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Good morning, Northside Family! It is good for us to be here today to praise the Lord, to give thanks for his merciful kindness which is great toward us.

Once again this year, our midweek gathering the week of Thanksgiving will be on Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday. This has become an annual routine at Northside, allowing you to enjoy Thanksgiving Eve with your family. So mark Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. as a time for all ages to gather in the Worship Center to thank God together for his blessings.

This week, one of our Shepherds, **Carroll Davis**, posted the following on Facebook. It is from a piece written by **Mike Casey**, Preaching Minister at the Holiday Park Church of Christ near Pittsburgh where Carroll and Betty worshiped before moving home to Benton. It was written in back of the tragic shootings at the synagogue in Pittsburgh last week and is entitled "**Hate is not an Option.**"

"Our community is reeling today after the horrific news of the synagogue shooting in Squirrel Hill yesterday morning. People all over the country are shocked by this evil act. We continue to pray for the families who are feeling grief and loss today.

The shooter's motives were never hidden. He was vocal about his opinions on social media. He shouted them before firing his weapon. The man hated Jews.

Since this article is written to be read by Christians, let me reiterate a bedrock truth: followers of Jesus do not hate other people. As soon as hate for a specific group becomes a part of your thinking, you have stepped outside what God allows for those who bear his name. I don't know if the shooter would call himself a Christian, but his poisoned view of the world is not compatible with the gospel of love and peace.

If hate is the antithesis of God's loving kingdom, how can I guard against this wrong kind of thinking in my own heart? Sometimes we need to examine the dark parts of our minds to ensure that the enemy's lies have not taken root in our worldview. Carefully consider these questions that arise from God's Word:

- (1) Do I find myself showing or even feeling favoritism toward one group over another (James 2.1-4)?*
- (2) Do the sources I read or listen to encourage suspicion of a certain group (Acts 10.28)?*
- (3) Are other ideas (pride, fear, apathy, etc.) pulling my heart away from a love for all people (Colossians 2.8; 3.12-14)?*
- (4) Do I extend care and concern to all people without any barriers (Colossians 3.11)?*

May the Holy Spirit residing within us reveal any weaknesses in our character that might allow the lies of hate to infect us. If you wear Christ's name, hate is simply not an option."

I Love You all,
Jim

Shepherd's Note

Cool temperatures are in the air, leaves are turning colors of red, yellow and brown, and everyone is thinking about winter and snow. As a child I loved this time of year. Christmas was coming, hunting season with my dad was upon us and all the great food we only got with family at special gatherings. As we reach the fall and winter years of our lives we look back on those childhood memories with fondness. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, *"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun."* Our life is full of changes and new seasons. Getting older is a fact of life. When I was young I thought anyone older than 60 was Methuselah. Now, that's not so old! Approaching our winter years is a little scary. Jeremiah 8:20 says, *"The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved."* Are you saved? The autumn of life is a good time to focus on our commitment to God. If you are a follower of Christ remember to remain close to him during the shifting seasons of life. 1 Peter 1:24 says, *"For all men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field: the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."* The seasons, wind, storms, difficulties, even death itself cannot change our relationship with God. We will survive and live forever because the everlasting Word of God has been preached to us and we have believed and obeyed. Romans 8:1 says, *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* We are a blessed people.

Billy's Thoughts

With holidays and the Marriage Matters Seminar coming up in November and December, here are some important schedule changes to our meetings:

Tuesday night, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. (instead of Wednesday), we'll all (including kids) gather for a service of Thanksgiving.

Our Marriage Matters Seminar is December 2-5. Therefore adult Sunday morning classes will all meet together on the 2nd, and adult LIFE Groups will also be preempted that evening for all adults to attend the seminar Sunday evening.

And, both Sunday evenings, December 23rd and December 30th, we'll all (including kids) meet together to worship and praise God.

Conner's Contemplations

Well we are finally upon one of my personal favorite months! I hope we are all excited for November! I want to say a huge thank you to the **Dorsey** family for hosting a bonfire and hayride for our teens! We all enjoyed it greatly! I also want to thank **Randy** and **Dawn Mitchell** for hosting LIFE Group! As well as say thank you to the **Irelands** who will host the LIFE Group tonight!

It is amazing to see all the parental involvement with our teens! It shows them that we all care about them and want to see them do well!

Well the month of Thanksgiving is upon us! Fun fact about November: It is National Adoption Month! I have a personal connection to this month thanks to my amazing parents. This month reminds me that we all have been adopted by God. Romans 8:16 & 17 says that *"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."* In our accepting of Christ and being baptized and following him we are then given the title "Children of God."

God has adopted us all, and even gave his only son's life for the sake of our own. Growing up I never felt anything other than love from my parents. Even in my adoption I never felt any different from any part of the family. My aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents showed me the same love and respect that any other member of our family received. In my own experience I never had any difference in the love a blood relative feels compared to an adopted one. I think that is how God feels about us. He created us, loves us, and died for us. He desires an intimate personal relationship with all of us. He gave us everything. I pray that we all remember that and are thankful for his blessings and sacrifices for us in the coming months.

