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Good morning, Northside Family.

Our midweek service this week will be on Tuesday as opposed to our regular gathering on Wednesday. This has become an annual schedule change for us to allow all of us to come together during the week, but allow extra time with family on Thanksgiving Eve. The 10:30 a.m. morning class *will* meet on Tuesday, then that evening at 6:30 p.m. all adults and children will meet together in the Worship Center for a time of thanksgiving reflection.

This evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Butler Auditorium on the campus of Benton High School, the Saline County Ministerial Alliance will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Service. Last year, we were privileged to host the service in our Worship Center. This evening's service will include **Jimmy Mitchell**, our Worship Minister, leading worship and **Fernando Toledo**, our Hispanic Minister, giving one of four Thanksgiving-themed devotional messages. Fernando will speak on "*Giving Thanks for Divine Revelation*" based on Matthew 11.25. The annual Community Thanksgiving service provides a wonderful opportunity to come together with other believers in and offer gratitude to God for his kindness toward us.

This week, I came across a couple of suggestions I've found helpful this week. The thrust of the advice had to do with beginning each day with a positive spirit of gratitude for God's blessings. The three suggestions went like this: (1) First thing each morning, make up your bed – it helps you accomplish something before the day begins and puts you in a "winning" spirit of accomplishment; (2) On that freshly made bed, read Scripture – before turning on the TV, checking emails, scanning websites, orient yourself to the truth of God and his good guidance and direction; (3) Make a list of three things you're thankful for – write out three specific blessings from God that have positively impacted your life and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

This week, those three simple suggestions to start the day have been very helpful. It helps center our minds to begin the day on God's truth and blessings and orients us to an attitude that the challenges of the day can be tackled. Perhaps this week, being the week of Thanksgiving, would be a perfect time for you to begin each day with these three suggestions. Try it! Trust me, you'll find it helpful.

Among the multitude of blessings in my life, one I dare not take for granted is you – my church family. As your Preaching Minister, I am incredibly grateful for your patience, your encouragement, your passion to walk as Jesus did, your commitment to impact your community for good, and your love for Jesus and the Good News. Thank you for being you! And thank you for loving and encouraging me.

"Shout with joy to the LORD, O earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the LORD is good! His unfailing love continues forever and his faithfulness continues to each generation" (Psalm 100, NLT).

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Usually, the first Sunday in December we start a new series of Sunday morning Bible classes. But this December 2 our "Marriage Matters" seminar begins Sunday morning with separate classes for men and women led by **Jerry Jones** and **Lynn Jones** respectively.

So, our new Sunday morning adult quarter will officially kick-off December 9. **Todd Ferguson** will teach 2 *Samuel* in the Worship Center. **Rob Nossaman** will lead the Young Adults class. **Gary Garner** and **Steve Smith** will continue teaching a college-age through single young adult class (meeting in **Jim Gardner's** office). **Randy Mitchell** will teach a study titled *Fervent Prayer* in Outreach Classroom 1, and I will facilitate the latest Ray Vander Laan video series titled *A Clash of Kingdom/Cultures in Conflict* in Outreach Classroom 2. The Hymn and Praise class will continue to meet in room 19a working on learning new hymns and enjoying older favorites.

By the way, the Wednesday Bible men's study recently resumed. It meets in Outreach Classroom 2 while the ladies Bible study continues in Outreach Classroom 1. The men's study is a word-for-word video of Matthew combined with discussion about the text viewed.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

"If God wants to perfect you, there is no better time to do it than through a storm"

It was night, complete darkness, the wind became angry, the waves of the sea shook, the water hit the disciples' faces and going into the boat, the disciples looked for something to hold on to, they couldn't see anything, the only thing they knew is they were going to die while they were flooded with a feeling of great fear. Suddenly, in the distance they saw something or someone approaching, I think it must be something bright because everything was dark. A ghost? They did not know it at first, and they were filled with more fear.

Have you found yourself in this situation? Or are you currently in this situation? Have you thought like the disciples that this is the end? In life there are storms like the storm that Jonah faced, but there are also storms that perfect you like these disciples of John 6:16. Matthew 14:22 tells us that it was Jesus who sent his disciples to the other side of the sea—the storm they are going through was within the will of God. Sometimes God is going to allow us to go through storms, and He knows we will pass through them, because He wants to perfect our faith, our trust, our dependence on His power and not ours. When the waves lashed against the boat and the disciples had exhausted their strength and resources, then the Lord manifested himself in surprising ways, on that occasion walking on what for the disciples was their terror, the sea.

