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Good morning, Northside Family! Welcome to the Sunday I refer to as “Deer Widow Sunday.” With the opening of modern-gun deer season yesterday, we’ve got a lot of guys (and some gals) away at deer camp this weekend. I’m grateful for those of you who’ve stayed behind to worship with us today.

Last Sunday, **Jeannie Pryor** shared a very honest, raw response for prayer with us. In seeking to become a more confident Christ-follower, Jeannie shared: *“I have been feeling a little down, dark, depressed, anxious and irritable – “less than.” I truly believe a lot of these negative feelings stem from my doubts and fears of death. Getting older seems to be increasing these feelings. I ask for prayer to become a stronger, more faithful, positive Christian and to be the kind of wife, mother, grandmother and friend that I need to be.”*

I’m sure Jeannie is not the only one among us who’s struggled to become a more confident Christ-follower. Her courage expresses the experience of many of us. Fortunately, the apostle John has some words of truth in times when our confidence wanes.

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear” (1 John 4.15-18).

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” (1 John 5.13-14).

What good news! Need a confidence boost? God’s Word says to ask, and God’s perfect love will infuse us with confidence while driving out our fear!

Thank you to all who supported the ladies of the Romans 12.2 Transformation House Ministry by donating, attending, and purchasing items at their yard sale yesterday. **Heather, Megan & Sarah** are currently living in the house and their presence has been a blessing to our church family. We anticipate the arrival of additional residents soon. Please continue to keep this ministry and the ladies transitioning out of faith-based recovery ministry and back into mainstream life in your prayers.

The county-wide Thanksgiving Service hosted by the Saline County Ministerial Alliance will be on Sunday evening, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. This year, the gathering will be held at Calvary Baptist Church (612 Valley View Rd., Benton, 72019). We were privileged to host the Easter week services this year and have been asked to host the Thanksgiving service next year. The Thanksgiving service will be based on Psalm 100 and focus on the goodness of God.

On Friday morning, our church experienced the eighth passing of a loved one in eight days. So many of our families have been touched by loss right here before the holiday season. What I love about you is the way you serve the grieving by showing compassion and care. Thank you for being a conduit of comfort when our friends are grieving. From sending messages and cards to preparing food to praying, your expressions of comfort bring the peace and presence of God to others. Thank you for being you!

I Love You all,
Jim

Billy's Thoughts

In the next two months of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year festivities, it is easy to be overwhelmed with many good options for social interactions. So, I thought I'd put in an advanced word to remind you of some dates, especially for our senior citizens.

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. there is opportunity for anyone of any age who enjoys singing to join with others at the Mt. Carmel Independent and Assisted Living Community to sing praise to God. **Russell Johnson** has put together a selection of spiritual "*Songs of Pilgrimage, Blessings and Thanksgiving*" that will call attention to what God is doing for us.

Next Sunday after our morning worship, our teens will host a free meal for our brothers and sisters 65 and older. It'll be an opportunity for intergenerational fellowship, and teach young and old the beauty of Christian service (both giving it and humbly receiving it).

Then, Thursday, November 21, is the next JOY Group Potluck at 11:30 a.m. In December another is planned for the 19th. These JOY Group Potlucks are enjoyable times for all of us 55+ to be together, laugh together, share together, and just be playful (young at heart) for about 90 minutes.

Thursday, December 5 is the Annual Retirees Luncheon. If you attend, you'll enjoy a fret-free meal at no cost to you. If you are retired or of retirement age, come, enjoy!

Then, Friday evening, December 6 is the Congregational Christmas Party, which is always a fun event with amazing food prepared by **Marilyn Black** and crew.

