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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last Sunday, a courageous, teary-eyed **Sarah Barger** asked for our daily prayers. Sarah specifically requested that we be in prayer for her spiritual strength and for the health and healing of her marriage. Sarah, we love you and are praying for you daily!

“Make this your common practice...pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with” (James 5.16, MSG).

With Thanksgiving this week, we have a couple of changes to our regular schedule. This evening, LIFE Groups will not meet in order that those who wish may attend the annual *Community Thanksgiving Service* organized by the Saline County Ministerial Alliance. This service, which meets at 6:00 p.m. this evening at Calvary Baptist Church (612 Valley View Road, Benton, 72019), will focus on Thanksgiving for the past, present and future. I’m honored to be one of the three speakers and will share briefly on Thanksgiving for the present. I’d love to see you there this evening.

Also, our midweek service will move from Wednesday to Tuesday evening this week. We will all meet together in the Worship Center (there will be no classes) for a special time of Thanksgiving to God in song, scripture, reflection and prayer.

While focused on Thanksgiving, I am thankful for **Amy White**. Amy has been a generous donor to our food pantry for the past eight years. Each year before the holidays, Amy asks her friends, family and clients (she operates a house cleaning business) to donate items from their pantries. This year, Amy collected over 1,100 items that were donated this week to our church’s food pantry to be redistributed to those in need in Benton and Saline County. Thank you, Amy, for your creative generosity and for making a difference!

The holiday season is one of joy, celebration and family togetherness. But as families gather, there’s often a sense of loss because of an empty seat at the table due to the passing of a loved one. Grief seems to be especially acute during the holidays as the memory of holidays past with our loved one fills our heart.

With that in mind, Roller Funeral Homes is holding their annual *Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Service* on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. This year, the service is open to all who’ve suffered a loss during the past year (not just those who’ve been assisted by Roller). If you have someone to remember this holiday season, or would like to attend in support of those who do, your presence is encouraged in a service of reflection on lives well-lived, but now missed. This service will be held in the chapel of Roller-Alcoa Funeral Home (6700 Alcoa Road, Benton, 72015) with a time of refreshments and fellowship to follow.

“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High” (Psalm 9.1-2). Happy Thanksgiving!

I Love You all,
Jim

Shepherd's Note

As we enter into the final weeks of 2019, we come to the time of year where we are called to reflect and give thanks for all our blessings through the year. As a family, we certainly have much to be thankful for, and I am especially grateful to Jim for his reminders to us each Sunday morning of the good news that is all around us if we will open our eyes to see it!

I always look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas and the time we can spend with family and friends, the fellowship, sharing and love. However, I need to remember that not everyone among us sees this time of year the same way I do. There are many who are grieving the recent loss of a loved one. Many are missing those who have passed on and are no longer a physical part of the holiday gatherings. Many are struggling financially, emotionally and spiritually, and find no joy in the happiness of those around them.

During this time, and all through the year, I want to thank God for all the ways He has blessed me. At the same time, I need to reach out to those who are struggling with a word of comfort, a helping hand, and most of all, prayers. The blessings that God has given us are not for our own use, but are to be used to show His love to others.

Billy's Thoughts

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

Wednesday afternoon I attended jury orientation at the courthouse as a potential juror during trials in January through April. No doubt, for the majority of us, being called to serve as a juror, as important as it is to a fair and impartial justice system, is an intrusion into our normal schedules. Perhaps because of this, the state has invested in very well done video and PowerPoint presentations to motivate of the importance of this public service. Thinking back on this presentation, I was reminded of the power of a word fitly spoken; words can be powerful. I entered the room rather ambivalent and left the room informed and transformed into a more willing citizen to serve the greater good. The video's words spoken by previous jurors and the narrator and actors were convincing and empowering.

Our words, all of our words, are important. Whether we understand this and confidently speak our mind or feel as if we have no voice, we do speak powerfully for good or ill through our words. God made a special, unique trait when he created humanity - the ability to communicate. Just as so many of the details of Old Testament life have incredible relevance in the era of the New Testament (today!), consider the connection between God designing us with a voice to speak, and Jesus telling us we should speak to others about him.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

I want to share with you the way that Northside Hispanic ministry is organized to serve the Lord. Last year, Northside's Elders ordained four deacons to serve in the Hispanic ministry. These four Godly men and their families are dedicated to Christ. Each one of these men serve and care for the Hispanic church family. **Javier Guzman** takes care of the *Worship and Building Ministry* by directing worship services, coffee and donuts, communion and offering, order of children in service, and organizing children participation in services. **Carlos Bautista** takes care of *Biblical Education Ministry* by organizing children's teachers, material for children and youth classes, children's teacher support, children's worship, babies and toddler's classroom, and youth Bible class. **Julio Flores** takes care of the *Benevolence Ministry* by assisting families in need, organizing the church to prepare food baskets, special offerings, and the giving of food basket to families in need. **Alejo Solis** takes care of the *Church Activities Ministry* which includes the marriage seminar, small groups, bring a friend day, Gospel meeting, children's day, church retreats, and ladies' day. I work with them all to provide any support they request in their areas. With the work of these servants of God, it allows me to dedicate more on other areas in need, such as training three of our men in preaching and teaching, finding ways and opportunities to reach out to the Hispanic community, personal growth, and any other areas needed. God has blessed the Northside Hispanic Ministry greatly. All glory and honor to Him!

