gave all for our national freedom, though, reminds us of our deep gratitude for the One who gave all for eternal freedom! Each Sunday, we gather as the family of God to worship and commune, remembering the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus that brought us redemption.

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life...but with the precious blood Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world...Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God” (1 Peter 1.18-21).

This evening at 5:00 p.m., we will gather with our friends at the Johnson Street Church of Christ (101 West Johnson, Benton, 72015). There will not be any gathering or activity this evening at Northside. The Johnson Street church building is just two miles south of ours and we enjoy a wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation with our friends who worship there. If your Memorial Day holiday plans do not have you traveling later today, make the short trek to the Ralph Bunche Community and the Johnson Street church for a wonderful evening of worship and fellowship.

Johnson Street will be hosting an area-wide fellowship next Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. to kick off a summer Gospel Revival that will continue Monday through Wednesday, June 3-5 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The theme will be *For the Gospel’s Sake* based on 1 Corinthians 9.19-23 and the speaker will be **Skippy Norman**, former Preaching Minister at Johnson Street and current Preaching Minister for the Sheppard Street Church of Christ in Mount Pleasant, Texas.

This coming Friday, the *Summer of Hope* Dinner to raise awareness and funds for John 3.17 Ministry will be held at the Benton Event Center. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner, catered by John 3.16 Ministry’s outstanding catering team, will be served at 5:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction, live auction, and a wonderful program of praise and testimony to the power of God to redeem broken lives at 6:30 p.m. If you have not purchased a ticket for this inspiring, eternity-impacting event (the funds raised will go toward an expansion of John 3.17’s facilities, allowing their space to increase from 42 to 81 ladies), you can do so this morning in the lobby. Tickets are \$10 and there are less than 100 remaining.

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

While Cathy and I are on vacation, I still want to remind you of the upcoming summer series which will begin next Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. The summer will focus on the lessons we can learn from Spiritual Heroes mentioned by name in Hebrews, chapter 11. It will also be a time for worship to an awesome God through hymns, prayers and reading of Scripture, an opportunity for us to encourage those among us who have been gifted with teaching ability, and a time to meet in a larger assembly on Sunday evenings than our LIFE Groups which will resume in the Fall.

The following lets you the Sunday evening schedule: 6/2 **Todd Ferguson** - 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; 8/8 **Rob Nossaman** - Barak; 8/11 **Richard Wallace** - Sarah & Rahab; 8/18 **Rick Treadway** - Noah; 8/25 TBD

Adult Sunday morning Bible classes this summer starting June 2 are *Deuteronomy* (Worship Center), *Habakkuk* (for young adults in Jim's office), *Praise and Worship* (19a), *The Anatomy of a Disciple* (Young Marrieds, back of old aud.), *Life Lessons from Jesus* (ORB #1), *2 Peter, 2 & 3 John and Jude - Beware of Religious Imposters* (ORB #2). Also, don't forget Jim's class on *Esther* Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and evening at 6:30 p.m.

As I write this, a work day is scheduled this Saturday, June 1 at Corin Read to finish up the new cabin. In addition, Friday, June 7 our teens and any adults who can are invited to help final "make-ready" preparations for our camp which begins Saturday, June 8. There may be adjustments to this plan, so please listen for updates this morning, or via email or Facebook groups. Thanks!

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Have you ever felt that you no longer have the strength to move on? Have you ever felt that your spiritual life is fading? A disciple without the power of the Holy Spirit will be: (1) as confused and afraid as an unarmed soldier in the middle of the war; (2) as paralyzed as a vehicle without fuel; (3) as dead as a body without a soul. Therefore, Jesus said to his apostles: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you"* (Acts 1: 8). God continues to give the Holy Spirit to those who repent of their sins and are baptized in Christ Jesus (Acts 2: 38-39). But when we sin and do not confess our sin to God, we are grieving and putting out the Holy Spirit that dwells in us (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19). And then the strength leaves and discouragement takes place. But by faith we know God has gifted us with everything we need to live in victory in Christ Jesus. With the Holy Spirit in our life we are armed in the middle of war, we have the fuel to move on, and we have the Spirit of Christ living in us. Therefore, we can get up! Go into the room alone, pray to our Father in secret (Matthew 6: 6). For your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him (Luke 11:13).

Then Peter filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4: 8). When they had prayed...they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:31). But Stephen filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:55). Barnabas filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 11: 22-24). Paul filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13: 9). The disciples in the midst of the persecution were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit (Acts 13: 50-52). The Holy Spirit is for you as you sincerely pray to God.

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water...Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16; 10:22).

Conner's Contemplations

Each week is a new blessing from God. So, here we are at the start of a new week, many of us are preparing for the end of school, getting ready for Memorial Day, or just relaxing. During our relaxation it is easy to be happy and thankful for what God has given us. It is easy to use our time as leisure and enjoy it. What happens when the holiday is over though?

For many of our school-age children and teens it just means summer has officially begun. It marks the end of school and the beginning of vacations, camps, and uninterrupted video games. What about the adults though? Many of us will be like the teenagers, especially those working in the school systems. Yet, other adults will continue to work just like any other day. For those of us in youth ministry it kicks off the busiest part of our year. We all share one thing in common though, we have the blessing of being able to continue life.