Children's Ministry

Awhile back, I went to a teaching seminar taught by Michael Whitworth. He shared the following and I thought it was worth sharing with you. *"Do you know someone that is on the fringe? Bible class helps people get plugged in to the congregation. It is difficult to get plugged in by worship only. Think of 5 families that are on the fringe. Do they go to Bible class? Reach out to these families, ask them to give you 4 Sundays in the Bible class you attend."*

If you are not attending a Bible class, anytime is a good time to start. It just might be the encouragement you have been missing from your week. We hope to see you at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays or 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are not in a LIFE Group, that is a great place to start too. -Stephanie

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT: LIFE Groups

MONDAY: Pickleball for anyone 16 years of age and older.

TUESDAY: Pickleball for anyone 16 years of age and older.

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

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

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

November 11: Potluck coordinated by **Alessandra Barnes, Barbara Salley & Martha Davis** after morning worship honoring **Nelda Burrow & Jeff Davis**. Please bring enough food for your family and extra for our guests. There will be a basket for you to put your cards in for Nelda & Jeff.

November 11: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00

November 15: JOY group potluck luncheon 11:30 for everyone 55 years of age and older.

November 18: Wedding Shower at 2:00 in the main building (in the Young Adults & Others classroom) honoring **Allison Farmer & Jurgen Debooserie**. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Dillards

November 20: Combined Bible classes in the worship center at 6:30.

November 21: We will NOT meet.

November 22: Thanksgiving—Office Closed. In case of an emergency you can call and leave a message. The phone will be monitored.

November 23: Office Closed. Message above will apply to this day also.

Please make the following changes in your phone directory: **Gary & Marilyn Black** no longer have a landline. Phil Stinnett has a new cell phone number. It is 501-574-2619. If you have moved or changed your phone number, please write it on the back of your attendance card. If you are not on our email list, and would like to be, please write your email address on the back of your attendance card.

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.

During the month of October we provided food, from our food pantry, for 380 households for a total of 1187 individual people. Thanks to all of you who help with this ministry either by working on the days the pantry is open, going to the Foodbank to purchase the food, helping unload the trucks, filling the sacks with food that is given away, etc. If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas, please make a note on your attendance card. A big thank you to **Michael Smith** for everything that he does to help make this ministry a success.

Reminder...the office hours are 8:30-4:00 Monday-Thursday and Friday hours are 8:30-noon. The office is closed from 12:00-1:00 for lunch.

Mark Your Calendars

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 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.

Several in our Northside family have lost loved ones this past week. We extend sympathy to:

Laura Hutchison and her family in the passing of her uncle, **Jim McIntire**.

Pat Maxwell and her family in the death of her sister-in-law, **Mary Golden**.

Suzanne Reed and her family in the death of her brother, **Richard Hailey**.

Clifton Sheridan and family in the death of his sister-in-law, **Vivian Sheridan**.

Prayer: Ashley Clancy is now at home after having a lithotripsy procedure last week to treat a kidney stone.

Phil Davis will have a total knee replacement surgery on his right knee on December 11 at Baptist Hospital.

Currently he is trying to recover from a severe ankle sprain on his left ankle. **Curtis Evans** received a good report from his recent echo. **Helen Hairston**, Sherri Poe's mother, fell last Sunday morning and fractured her left arm just below the shoulder. She is in room 412 at Saline Memorial.

Stephanie Howell will undergo a nerve study/test for carpal tunnel on Tuesday. **Jacob Lowe** is now at home after having surgery last week.

Nick Nichols fell last Sunday morning due to elevated blood sugar and dehydration. He is in rehab at Saline Memorial Hospital room 124. **Jeannette Underwood**, a friend of June Cox, had a PET scan last Thursday to check for possible cancer. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, had successful surgery last Wednesday to open his airway above the trach. He is in room 550 at Baptist Hospital.

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

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Kelley Geurin Steve Smith
Chris Givens Alejo Solis
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

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Records: October 28, 2018

Bible Classes	325
AM Worship	469
PM Worship	197
Wednesday	167
Weekly budget	\$13,034.19
Contribution	\$ 9,277.05

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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Office Hours

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

10:00 AM Worship

Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader
You Are the Song That I Sing.....238
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Firm Foundation.....PH
Build My Life.....PH
Beautiful Things.....PH
Mark Smith.....Prayer
Highly Exalted.....PH
Houston Colson.....Communion Devo & Offering
In Need.....(offering song).....PH
JOY.....(children's song).....PH
Salvation Belongs To Our God..... PH
Brent Houston.....1 Peter 5.5-7
Jim Gardner..... "Throw Away the Crutches"
Feel the Nails.....PH
We Shall Wear a Crown.....PH
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Wendy Christy & Janie Elliott

Toddler Nursery

Nicole Cochran & Jessica Zanca

5:00 Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Judy Geurin

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:

Todd & Tracy Ferguson