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Good morning, Northside Family. Welcome back to the place where we worship together, laugh together, cry together, pray together and share life in Christ together. After a week in the world, isn't it refreshing to come together each Sunday to begin a new week with our focus on the love, grace, mercy and help of the Creator of life?

I had an insight this week and wanted to pass it along. As you know, I am honored and privileged to serve as the play-by-play broadcaster of Benton High School Panther football on the Benton Football Network. It is a real joy in my life to help capture those moments and memories for the players, coaches, families and fans of the Benton Panthers.

Two Fridays ago, the Panthers gained one of the greatest victories in school history, knocking off #1 ranked and undefeated Greenwood. Greenwood defeated the Panthers in the 2018 State Championship game, had won 19 consecutive games and 35 conference games in a row (by the way, their previous conference loss came way back on week eight of 2014 against, you guessed it, the Bryant Hornets).

Last Sunday night after LIFE Group, I went home and re-watched the entire game online from the Greenwood broadcast. With the memory of how our broadcast captured key plays and big moments in that game fresh in my mind, it was an eye-opener to see how vastly different the Greenwood broadcast framed the same plays.

From opposite press boxes at the stadium, we were watching the same event but interpreting what was happening in vastly different ways.

Chalk it up to bias – an attitude of mind that predisposes one to favor something. We were biased for the Panthers; the Greenwood gang biased in favor of the Bulldogs. And that bias led to certain interpretations of the exact same events in the game that drew different conclusions.

I share that to write this: it struck me that we who value the Word of God as our standard and guide for life often do the same thing. Let's be honest, who among us truly interprets Scripture without any bias?

In our humanity, it is nigh unto impossible to be purely objective – to remove all bias from our heart and mind as we come to Scripture. As we interpret life events. As we reflect on mistakes made, victories won, lessons learned, plans made.

And that is okay, provided we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with others about our biases. The lessons and experiences of the past are meant to shape us and that shapes our interpretation of current and future events. Even our reading and the conclusions we draw from Scripture.

One of the real upsides of LIFE Groups, of sharing Scripture together in a small group, is the help we all receive in discovering the message of Scripture in community. Together, we can tackle a passage and, through shared discussion, arrive at an understanding of the Bible that gives life and wisdom while keeping the blind spots of our biases at bay. If you're not participating in a LIFE Group, I want to encourage you to start today. It will bring a blessing to your walk with God and enhance your understanding and appreciation of a great gift – the Word of God read and shared in fellowship with friends in Christ.

I Love You all, Jim

### **Billy's Thoughts**

Earlier this Thursday morning, I was working on a very full agenda for the next Corin Read Christian Camp board meeting, which by the way is scheduled for tomorrow beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the camp in Sardis. It is an open meeting and you are welcome to attend.

As a result of listing all the tasks ahead we should try to address in the meeting, which include finishing recent projects, continuing several ongoing projects and initiating new projects, I was reminded of how God's people, working together, joining financial resources, energy and vision, can do and have done amazing things in a relatively short time developing a great camp. As a result, there are incredible reasons (always!) to praise God for bringing us together as a church and tasking us to be His people at work in His Kingdom!

It really shouldn't surprise us that God's people at work can do amazing things. Wilderness wanderers constructed an elaborate, intricate and richly furnished portable meeting house in the middle of nowhere in Moses' day. Joshua led God's people round and round Jericho until God took down the walls. With Nehemiah's leadership, hardscrabble citizens rallied to rebuild the ruined walls of a mountainous city while enemy neighbors attempted to thwart their work at every turn. 12 apostles were given an incredible task to get the message of the Word of God out to an entire world...and they did! God was at work through His people. He still is.

The real challenge for us is to believe He still is at work - in, through, among and around us - and to join with Him and His people in tasks which honor His Name.

FYI - Join with others next Sunday afternoon singing hymns at Mt. Carmel at 3:00 p.m. You will bless senior citizen residents and you will be blessed more.

### **Hispanic Happenings with Fernando**

Yesterday we witnessed the marriage bond of **Derek** and **Claudia**, a young couple who made the decision to unite their lives with the desire to serve God together and raising their children in the way of the Lord.

Next Saturday, November 9, we have a singing seminar at Geyer Springs Church of Christ. Our brother **Omar Alvarez** is the instructor. The Hispanic church in the United States is still in diapers regarding congregational singing. We hope this seminar will contribute to blessing the brothers who will attend.

On November 22-24 we will host our annual Gospel Meeting. Preparations are already underway. Our brother **Carlos Bautista** is the deacon in charge of organizing the church to carry out this event. We ask your prayers for the people who will be invited to come and listen to the gospel, so that they may be receptive and come to salvation in Jesus Christ.

