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Good morning, Northside Family!
Wow!

What a generous outpouring of stewardship last Sunday on our annual Mission Sunday offering. Your generosity surpassed the challenge goal our Shepherds placed before us. The goal of \$50,500 was passed with an offering (as of this past Wednesday) of \$52,642.51 (a total of \$54,842.51 was given last week with the Romans 12.2 House and Corin Read Camp also receiving donations). Your choice to invest in Kingdom causes globally will pay eternal dividends. If you were not present last Sunday and would still like to give or pledge an offering that can be given over the course of the next year, you may do so today. Please note "Mission Offering" on the memo line of your check.

I absolutely love the way our children engage with the sermon each Sunday by taking notes. And I appreciate very much all of the parents who encourage their child(ren) to do so. During the month of September, we had 21 different grade-school age children turn in completed sermon notes. As an added incentive, our children's minister **Stephanie Howell** and myself treat two children each month to lunch at their school campus. We bring them whatever lunch they choose to reward them for their work. For August, we treated **Audie Brown** and **Leah Howell**. For September, we will treat **Logan** and **Mallory Ratliff**. Keep up the great work, kids! And parents, keep encouraging your children to take notes!

Our food pantry continues to be a blessing to those in our community who lack adequate food resources. What a great ministry each of you who serve with your time and money provide to the less-fortunate in Saline County. During the month of September, the pantry served 325 families / 1,077 individuals. A big pat-on-the-back and thank you to all who work so selflessly to feed the hungry.

Last Tuesday, Mandy and I were privileged to attend the Second Chance Ranch *Faithful to the Fatherless* fundraising dinner at the Benton Event Center. The ministry of Second Chance Ranch is not a group home, but a group of homes in Saline County where children in foster care can be loved and cared for. Our own **Jordan & Cassie Baker** (house parents), **Jimmy Mitchell & Rachel Lambert** (therapists) have worked with Second Chance Ranch.

During the event, two things were said that were unforgettable to me. Regarding disappointment, the reality that faces any ministry that strives to make a difference in a person's life, it was said, "*when a child leaves us, we dry our tears, put on a brave face, and get ready to welcome the next one.*" That's a great perspective! It was also said, "*if you want to change the world, find someone who is already doing it and join them.*" Good wisdom and inspiration from a good work making a difference.

Speaking of good works making a difference, the annual **Team Paco Chili Cookoff** to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be held in the Outreach Building following this morning's worship. **Donna Bowers** is the mover-and-shaker behind this event in memory of her late son, **Leavon**. There will be various chilis prepared by Northside's finest cooks, all competing for prizes. The judges for this year's cookoff will be **Tom Farmer** (Mayor of Benton), **Judd Hart** (Benton City Councilman) and **Brent Houston** (City of Benton Attorney). On this chilly Sunday, what better than a big bowl of chili, some good fellowship, a dessert auction, and all for a much-needed, difference-making cause.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

This coming Thursday, October 17, is our next JOY Group potluck. If you are available at 11:30 a.m., I hope you'll come out for a potluck meal, fellowship and fun. There may even be a guest speaker (I am writing this article early before traveling on vacation, so details are not locked in yet) to share some helpful information for seniors. The theme of the meal and decorations is "Autumn."

Last night many of you had an opportunity to enjoy our Northside annual fish fry (thanks **Phil Lincoln** and many others) out at Corin Read Christian Camp in Sardis. If you hadn't been there in a while, you probably were surprised to see the amount of progress made in the last 2 or 3 years. Yes, God is blessing the camp's development! By the way, it won't be long until we'll begin building a fourth duplex building/cabin, which will bring capacity to well over 100 beds for campers, counselors and other staff. If you'd like to know about how you can help Corin Read, please talk to me or another of the board members.