And you thought you had nothing to do! Seriously, from the beginning of the church the fellowship of God's people has always been an important part of our life together. "*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer*" (Acts 2.42).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

In Christianity, our devotional life is as important as our doctrinal and discipleship life. We grow in our devotional life through spiritual habits as prayer, Bible reading, contemplation, etc. We mature in our doctrinal life through the study of Bible doctrine. We practice our discipleship life when we share our devotional and doctrinal life with others and make disciples. If we only have devotion and doctrine, our faith is incomplete because Jesus said go and make disciples. If we only have devotion and make disciples, our faith is incomplete because with no biblical doctrine we can make false disciples. If we have biblical doctrine and make disciples with no devotion to God, we could become only religious people like the Pharisees forgetting the greatest command.

In the greatest command I see three people: God, myself and my neighbor. God to be worshiped (devotion), me to grow in His Word (doctrine), and my neighbor to love sharing my faith with love (devotion) and knowledge (doctrine) to become disciples of Jesus. In our prayers, let's pray to God for these three areas of our faith life: Devotional, Doctrinal and Discipleship, and experience his presence while we rest on his promises.

Teen News

*Teen LIFE group is every week at 5:00 p.m.

*Bible Classes: 9 a.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

NOVEMBER EVENTS

*TONIGHT: Teen LIFE Group at **Shawn & Kim Wallace's** (Chris & Tammy Givens will drive the van)

*Tuesday, Nov. 12: Teen Pickle-ball. There is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the office. If you would like to play pickle ball, please sign up. **Savanah Wells** is coordinating.

*Friday, Nov. 15: 5th Quarter Friday coordinated by **Jarred & Jennifer Crow**

*Sunday, Nov. 17: Service Opportunity coordinated by **Keely Treadway**

*Sunday, Nov. 17: Teen LIFE Group at **Matt & Savanah Wells'**

*Sunday, Nov. 24: LIFE Group will not meet due to Thanksgiving holiday

CHAOS November 17 for Children in Grades 3rd—6th

CHAOS is a gathering of kids from all over the Little Rock area in 3rd-6th grades. The goal is to spend time hanging out and having fun with other Christian kids in our area while learning more about God's will for us. We'll eat together, play games together, and then worship God together. We would love for you to join us!

We will be leaving the Northside parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on November 17th and return at 7:30 p.m.

Events This Week

TODAY: : Gift card Wedding Shower honoring **Derek & Claudia Banda Washington** 1:00-2:30 in the Young Adult classroom.

TODAY: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00. Please join this group if you love to sing. The residents at Mt Carmel really enjoy the singing.

TONIGHT: Teen LIFE group in the home of **Shawn & Kim Wallace**.

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

TUESDAY: Pickleball 5:30-7:30 for the teen group. Please sign up if you will be attending this activity.

WEDNESDAY: Early Morning Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m. in classroom 19-A.

WEDNESDAY: GriefShare at 6:30 p.m. in Jim's office.

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

FRIDAY: 5th Quarter activity for our youth group in the outreach building 9:30-midnight

Upcoming Events

November 17: Lunch for our senior members 65 years of age and older immediately after a.m. worship.

November 17: CHAOS for children in 3rd-6th grade. This will be held at Central Church of Christ in Little Rock. **Stephanie Howell** will be taking the van. If your child needs to ride the van, please let Stephanie know. They will leave the building at 4:30 and return at about 7:30. We still need chaperones and van driver. You do not need to be a parent of one of these kids to chaperone.

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

November 25: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

Please make note in your church directory that **Bonnie Mayberry** is now at Alcoa Pines Health & Rehab, 3300 Alcoa Road, Benton 72015. Also, the phone number for **Carolyn Dacus** was posted incorrectly in the bulletin. Her correct number is 870-421-4182. **Dan & Suzanne Reed** have a new address. It is 4521 Boardwalk, Benton, 72019

"Dear Northside Family, Thank you for your expressions of love shown to me after surgery. The phone calls, texts, food, visits and most of all your prayers were greatly appreciated. In Christian Love, Wanda Otwell & Family."

The meal that Janie Elliott will be preparing for the Bryant Hospice House on Tuesday night will be beef stew, biscuits and gelatin salad with fruit. **Nedra Russell** will prepare the dessert.

