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Good morning, Northside Family! As the leaves turn and the seasons change, we're grateful to God (especially this week!) for the blessing of warm homes, warm clothes, and warm hearts that share with those in need.

Last Sunday, our hearts were warmed by the response of **Lauryn Taylor**. Lauryn expressed her desire to recommit to following Christ and asked that we pray for her to be strengthened in the face of her struggles. She also asked that we pray for her family as they grieve the loss of Lauryn's great-uncle, **Brenda Oliver's** brother, **Richard May**. Lauryn demonstrated rare courage in speaking at Richard's memorial service last Saturday. And her courage continued the following day in her plea for our prayers and encouragement. Lauryn, we love you, we are for you, and we are praying for you daily!

"God is strong and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the devil throws your way" (Ephesians 6.10-11, MSG).

Today, we welcome back to Northside **Evan & Kimberly Rippee** and their children **Mason** (7), **Cooper** (3) and **Aylee** (10 months). The Rippee's were with us three weeks ago and have been invited back to visit at length with our Shepherds, teens and their parents about the vacant Youth Ministry staff position. Evan currently serves as the Children's Minister for the 7th & Mueller Church of Christ in Paragould and has served as Youth Minister for the Troy, Tennessee Church of Christ. Be sure to meet and give a warm Northside welcome to Evan, Kim and their kiddos today.

Our teens will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving meal to our members (age 65 and over) following this morning's worship. What a great service as our younger generation serves and blesses an older generation.

Several of our teens were recently honored with a selection to the All-Region Choir. The All-Region Choirs performed last weekend. Congratulations to the following Northside teens: **Anslee Clay, Carson Clay, Jack Clay, Sam Gist, Kayla Howell, Julie Johnson, and Sydney Wallace**.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner that means the annual county-wide Thanksgiving Service hosted by the Saline County Ministerial Alliance. This year, the gathering will be on Sunday evening, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church (612 Valley View Road, Benton, 72015). You are invited to attend and share in a time of reflection and thanksgiving with fellow believers across Benton and Saline County.

A recent Pew Research study showed that during this decade, which is drawing to a close in just 44 days, Americans who claim to be Christian have declined 11% (from 76% to 65%). At the same time, the "Nones" (those claiming no religious affiliation) has grown by 9% (from 17% to 26%). That leaves us with one of two options: (1) to grouse and grumble at the decline or (2) to see, as Jesus did, that the fields before us hold out the hope of a harvest. Never before has the need been greater to shine your light! Be the light that shines in the darkness that the darkness cannot overcome!

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

December will be here very soon and with it comes the start of some new adult Bible classes, or the continuation of others. Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.: **Eric Scism** will continue through December teaching from the book of *Judges* in the Worship Center. **Randy Mitchell** will begin a study titled, *Jesus Serves* which will meet in the Outreach Building classroom #1. **Tom Davis** will teach *Living in an Un-Certain Future* in ORB #2. **Jim Gardner** will continue meeting with the *College and Career* age cohort in his office for an in-depth Bible study (currently from the Old Testament). The hymn singing class will continue meeting with **Rodney Crownover** and **Jimmy Mitchell** in room 19a. And the Young Adults will continue through December studying *1 & 2 Peter* with **Rob Nossaman's** leadership. This class meets in the newly named Great Room (the back of the old auditorium).

On Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in room 19a or evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center, I or **Jim Gardner** (January 5, 12, 19, & 26) will lead the study. **Shirley Wallace** and **Leigh Hooton** will lead a Women's study in ORB #1. A Men's study on *The Names of God* will meet in ORB #2. And, a basic Bible class for women led by **Rhonda Covington** and **Keely Treadway** will meet in the Elders office.

Whichever classes you choose to participate in, you'll be guaranteed an opportunity to grow in Christ. And what can be better than this?!

Are you 55+? Remember JOY Group Potluck is *this Thursday* at 11:30 a.m. in the Outreach Building. The theme is *Give Thanks*.

Note the following upcoming calendar changes. Next Sunday evening, instead of LIFE Groups, all of us are invited to the *Community Thanksgiving Service*. Details are elsewhere in this bulletin. Rather than meeting the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, we will all meet together for a service of thanksgiving and praise on Tuesday evening, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Next weekend is our Annual Gospel meeting and our guest speaker is **Arcenio Barrientos**. He and his wife **Norma** will arrive in Benton on Friday from Ciudad Acuna Coahuila Mexico. His first message will be on Friday at 7:00 p.m. with the title *You are Missing Something*. On Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. the message will be *It's Time to Seek God*. On Sunday, *The Closeness of God* (10:00 a.m.) and *The Eunuch* (11:00 a.m.) will be the focus. If you know Spanish-speaking families, please invite them to this event. We will be happy to welcome them and follow up with their spiritual needs. I will have copies of our Spanish bulletin today in Linda's office and the invitation to this gospel meeting is in its cover page.

Our teens are working together to raise funds for the National Youth Rally in Chicago in July, 2020. This is an annual event where all the youth from the Hispanic churches of Christ in the United States meet for fellowship, conferences, Bible contest, etc. Next year they are expecting close to one thousand teens. From our congregation we have 19 teens, 19 parents, and 4 kids signed up. **Carlos & Karina** and **Omar & Melissa** are training the teens for the Bible contest and helping plan events to raise funds. We will be announcing any event to invite you to participate.

