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Good morning, Northside Family. We've had back-to-back wonderful Sundays with Easter and Friend's Day. Today promises to be no different as we honor the graduates of the 2019 Senior Class. Congratulations to our students and their families on this milestone in their lives. Very special congratulations this morning to **Jake Burton, Nathan Clay, Houston Colson, Alex Ferguson, Matt Ferguson, Chris Garcia, Khalil Gibson, Jesse Gober, Hannah Ireland, Zack LaSage, Rachel Mayes, Parker Nichols and Braden Norris**. This morning, our Youth Minister **Conner Smith** will share a special message designed to encourage the graduates that will inspire us all.

This past week, our good friend **Toney Stowers** and I snuck away to Arlington, Texas to catch a two-game series between the Texas Rangers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. It was really nice to get a break and enjoy some good baseball with a good friend. But, in the midst of the fun, my phone which I've had for five-six years died on the way to Tuesday's game. The screen went blank, the buttons wouldn't work, the ability to connect with the world beyond my immediate circle, totally cutoff.

There was a part of the disconnect that was nice. It was nice to be totally engaged, to actually and fully "be where my feet are" without interruption. But it was also unnerving. Because our church staff has a group plan with Verizon, I couldn't just run to the nearest local retail store in Arlington and get a new phone. I had to wait to get back and have one shipped to the church office.

What if there's a crisis? What if someone in need is reaching out to me? Will my lack of response signal a lack of care and concern? (By the way, if you called or texted me between Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning and I didn't reply, now you know why).

And I couldn't help but think in my 60-hour disconnect about God. Does God's heart ache for conversation and communication with us? Does God wonder why the signal is silent when we're trying so bravely to face our challenges without seeking his help? It's amazing how *every human circumstance seems to bring a spiritual lesson*. Mine this week was a reminder to keep the communication lines with my Creator open! Maybe my own dilemma this week will serve as a reminder to you that our spiritual journey demands we always keep in contact and stay connected with God.

Thank you to the Northside contingent that attended Thursday's National Day of Prayer gathering at the Saline County Vote Here Building. The gathering was moved inside, as opposed to the originally scheduled Courthouse lawn, due to the rain. As usual, Northside was well represented and I very much appreciate the way you rally to support causes in our county. The next gathering of this kind will happen later this month on Memorial Day on the courthouse lawn when we honor and remember those who paid the ultimate price for our national freedom. I hope you will mark that morning on your calendar and support the Memorial Day gathering this year as you've done in the past.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and, while we will especially honor the amazing mothers in the Northside Family, we will also celebrate the babies born in the past year. Of the twelve largest attendances in Northside history, two of those have occurred on Mother's Day. Be sure next Sunday to give a special welcome to unfamiliar faces and make those who worship with us next Sunday as a blessing to their mother feel welcome.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Unbelievably, it is just a month and three days until the start of Northside's camps that begin June 8. If you haven't already registered your child, please do so ASAP. Paper registrations are in the Worship Center foyer or you can register online through the church website: www.northsidecofc.info/crcc.

This means there is lots to do to get Corin Read ready for ours and others' camp sessions later in the summer (De Queen – 1 week, then Mountain Fork Christian – 3 weeks). So, this Saturday is a work day. Volunteers from Mountain Fork and De Queen plan to help out. I'd love for a large group from Northside to join them. In addition to working to assemble bed frames and other projects to help complete the new cabin, there are some building projects needing skilled or unskilled labor. If you can come out as early as 8:00 a.m., we'll find you a project to do or help with. There are also make-ready jobs in anticipation for upcoming renters and camps.

Also, we are always in need of folks throughout the summer to help maintain grass and weeds. **Josh Hastings** or **Tommy Clifton** can plug you in on how you can help with this and learn to operate our monster zero-turn mower (it is a fun ride, but 18+ only).

Our JOY Group meal is scheduled for *Thursday, May 16*. We're doing this one a little differently. **Vera Kaderabek** and **Janie Elliott** are planning an Italian theme. Pizza will be provided. Vera has posted a sign-up list near the office door for additional items you can bring. There is sure to be something you'll either want to make or buy and bring. Since the theme is Italian, I'll be looking for some Italianesque fun games, jokes or activities for our enjoyment. The next JOY group after this one is not until September, so be sure and come out May 16.