Annual Ladies Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 14

11:00 a.m.

3112 Dapple Gray Road, Benton
(home of Jill Sloan)

Bring a \$15.00 Christmas Décor item
And

A Breakfast Dish

RSVP on Facebook or text 501-551-6839

Several of our Northside family have lost loved ones recently. We extend sympathy to;

Sue Edwards and her family in the sudden death of her sister, **Troy Sutton**. She had a massive heart attack.

Michelle Hastings and her family in the death of her grandmother, **Jennie Kirkpatrick**.

Brenda Oliver and her family in the death of her brother, **Richard May**. His funeral was yesterday.

Stephanie Pryor, former member at Northside and daughter-in-law of Lewis & Jeannie Pryor, and her family in the death of her great grandmother, **Dessie Mae Sanders**. Her funeral was last Friday at Northside.

Tarzah Shaw and her family on the death of her mother, **Bobbi Quillen**, last Friday.

Heather Spickard and her family in the death of her aunt, **Jean Halbrook**. The funeral was last Friday.

Prayer List: Bud Cearley, Stacy Barnes dad, is being treated for having a bad UTI and pneumonia. **Jim Miller**, former member and elder at Northside, is in White County Regional Hospital in Searcy receiving treatment for pneumonia and a blood infection. **Grisham Phillips** is being treated for having kidney stones. **Joe Puckett** had bone marrow testing last week. He is expected to get the results on November 26. **Diana Richard** was treated at Saline Memorial Hospital last week. She had a successful arterial balloon procedure. She is now at home. **Doug Robinson**, Kathy's dad, had a heart cath last Monday and the artery was clearer than expected and did NOT require a stent. **Mark Shepard** received good results on his MRI of carotid artery. He will be rechecked in six months. **Carol Shepard** fell on Monday and injured her knee. She was seen by an ortho doctor on Thursday.

Continue to remember: Lois Baxter, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Eric Burton, Jane Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Mike Connell, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Ruth East, Pat Feeny, Kimberly Fewell, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Tammy Givens, Mark Gober, Ella Graves, Steve Graves, Mark Greeno, Willie Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Ronnie Hastings, Donna Haughee, Jay Haughee, Orville Haxton, Seth Henry, Jan Hicks, Chris & Corbin Humes, Betty Humphries, Lynn Hutto, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Robert Matheny, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Nathan Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Karla McCoy, Peyton McNeely, Manher & Louise Mehta, Carol Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Chuck Rice, Shirley Ridge, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Micah Sexson, James Smith, Patsy Steele, Rita Stricklin, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Griselda Toledo, Steve Tolin, Roy Treadway, Ruth VanZandt, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Madison Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

Names will stay on the "continue to remember" list for a month unless the office is given an update.

Shepherds

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

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Deacons

Wes Ader Michael Haltom
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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
Dawn Mitchell
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Fernando Toledo

Records: November 3, 2019

Bible Classes	325
AM Worship	487
PM Worship	182
Wednesday	256
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$16,837.90

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.
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 A.M. Worship

Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader
I Love the Lord Messiah.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
I Stand in Awe.....96
Hear, O Israel.....446
I Love You, Lord.....779
Phillip Howell.....Prayer
Cornerstone.....PH
Alex Hamilton.....Communion Devo & Offering
Love, Love, Love, Love.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Is A Friend.....(children’s song).....PH
The Greatest Commands.....448
Tommy Clifton.....Deuteronomy 6.4-9
Jim Gardner.....”Good to Great News”
A Common Love.....705
I Love You with the Love of the Lord.....703
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Kristie & Kinley Turbyfill

Toddler Nursery

Contessa Scism & Tyler Evans

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Jennifer Dorsey

Pantry Items:

Green Beans, Corn, Stuffing Mix,
Canned Hams, Cranberry Sauce,
Canned Sweet Potatoes

The backpack program for Caldwell & Howard Perrin schools 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.



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