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

*TODAY: Service Opportunity coordinated by **Keely Treadway**

*TONIGHT: Teen LIFE Group at **Matt & Savannah Wells'** (**Chris & Tammy Givens** will drive the van)

*Sunday, Nov. 24: LIFE Group will not meet. We are all invited to attend the Community Thanks giving service being held at Calvary Baptist church at 6:00 p.m.



Thank God for the sky above you.

Thank Him for the sun, moon and stars.

Thank Him for the rain drops, for the birds, for the animals and the flowers.

Thank Him for the people in your life, both good and bad.

But most of all thank Him for this beautiful thing called life.

Events This Week

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

TODAY: 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.

TONIGHT: Teen LIFE group in the home of **Matt & Savannah Wells** (Chris & Tammy Givens will drive the van. Please let them know if your teen will be riding the van.

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

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: JOY group potluck luncheon at 11:30. If you are 55 years of age and older, please join this group for good food, fellowship and fun.

Upcoming Events

November 24: If you have been participating in the November food drive, please bring your sack/box/basket to the building.

November 24: No LIFE Groups

We have been invited to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 at Calvary Baptist Church, 612 Valley View Rd., Benton 72019

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

November 28: Thanksgiving-Office closed

November 29: Office closed

Please make note in your church directory. 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

All ladies are invited to the Annual Ladies Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 14, in the home of **Jill Sloan**. More info later.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).

This time of year is so busy with all of the festivities of the season! It can also be a time when feelings of sadness can come over you for no apparent reason. I am so thankful to have our Lord to talk to and trust to get us through these sad times. I am also thankful for the Christian sisters in our church! There is always someone to talk to, laugh with, cry with and get a hug and prayer from. I hope everyone has a great Christian sister to go to. There are some events coming up where you can spend some time in fun and fellowship!

Tuesday, November 19 Door Hanger Painting

Thursday, November 21 Heart Mom Dinner

Saturday, December 14 Ladies Christmas Party

I'm thankful for you all! Trish Jones

" I want to thank Northside Church of Christ for hosting the Alzheimer Support group and Melissa Baxley for her support." Sincerely, Jackie Patterson. Jackie attended the GriefShare class and the Alzheimer Support class.

" We appreciate everyone at Northside Church of Christ for allowing us the chance to have the service for Dessie Sanders. Thank you for feeding the family as well." We So Appreciate You, The Sanders family. Dessie Sanders is the great grandmother of Stephanie Pryor.

Several in our Northside family have lost loved ones recently. Our sympathy goes out to;

Jelina Baxter and her family in the unexpected death of her nephew, **Jarrod Simpson**.

Sarah Martin and her family in the death of her grandfather, **James Smedley**. His funeral was Tuesday in Poteau, OK

Bernadette Rockwell and her family in the death of her Mother, **Bonnie Mayberry**. Her funeral was yesterday.

The meal that Janie Elliott will be preparing for the Bryant Hospice House on Tuesday will be pot roast with potatoes & carrots, Brussel sprouts, and deviled eggs. **Vera Kaderabek** will prepare the dessert.

Prayer List: Bud Cearley, Stacy Barnes dad, most likely will be home by the time this bulletin is printed. He is to return in 1-2 weeks for a biopsy of suspicious spots on his lungs. **Jim Miller**, former member and elder at Northside, is seriously ill in White County Regional Hospital in Searcy. **Joe Puckett** should get the results of his recent bone marrow test on November 26. **Randy, Ann & Scott Townsend** were in an auto accident in which Randy was hospitalized for several days being treated for having fractured ribs and sternum. **Harold Stuart** had his last treatment last week and will return for a PET scan on December 3 to determine the effectiveness of the treatment. **Ron Wallace** had an outpatient procedure last week to remove skin cancer.

Continue to remember: Lois Baxter, Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Eric Burton, Jane Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles Caradine, Cash Clancy, Mike Connell, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Ruth East, Pat Feeny, 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, James Mayberry, Dudley McClerkin, Karla McCoy, Peyton McNeely, Manher & Louise Mehta, Carol Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Grisham Phillips, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Chuck Rice, Diana Richard, Shirley Ridge, Doug Robinson, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Milton & Margaret Scott, Micah Sexson, Carol Shepard, Patsy Steele, Rita Stricklin, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Roy Treadway, Ruth VanZandt, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Madison Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

Shepherds

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

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Jim Gardner
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Jimmy Mitchell
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Records: November 10, 2019

Bible Classes	335
AM Worship	488
PM Worship	146
Wednesday	256
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$10,740.11

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
We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise.....54
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing.....226
Higher Ground.....PH
Surround Us, Lord.....PH
Eric Scism.....Prayer
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross.....315
Jody Styles.....Communion Devo & Offering
Lord, Take Control.....(offering song).....790
Jesus Loves Me.....(children’s song).....1014
Jesus Paid It All.....316
Michael Connell.....Matthew 6.1-4
Jim Gardner.....”Good News Gives”
All To Jesus I Surrender.....662
May The Presence Of The Lord.....PH
Rob Nossaman.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Brenda Oliver & Amanda Ashton

Toddler Nursery

Sabrina & Charlee Wright

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Betty Davis

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:

Randy & Dawn Mitchell