Winter Quarter Adult Bible Classes Beginning Sunday, December 1

Worship Center—Eric Scism will continue the study of "*Judges*" through December

19a—Rodney Crownover & Jimmy Mitchell "*Praise & Worship*"

Great Room (back of the old auditorium) Young Adults & Others—Rob Nossaman will continue the study of "*1st & 2nd Peter*" through December

Jim Gardner's office—College & Career—Jim Gardner in-depth Bible study (currently from the Old Testament)

OR 1—Randy Mitchell "*Jesus Serves*"

OR 2—Tom Davis "*Living in an Un-Certain Future*"

Events This Week

TONIGHT: LIFE groups will NOT meet. We have been invited to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 at Calvary Baptist Church, 612 Valley View Rd., Benton 72019

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

TUESDAY: Devotional at 6:30 p.m. We will not have Bible classes.

TUESDAY: Early Morning Bible class 10:30-11:30 a.m. in classroom 19-A. This will be a time to share scriptures and psalms. If you would like, you can bring your own to share.

GriefShare will NOT meet this week.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving-Office closed

FRIDAY: Office closed

Upcoming Events

December 2: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

December 5: Retirees & Senior Christmas Luncheon 11:30 in the outreach building. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office if you will be attending.

December 6: Congregational Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. in the outreach building. Tickets are \$5.00 for anyone age 9 and over and \$3.00 for 8 years and under. Tickets are on sale now.

December 9: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

December 10: Pickleball 5:30-7:30 for our teens

December 12: Alzheimer Support Group 11:00 a.m.

Please make note in your church directory. **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

Happy Thanksgiving week! I hope everyone is focusing on what we have to be thankful for! I am so very thankful for this church family.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

The love for each other is evident when our sister, **Sarah Barger**, asks for our prayers and she is surrounded by her loving family in Christ. As part of the Heartfelt ministry, I especially notice those that have been in a group with Sarah as a sister or helped fill the role of Mom coming to be by her side to pray with her.

On Thursday evening, our Heart Moms were treated to a dinner hosted by **Barbara Salley**! It's great to be able to come together to thank these ladies for their part in this ministry. You are all loved and appreciated!

I was sorry to miss the fundraiser for Corin Read but enjoyed seeing all the painted door hangers that so many ladies came together for!

The next time of ladies fellowship is Saturday, December 14 for the Christmas brunch and decoration dirty Santa game at **Jill Sloan's** house! We have so much fun! Please join us! Blessings, *Trish Jones*

Sympathy is extended to **Sherry Pogue** and her family in the sudden death of **Alan** last week.

"I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, texts, and hugs during the sudden loss of my sister, who lived in Tennessee. Thanks so much for remembering me and my family. Sue Edwards"

"Northside Family, We want to thank you for the prayers, text, cards, meals and a special thank you to those who made the trip to be at the service with us. We feel so blessed to be part of such a special body of Christians. In His Love, the Martin Family."

"Thank You! Our family thanks each of you for your words, thoughts, cards, hugs and especially your prayers during the recent illness and passing of my brother, Richard May. Love, Brenda Oliver family."

Prayer List: Patrick Bowers will see his surgeon tomorrow to schedule a date for him to have gall bladder surgery. **Freddy Burton**, Jax Hopkins' grandfather, is now home after being treated at Saline Memorial Hospital. **Don Flowers** was treated and released in the ER at Baptist Hospital last week. **Kenneth Haltom**, Lonya Robertson's dad, is healing from successful surgery. **Terry Hastings** was treated at Saline Memorial Hospital last week for having an infection in his foot that he injured in a fall several weeks ago. **Grady Howell**, Layton's brother, was treated and released at the Heart Hospital for having chest pains. **Cathy Loe**, Jan Hastings' sister, will be having open-heart surgery soon. **Jean Mitchell**, Jimmy's mother, is healing very well from injuries suffered in a recent car accident. **Joe Puckett** should get the results of his recent bone marrow test on Tuesday. **Harold Stuart** will have a PET scan on December 3 to determine the effectiveness of the treatments. Due to the advanced stage of COPD, **Sissy Treat** is now on oxygen 24/7. **Melba VanZandt** will have an appendectomy on December 4. **Ron Wallace** had a successful procedure to remove skin cancer.

Continue to remember: Lois Baxter, Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Gail Bueker, Joe Campbell, Charles Caradine, Bud Cearley, Cash Clancy, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Tammy Givens, Mark Gober, Ella Graves, Steve Graves, Mark Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, Ronnie Hastings, Donna 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, Manher & Louise Mehta, Carol Miller, Jim 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, Randy, Ann & Scott Townsend, Roy Treadway, Ruth VanZandt, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

Shepherds

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Tom Davis Rob Nossaman
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Curtis Evans Billy McLain
Julio Flores Steve Smith
Kelley Geurin Alejo Solis
Chris Givens Freddy Swaim
Javier Guzman

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Jim Gardner
Stephanie Howell
Billy McLain
Dawn Mitchell
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Fernando Toledo

Records: November 17, 2019

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| Bible Classes | 347 |
| AM Worship | 526 |
| PM Worship | 144 |
| Wednesday | 235 |
| Weekly budget | \$13,732.00 |
| Contribution | \$10,740.11 |

Service Schedule

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| 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
God Is So Good.....83
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
He Has Made Me Glad.....103
Higher Ground.....PH
10,000 Reasons.....PH
Brent Jones.....Prayer
Exalted.....PH
Mark Shepard.....Communion Devo & Offering
Thank You, Lord.....(offering song).....474
Jesus Loves Me.....(children’s song).....1014
Doxology.....66
John Farmer.....Psalm 132.13-16
Jim Gardner....."Good News in Times of Trouble"
Thank You, Lord.....781
May The Presence Of The Lord Go With You.....PH
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Sue Edwards

Toddler Nursery

Curtis & Christy Evans

5:00 P.M. Worship

LIFE Groups will NOT meet

We have been invited to attend the
Community Thanksgiving Service
at Calvary Baptist Church at 6:00

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:

Rob & Sherry Nossaman