With our continued life comes extended wisdom. Experience tends to bring wisdom. Wisdom tends to bring peace. One of the books of the Bible that brings some of the most important wisdom is Job. Job goes through so much pain and sorrow. He loses everything short of his life. He loses his possessions, his family, his income, his friends, and even his health. He eventually questions God's "decisions" but never loses faith or curses God. Eventually God comes down and speaks to Job. His response puts Job in his place. He speaks of all the unfathomable aspects of creation and asks Job who can fathom it but God? He then gives him examples of two behemoths. These are huge and dangerous, but not evil, just part of creation. God's response makes Job ask for forgiveness for challenging God's wisdom.

The message coming from Job is to trust God through all. Trust that his will is just and is not evil. Even in hard times we are to trust God. This leads us to trust the words from Jeremiah 29:11. His plans are to prosper us and not harm us. I pray that we can remember that in hard, easy, good, and bad times.

Events in May

TODAY: Blood Drive 10:30-1:30 in the outreach building

MONDAY: Memorial Day—Office Closed

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.

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

FRIDAY: 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.

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

A Welcome Party for recently graduated seniors to college age group will be Sunday, June 2, at 5:00 in the home of **Jarred & Jennifer Crow**, 3002 Denise Drive, Benton. Dinner will be provided.

“A BIG thanks to Billy McLain for taking interest in Northside’s Seniors doing his best in keeping us busy with his potlucks, jokes and games. We all love you Billy. The JOY Group.”

We have received an invitation to attend a meeting at Mabelvale Church of Christ June 2-5. The guest speaker will be **Gary C. Hampton**. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board with information about the meeting at Johnson Street Church of Christ.

We have also received an invitation to attend the “Fifth Friday Singing” at Hazel Street Church of Christ in Pine Bluff on May 31 7:00-9:00 p.m. The flyer is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the multipurpose area.

The meal prepared by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant last week was pot roast with potatoes & carrots, broccoli with cheese sauce and mandarin orange salad. Janie also prepared a carrot cake for dessert. Thanks again to all of you who support this ministry. The family members of patients in Hospice care really appreciate the food that is brought in. It helps because they don’t have to leave their loved one to go eat somewhere.

Sympathy is extended to **Sarilee Nash** and **Cindy Wallace** in the death of their sister-in-law, **Roberta Glover**.

We also extend sympathy to **Ben Johnson** and his family in the passing of his grandfather, **David Johnson**, recently. His funeral was in Canada.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

I hope everyone has a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! I am enjoying God’s beautiful creation with my family at the lake! I am still asking for Heart Moms. The forms are on the ladies’ table clearly marked Moms and Sisters! The deadline to sign up is June 30. If moms or sisters have any questions or concerns, please talk to me, **Susan Dorsey**, **Barbara Salley** or **Shirley Wallace!** This is a great way to grow closer to other ladies in the congregation! Much love to you all, 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 4: Mark & Mary Woodville will be honored with the Angel Award from Treatment Homes, Inc. 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.

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: Tammy Givens will begin her 3-day comprehensive exam Tuesday at St. Jude’s in Memphis. **Mark Greeno** will be reevaluated by his cardiologist in 2 weeks for a partial blockage. **Piper Lacey**, 11 month old great granddaughter of **Syble Womack**, had successful eye surgery last week in Texas. **Mark Shepard** was treated at Baptist Hospital last week with blood pressure issues. **Harold Stuart** will have a PET scan on June 7. **Colby Turney**, son of Sabrina Wright and grandson of Linda Pike, will have surgery on Thursday to insert pins to straighten his spine. **Angela Wilson**, Margaret Organ’s daughter, will have multiple tests on Wednesday in advance of a liver transplant.

Continue to remember: Joe Arnold, Linda Ball, Clint Barnhart, Tonda Belcher, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Tyler Buck, Mona Burleson, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, James Chandler, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Houston Colson, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Cathy Gall, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Richard Hooton, Russell & Sarah Johnson, Barbara Joiner, Joe Kaderabek, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, 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, Margaret Scott, John Shelton, Janice Smith, Joyce Smith, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, Fred & Edith Swaim, Shelly Thompson, Jeanette Underwood, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

Shepherds

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

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Deacons

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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
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: May 19, 2019

Bible Classes	218
AM Worship	441
PM Worship	168
Wednesday	227
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$10,523.35

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
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story.....509
In Need.....PH
Dickie Hooton.....Prayer
By Christ Redeemed.....366
Dan Reed.....Communion Devo & Offering
Oft We Come Together.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children's song).....1014
My Only Hope Is You.....PH
Alex Hamilton.....James 1.2-4
Jim Gardner....."Good News under Trial"
My Eyes Are Dry.....792
May the Presence of the Lord Go With You.....PH
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Amy Jones & Pat Traylor

Toddler Nursery

Susan Burton & Sabrina Wright

5:00 PM

**Meeting at Johnson Street Church of Christ
101 Johnson Street, Benton**

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:

Tom & Martha Davis

Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for in
Prayer, Believe
that you have received it, and
it will be yours. Mark 11.24