For those of us who love and fear God, everything that happens to us happens within His embrace. Nothing overlooks the Lord's eye. He looks at us when we have a sunny day, but also when we are in the middle of storm.

When you go through a storm, ask yourself if it is to correct you because of your decisions, or is to perfect you to God's will? If it is to correct you like Jonah, do what he did, repent and ask God's forgiveness and the storm stopped. But if it is to perfect you, tell Him, "Lord I am troubled, do not take off the storm without first having perfected myself in it because I am sure that you are working in my life." When one reaches that point, the Lord of the sea manifests in surprising ways to calm the storm and take you to the beach where you can step on firm ground for Him.

Conner's Contemplations

Just a reminder: teens have a service project today! We will provide a meal for them and should return by 4:00 p.m.

Each morning I've had to get up almost every three hours to let the new husky pup outside. I can't have her using the bathroom in the house. I have alarms set, and I'm pretty good about getting up. However, one time I missed one of the alarms and she must have began to whine...well howl. I couldn't hear her though. I wouldn't have heard her had my other husky not started howling too. My older husky, Alessia, is much louder than Aspen. I've heard her howl for over two years now and I've grown accustomed to hearing it and waking up because she only howls when she has to go immediately. Anyway, her howl wakes me up and I get to Aspen to let her use the bathroom outside. I wasn't in time, for she had peed in her kennel; thankfully, it was not a lot.

Alessia picks on Aspen a lot from an older dog to a smaller. Yet, she still takes care of her. I will set Aspen on my couch in the evenings when she's tired. Alessia still comes and picks with her. Each time Aspen retaliates, Alessia allows her to get back fairly. Alessia even will nudge her back up on the couch if she's about to fall off. Alessia also will share her food (and take Aspen's) on occasion. It's an interesting dynamic to see two animals behaving in such a personified manner. After all, they are just dogs, but I've come to see that even animals can teach us valuable lessons about how we should be (in particular dogs).

Alessia had been an only dog for two years. She welcomed in Aspen with excitement. She has not become jealous or territorial over "her house." I wonder sometimes if we are that way or the opposite? When someone new comes in do we welcome them openly? Do we hold a test to see if they pass and can become a part of our group? Do we welcome them with no restrictions? These are serious questions to ask ourselves.

If we look to the example of Christ, we can see the right way to be. He lived with the utmost love for mankind. He spoke earnestly to all who approached him and held no earthly standard for his followers but a Godly one. He took people as they were and molded them into amazing beings. Jesus was not exclusionary; he reached for all and told his followers to do the same. I hope we can be like Jesus. I hope we can learn a lesson from God's creation. I pray that each of us can become just a little more loving, a little more accepting, a little more generous, and a little more like Jesus. May God bless you and keep you!

Upcoming Events

TODAY: Wedding Shower at 2:00 in the main building (in the Young Adults & Others classroom) honoring **Allison Farmer & Jurgen Debooserie**.

TONIGHT: LIFE Groups

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

TUESDAY: GriefShare Support Group 6:30-8:00

TUESDAY: Combined Bible classes in the worship center at 6:30.

WEDNESDAY: We will NOT meet.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Thanksgiving—Office Closed. In case of an emergency you can call and leave a message. The phone will be monitored.

SATURDAY: Celebration of **Malcolm (Nick) Nichols'** 93rd birthday 1:00-3:00 in the outreach building.

It is time to collect money for the Romanian Orphans that we support. Please give your donation to **Shirley Wallace**.

"I have had such a wonderful happy birthday! I had a wonderful lunch Thursday with Jeff Davis and the Cliftons at Murray's Dinner Playhouse. For dinner Friday, my son, Dennis, sent an Uber from Little Rock to pick me up and the driver, whose son is at Harding on scholarship, came to get me in a Lexus! Finally, on Sunday, Tim Dale came to Northside from Mt. Pleasant for the potluck lunch after reading about it in the bulletin. The Lord has been so good to me! The food was so good and the cards and even the bowl they were in were wonderful! I just feel so happy and blessed and I thank all of you! Nelda Burrow"

"Thank you to everyone who had a part in making my birthday celebration so memorable. I really enjoyed visiting with everyone at the potluck and reading all the wonderful birthday cards. My church family is one of my greatest blessings and I love you all! Jeff Davis"