Let's all be more like Hezekiah: "...*So this is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah. He did what was good and upright and true before the LORD his God. He was diligent in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law and the commandments, in order to seek his God*" (2 Chronicles 31:30-21).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

We have had three wonderful weeks of small groups. During these last three weeks the families have grown in Christian fellowship, have strengthened each other, and the church has been highly edified in the Word of God. The message has been presented to people who have visited us and in all this we seek to exalt the name of the LORD. The first week we talked about the true worship to God, worshiping in the new hour according to John 4:23. We also spoke of the results of having been justified in Jesus Christ in Romans 5. The second week spoke about what the Holy Spirit does in the lives of Christians according to Romans 8. The third week we spoke about God as our deliverer. Today, after worship service, we will meet at Tyndall Park to have lunch together and say goodbye to our **Mark** and **Marta Littlejohn** who are going back to their home in Bentonville and their home congregation in Rogers. May God bless their work and their love for God's Kingdom.

Conner's Contemplations

Just like the seasons change in our state, all things come to an end. Some for good some for bad. When I think of the seasons, I like to relate them to how God moves in our lives. Take our seniors for example; they are ending a season in their lives but beginning another. We can see how God got them to this point, but we will miss them dearly as they move on to another phase in life.

If we think of literature for a second, we can see the plan of God in the seasons. Many times in American literature, winter is associated with death, and spring with life. Summer and autumn fall into the times of life. Winter is often the only dark season in literary depictions of seasons.

I think God planned the seasons this way for a purpose. It relates his love for us. Even when we have the darkest of times, his love brings us back into his light. Similar to when winter turns to spring. The land (our lives) can seem desolate and dreary. Afterwards, spring begins and land (our lives) turn back into life and beauty. God then gives us summer and fall, which each take their turns changing the land (our lives) mostly for the better. Just like our earth, our lives have seasons as well. Seasons of pain and sorrow. Seasons of joy and excitement. It is up to us how we react to these seasons. Our seniors and their parents will experience joy and, maybe sorrow, in this season of our seniors' lives. Joy that they succeeded but sorrow to see their little boy or girl grow up!

I absolutely love how God gives us four seasons and how we can tie them into our lives. So let us take the dark with the light, the bad with the good, the pure with the evil. Let us remember that all things, even bad, can be used for good in the kingdom of God. I pray that those of us who are discouraged will find peace in knowing that God works for good in all things! I will also pray that our seniors have the wisdom to seek guidance from God during this transitional season as they prepare for the rest of their lives.

In Christian love and support, Conner

Events in May

TODAY: Senior Sunday—We will have a potluck following a.m. worship.

MONDAY: Teens do not have a game

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.

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Financial Peace University

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

SATURDAY: Workday at Corin Read Christian Camp

May 12: Mother's Day

May 12: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00

May 12: Last LIFE group for the children

May 13: Teens Softball game 6:15 on field 3 and 7:15 on field 2. Please go out and support our team.

May 13: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

May 14: Pickleball 6:30 for those in the youth group. Please see **Savanah Wells** for more info.

May 14: Harmony Grove Graduation

May 16: Benton High School Graduation

May 17: Bauxite High School Graduation

May 19: Wedding Shower honoring **Nick Quinn & Natalie Hampel** 2:00-4:00 in the outreach building. They are registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond & Dillard's.

May 19: Combined worship with our Hispanic families

May 20: Bryant High School Graduation

We received the following "thank you" from a family member whose mother was at Saline Hospice.

"Dear Friends at Northside Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the meal you provided for the loved ones families at Saline Memorial Hospice. It is so convenient for me and our family to not have to leave our mother alone to go get something to eat. It is a wonderful ministry and your kindness will not be forgotten! Blessings to all!"