Perhaps you remember seeing signs entering the Sardis community with the slogan, "*All roads lead to Sardis*," playing on the similar adage about Rome. With Sardis, this does sort of make sense as North Sardis Rd., South Sardis Rd. East Sardis Rd. and West Sardis Rd. all do either lead to Sardis, or originate there (depending on your perspective). Roman road construction is still amazing as roads they built still exist and are used in some parts of Europe and Asia! Ask me to show you're a picture of one near Philippi, Greece, if you'd like to see one. Their importance was much like our Interstate system built to allow rapid deployment of military defense and enhance commerce. However, not all roads lead to the Father in heaven. Jesus explicitly said that he himself is the road to the Father: "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" As the old hymn declares, "*I'm in the Way, the bright and shining Way, I'm in the Glory-land Way.*" That's the one that leads where I want to go.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

The Hispanic Ladies' Day last Saturday, thanks to God, was a success. 90 sisters gathered to be edified in the Word of God, to fellowship and enjoy a time of friendship in the faith. The speaker presented two excellent lectures. There were also small groups, a play, ice breakers and a lot of singing. We want to thank **Dawn Mitchell** and **Sue Edwards** who helped with childcare. Thanks to my wife **Griselda Toledo** for organizing this annual meeting and all the sisters and brothers who contributed to its realization.

Every other Sunday evening we gather together in our Worship Center for singing practice. **Omar Álvarez** is training the congregation, but especially our teens who are planning to attend the National Hispanic Youth Rally in Chicago, 2020. At this youth rally there will be a contest on Bible Reading, interpretation, knowledge, group singing and song leading.

Next weekend there is a Hispanic Ladies' day at Great Oaks Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. My wife is inviting a group of ladies from Northside to attend and support the Hispanic ministry there. Also, next weekend there is a conference in the Hispanic ministry at the Mabelvale Church of Christ.

Stephanie Says...

Matthew 19:14. Do you or anyone you know at Northside know a little sign language? Are you interested in learning some basic sign language and love kids? We have a 1st grade boy who is needing a Bible class buddy for some one-on-one time in the Sensory Classroom at the back of the Young Married & Others classroom.

We need buddies during the Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Bible Class. **Lonya Robertson** and I will be putting together a simple program for the buddy and this 1st grade boy to do. If you are anxious about teaching a classroom full of children, but you love kids, this one-on-one buddy may be perfect for you. Men or women who are interested in being a buddy, contact me at 501-672-0565.

Teen News

The weather is finally turning cooler and the October teen schedule is already filled with fun activities.

***TONIGHT**, October 13 - Deadline to sign up for Area Wide Youth Devotional at [Pleasant Valley](#)

***TONIGHT**, October 13 - Teen LIFE group at **Sydney Wallace's** home

***October 16** - Deadline to sign up for the Fall Retreat- \$15

***October 18-20** -Fall Youth Retreat: **UNPLUGGED**

***October 20** - Area Wide Devotional at [Pleasant Valley](#)

***October 25** - 5th quarter. The College & Career Bible class is organizing and will be there

***October 27** - Halloween Teen LIFE group party at Sydney Wallace's home

*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 12** -Teen pickle ball at 5:30 p.m.

Make plans now to come and hang out with your friends.

Everyone needs time to unplug, even you! Come to the Fall retreat October 18-20 at [Corin Read Camp](#) to unplug from the world and plug into God and nature. Invite your friends. It only costs \$15 per person. If you can't come Friday night, come Saturday morning. Time to play, time to share, time to reflect, and time to praise. Get to know each other better while sharing God's creation! For details, contact **Randy Mitchell**.

Events This Week

TODAY: Chili Cook-off Fundraiser to support American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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.

WEDNESDAY: Financial Peace class at 6:30 p.m. in classroom 19a.

THURSDAY: JOY group potluck luncheon at 11:30. If you are 55 years of age and older, please join us.

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY-SUNDAY: : "Unplugged Youth Weekend" at Corin Read Christian Camp. Cost \$15.00 each. If you have any questions please see **Randy** or **Dawn Mitchell** or **Stephanie Howell**.

Upcoming Events

October 20: Young Adult Back yard Devo/Dinner 4:30 p.m. to ? at the Nossamans, 5916 Wall Street. RSVP to Sherry at 517-3455 or rsnossaman@yahoo.com.

October 21: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

October 25: 5th Quarter activity for our youth group in the outreach building.

October 26: Trunk or Treat at CRCC. A sign up sheet is posted next to the office.