### **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 **Matt & Savannah Wells'** (will drive the van). If you will need to ride in the van please be at the building by 4:30

\*Sunday, Nov. 10: 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. If we don't get enough to play, we will have to cancel it. **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 & Savannah Wells'**

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

### *Today's Prayer*

*I pray you will have time to reflect on all the ways God has blessed you. All the prayers He's answered. All the ways He has protected and provided for you. May your trust in Him grow as you meditate on His faithfulness.*

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### Events This Week

**TONIGHT: Teen LIFE group** in the home of **Matt & Savannah Wells**

**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: "Free Community Health Fair"** at The Manor (a senior living community) on Boone Road from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. There will be lots of activities going on (blood pressure checks, glucose checks, food samples etc.). For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

### Upcoming Events

**November 10: Gift card Wedding Shower** honoring **Derek & Claudia Banda Washington** 1:00-2:30 in the Young Adult classroom.

**November 10: 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.

**November 11: Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

**November 12: Pickleball** 5:30-7:30 for the teen group. Please sign up if you will be attending this activity.

**November 14: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meeting 11:00-12:00 noon. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

**November 15: 5th Quarter activity** for our youth group in the outreach building 9:30-midnight

**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.

### Love Notes and Heartstrings

"Is the image of Jesus imprinted on your (my) heart?" This statement by Jim last week made me sit up and take notice. It also made me think of a song from about 10 years ago. **Jordan Sparks** sang a song *Tattoo* and I had it as my ringtone for Jessica because of the words in the chorus "*You're on my Heart just like a tattoo.*" It made me think of how much I love my daughter. Now I know I can't make it a ringtone for Jesus calling me, but I think I can make sure that HE is on my heart like a tattoo! I want to be known by God and to do that, I have to have Him imprinted on my heart! "*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me*" (Psalm 51.10).

**Barbara Salley** and I will be hosting a dinner for the Heart Moms on November 21. Please save the date and watch your mail for an invitation!

Enjoy this season of gratefulness, joy and love!  
Trish

**It's not too late** to join the food drive that started November 1 and will last until the week of Thanksgiving. Get a box/basket and each day add an item to your container. At the end of this food drive bring your box/basket of food to the building to be donated to a family that needs it. A list of food can be picked up on the table next to the office. This food will be non-perishables.

**Please make note** in your church directory that **Bonnie Mayberry** is now at Alcoa Pines Health & Rehab, 3300 Alcoa Road, Benton 72015.

**In the past few years** several members have volunteered to "adopt at room" at Hospice and decorate it for Christmas (after Thanksgiving). **Janie Elliott** is the coordinator for this event. If you would like to volunteer please either call the office or see Janie. I will be sending out the "do's & don'ts" (such as no candles or lights) of decorating later this month.

**Prayer List: Patrick Bowers** was scheduled to get the results of his recent CT scan on Friday. **Michael Connell** was treated in the ER last week for having severe back pain. He will be seeing an orthopedic doctor for an MRI. **Ruth East** was seen in the ER last week has been diagnosed with Vertigo. **Pat Feeny** received a good report from a recent test. She will be rechecked in a month. **Jan Hastings** had a second ablation procedure last Friday, and is now at home. **Carol Miller**, Joe Kaderabek's sister, had successful surgery to remove a large gallstone trapped in her small intestine. **Nathan Mayes** was treated in the ER in Searcy last week for having severe back pain from multiple pulled muscles following a weight lifting workout. **Peyton McNeely** was injured in a football game. He suffered a MCL tear, but no surgery necessary. **Mark Shepard** will have an MRI tomorrow for a possible blockage in a carotid artery. **Griselda Toledo** had an outpatient procedure on her back last Friday and is now at home.

**Continue to remember:** Marlee Baxley, Lois Baxter, Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Eric Burton, Jane Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, 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, Ronnie Hastings, Donna Haughee, Jay Haughee, Orville Haxton, Seth Henry, Jan Hicks, Tommy Hobbs, Chris & Corbin Humes, Betty Humphries, Lynn Hutto, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Jennie Kirkpatrick, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Robert Matheny, Richard May, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Dudley McClerkin, Karla McCoy, Manher & Louise Mehta, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Francille Pryor, Joe Puckett, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Chuck Rice, Diana Richard, Shirley Ridge, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Micah Sexson, James Smith, Patsy Steele, Rita Stricklin, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Roy Treadway, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Madison Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

**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  
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  
Dawn Mitchell  
Jimmy Mitchell  
Linda Pike  
Fernando Toledo

**Records: October 27, 2019**

Bible Classes	300
AM Worship	476
PM Worship	147
Wednesday	217
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$14,052.00

**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**

Tony Clay.....Worship Leader  
Here I am to Worship.....PH  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
As the Deer.....PH  
Our God, He Is Alive.....23  
Highest Place.....155  
Michael Haltom.....Prayer  
The Old Rugged Cross.....313  
John Corley.....Communion Devo & Offering  
God Is So Good.....(offering song).....83  
If You're Happy and You Know It...(children's song)....PH  
I'm Gonna View That Holy City.....970  
Brent Houston.....Psalm 73.23-26  
Jim Gardner....."Good News For The Future"  
Oh, They Tell Me of a Home.....968  
The Greatest Commands.....448  
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Josh & Kim Hastings

**Toddler Nursery**

Shannon & Audrey Saunders

**5:00 P.M. Worship**

**Communion**

Kelley Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Trena Slaughter

**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:

**Todd & Tracy Ferguson**