Thanks to all of you who give a monetary donation for this ministry and to those of you who prepare desserts. A special "Thanks" to **Janie Elliott** who prepares at least 3 meals a month for the Hospice House. The meal she prepared for the 1st Friday was turkey/dressing, deviled eggs, broccoli salad, and sweet potato casserole. **Sylvia Kays** prepared the dessert.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

It's May! This school year and Heartfelt year has flown by! May brings about so many endings and beginnings. The end of school, the beginning of summer and always so many things to do! I encourage every lady to participate in Heartfelt Ministries. This ministry is a great way to get to know other ladies and spend time with each other in a special way each month from September through May. We need "Moms" and "Sisters". If you have children in high school or younger, you are a sister. If not, you're a Mom! There are forms and envelopes on the ladies table. Please prayerfully consider this ministry!

Steve & Cheryl Smith

And

Ed & Lori Williams

Request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Erica Demie

and

Clayton Edward

Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May

Two thousand and Nineteen

At half past 5 O'clock in the evening

Northside Church of Christ

Please RSVP by May 4th

Call or text to 501-517-4969

Sympathy is extended to **Steve Nichols** and his family in the death of his father, **Malcolm (Nick)**, last week. His funeral was held last Monday.

"To the Northside Family, Thank you so much for the meat tray and providing lunch for our family. We appreciate your love, prayers, visits, calls and concern for daddy during his illness. Northside will always be in our hearts. Love you all, The children of Nick...Steve, Linda and Cheryl."

Prayer List: Tonda Belcher, mother-in-law of Ashlee Cross, Tom & Martha Davis' daughter, is in Saline Memorial room 528 being treated for having pneumonia. **Patrick Bowers** was treated at Saline Memorial last week for having pneumonia and being septic. He was expected to be home by today. **Mona Burleson**, Jody Barnes's mother, is in the Heart Hospital room 203 having tests after experiencing severe chest pains. **Ronnie Hastings**, Todd's dad and Terry Hastings' brother, is getting better everyday. **Herbert Humes**, Chris' dad, is in Baptist Hospital room 912 being treated for having a heart attack. **Margaret Organ** was treated at Saline Memorial last week for having chest pains.

Continue to remember: Joe Arnold, Audrey Auguston, Linda Ball, Clint Barnhart, Blythe Bowers, Cheryl Bradford, Tyler Buck, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, James Chandler, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Steve Connors, LaVada Davis, Nancy Davis, Phil Davis, Todd Donahue, Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Cathy Gall, Dave Garner, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Helen Hairston, Hayley Haltom, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Carolyn Heckendorff, Seth Henry, Jean Ann Hensley, Richard Hooton, Betty Howell, Grady Howell, 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

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
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Tom Davis Rob Nossaman
Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway
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Wes Ader Michael Haltom
Carlos Bautista Alex Hamilton
Gary Black Josh Hastings
Jarred Crow Todd Hastings
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: April 28, 2019

Bible Classes	335
AM Worship	519
PM Worship	180
Wednesday	223
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$12,975.30

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
God Is So Good.....83
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
10,000 Reasons.....PH
In Need.....PH
Surround Us, Lord.....PH
Art Rockwell.....Prayer
Feel The Nails.....PH
Todd Ferguson.....Communion Devo & Offering
Step by Step.....(offering song).....15
Jesus Love Me.....(children's song).....1014
Heaven Came Down.....517
T.C. Evans.....Matthew 6.19-21
Conner Smith....."Gathered Treasures"
Father God.....PH
May the Presence of the Lord Go With You.....PH
Rob Nossaman.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

April Jones & Stephanie Howell

Toddler Nursery

Lisa, Harmony, & Harrison Houston

5:00 PM

LIFE groups

Communion

Tommy Clifton

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Trena Slaughter

Pantry Needs:

Cereal, Toilet tissue, Dishwashing liquid
We are in desperate need of spaghetti sauce.

We will not be promoting the backpack program for Caldwell, Howard Perrin schools & ALC Program until August. Please continue bringing the items and putting them in the buckets in front of Children's Worship room. The library in Benton is taking up food for those who come to the library in need. **Wendy Christy** will be taking the items to the library. Thanks to everyone who helps with this ministry.

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