October 27: Shepherd's Pie immediately after a.m. worship for everyone who has placed membership at Northside since March or who has never attended one. Pizza and dessert will be available. Please RSVP to the office either by calling or an email.

October 28: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

We have received an invitation to attend *John 3:16 Ministries Variety Night* on Saturday, October 19, in Charlotte, AR. Fish fry and all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

We have also been invited to attend a "*Free Community Health Fair*" at The Manor (a senior living community) on Boone Road on November 7 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.

The meal prepared by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant last Tuesday was beef stew & cornbread. Janie also prepared a pineapple upside down cake. The meal that Janie will prepare for this Tuesday will be meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, broccoli rice casserole and fried okra. **Sylvia Kays** will prepare the dessert. If you would like to help with desserts, but can't bake anything for some reason, you can bring brownie mix or cake mix/frosting occasionally and Janie will bake it. Put them on the table in the kitchen of the multipurpose area marked either "Janie Elliott or Hospice". Thanks in advance.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

On Saturday, September 28, we had a ladies brunch with 35 ladies in attendance! The food was delicious, the fellowship amazing. **Barbara Salley** always makes the setting beautiful and cozy. **Terry Hastings** gave a presentation on women's safety with his lovely wife, **Jan**, as his victim! There was so much sharing of different ways to keep safe in various situations.

I met a few new (to me!) ladies and learned that when new members are listed by Jim with their phone number and address, we have members who actually call and welcome them to our Northside family! I don't know why I never thought to do that. It really made a welcoming impression to the new member and made me realize that it just takes a small effort of kindness to make a difference. Have a great week of joy! Trish

"Thank you all so much for the food you supplied for our family during the loss of our Mother. It was greatly appreciated, as was your thoughts and prayers. Thank you, the Jewell Powell family."

"Dear church family, We have not forgotten the extraordinary kindnesses you all have shown us over the past 2 years. The congregation here at Northside is such a wonderful example of God's love. In Christ's love, Michael & Candace Mohr." There is more on her card posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

Prayer List: Linda Ball is waiting on the results of recent tests. **Patricia Flowers** will be seen by an endocrinologist on November 4 about a thyroid issue. **Jan Hastings** had a successful ablation procedure last week. **Lynne Hutto**, Betty Webb's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemo treatments soon. **Robert Matheny** was treated at UAMS last week and is now at home. **Joe Puckett** is undergoing tests. **Micah Sexson**, Grisham & Teresa Phillips' son-in-law, is having problems with a skin graft that was required seven years ago when he received a stem-cell transplant.

Continue to remember: Marlee Baxley, Lois Baxter, Sherry Benton, Blythe Bowers, Frank Bray, Tyler Buck, Beth Burgess, Eric Burton, Jane Campbell, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Briannah Diamond, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Ruth East, Kimberly Fewell, Don Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Ella Graves, Steve Graves, Mark Greeno, Willie Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Orville Haxton, Seth Henry, Shannon Henry, Jan Hicks, Tommy Hobbs, Chris & Corbin Humes, Betty Humphries, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Jennie Kirkpatrick, Anita Knight, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Richard May, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Walter Rhodes, Diana Richard, Shirley Ridge, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, James Smith, Gene Speights, 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
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Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway
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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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Dawn Mitchell
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
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Fernando Toledo

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Bible Classes 257
AM Worship 491
PM Worship 170
Wednesday 276
Weekly budget \$13,732.00
Contribution Mission Sunday \$54,842.51

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
Glorify Thy Name.....77
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
We Shall Assemble.....718
Magnificat.....PH
Beautiful Things.....PH
Carson Sloan.....Prayer
Night With Ebon Pinion.....PH
Rodney Crownover.....Communion Devo & Offering
All in All.....(offering song).....PH
Who?.....(children’s song).....PH
Home of the Soul.....875
Michael Zanca.....Galatians 3.13-14
Jim Gardner.....”When Good News Cursed”
I Need Thee Every Hour.....837
May the Presence of the Lord.....PH
Jim Acree.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Charlotte O’Neal & Ann Townsend

Toddler Nursery

Kristie & Kinley Turbyfill

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

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:

Richard & Shirley Wallace