Coming Soon—Northside Birthday and Anniversary List. Beginning in January, we want to provide a list each month with birthdays and anniversaries for those who like to send cards or wishes. Please list these dates for your family on the back of your attendance card so we can update our records! If you do not want your special day included on the list, please note that on the back of your card.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

1 John 4:7 *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.* I hope everyone is enjoying this season of thankfulness! You know as soon as the turkey has been eaten, the shopping begins! A shopping day is being planned for December 4th. We are going to the Orchards in Keo, AR to shop and will have lunch at the Pie Shop. We will leave our church building at 9:15. Be sure to bring cash to pay for your lunch. Everyone is invited and invite your friends! **Barbara Salley** is going to give a head count to the Pie Shop, so please just let her know if you want to go! Also, be sure to let **Jill Sloan** know what you will bring to the Ladies Christmas party at her house on Saturday, December 8th! There are so many opportunities to get to know each other better! Please join us! Happy Thanksgiving! Trish

Mark Your Calendars

December 2-5: Marriage Matters Seminar

December 6: Senior Citizen/Retirees' Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 in the outreach building.

December 7: Northside's Congregational Christmas Party. More info later

December 8: Ladies Christmas Brunch and Gift Exchange 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the home of **Jill Sloan**, 3112 Dapple Gray Road, Benton. If you plan to attend, please let Jill know what breakfast dish you will be bringing and plan to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or more. Feel free to text Jill with questions 501-551-6839!

December 9: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00

December 13: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 11:00. The facilitator is **Melissa Baxley**.

December 20: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30 for everyone 55 years of age and older.

The meal that will be prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant on Tuesday will be ham, potato salad, and baked beans. **Vera Kaderabek** will prepare the dessert.

Several in our Northside family have lost loved ones recently. We extend sympathy to:

Vinny Ashton and his family in the death of his grandfather, **James Downs**.

Mike Bagley and his family in the loss of his sister, **Janie Wright**.

Kathy Campbell and her family in the death of her dad, **Lee Ditmore**.

Prayer: Linda Acree is in room 609 at Baptist Hospital after having successful surgery last Wednesday. **Phil Davis** will have a total knee replacement surgery on his right knee on December 11 at Baptist Hospital. **Helen Hairston**, Sherri Poe's mother, is now at home. **Stephanie Howell** will get the results of her nerve study tomorrow. **Mike Knappier** was treated at UAMS last week for having bleeding ulcers. **Bonnie Mayberry** is in room 113 at Amberwood Health & Rehab. **Janice Smith** is now at home after being treated at Saline Memorial Hospital last week. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, is in room 308 at Baptist Rehab.

Continue to remember: Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Karyl Burress, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Henry & Linda Cook, Mary Davenport, Todd Donahue, Don & Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Mark Gober, Jan Hastings, Shirley Harkreader, Alice Harris, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Reba Leonard, Bill Loe, Jacob Lowe, Wilma Lunsford, Grant Mainord, Robert Matheny, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Nick Nichols, Jeremiah Nutter, Carl Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Wayne Perry, Jewell Powell, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Diana Richard, Dale Ridge, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Jeannette Underwood, Paul Upperman, Richard Wallace, Ron Wallace, Brandon Webb, Doug Willis, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

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Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

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Records: November 11, 2018

Bible Classes		316
AM Worship		541
PM Worship		168
Wednesday	(snow)	158
Weekly budget		\$13,034.19
Contribution		\$10,388.79

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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Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.--4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.--Noon

10:00 AM Worship

Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader
Come into His Presence.....435
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
He Has Made Me Glad.....103
Thank You, Lord.....474
Beautiful Things.....PH
Billy McLain.....Prayer
How Deep the Father's Love.....PH
Jarred Crow.....Communion Devo & Offering
Give Thanks.....(offering song).....68
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children's song).....1014
Thank You, Lord!.....781
Ron Wallace.....Psalm 103.1-5
Jim Gardner....."Thanksgiving"
Sanctuary.....PH
Shout Hallelujah!.....PH
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Brenda Oliver & Pat Traylor

Toddler Nursery

Katherine & Elissa Dalby

5:00 Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Cristin Goodner

Pantry Needs:

Jelly, Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce
Canned Yams, Canned Fruit
Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent

The backpack program for Caldwell, Howard Perrin schools & ALC Program is starting up again. We need individual Mac n Cheese, individual applesauce cups, pudding cups, fruit cups, pop tarts, peanut butter, 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