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Good morning, Northside Family!

On behalf of our church's leadership, thank you so much for your generosity last Sunday in giving financially on Mission Sunday. At print time for the bulletin on Friday morning, a total of \$48,421 had been given to fund our mission efforts in 2019. By way of comparison, last year on Mission Sunday you gave \$47,467 and an additional \$11,000 over the course of the year in pledges fulfilled. Your generous gifts will once again be invested 100% in sharing the Gospel and advancing the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Don't forget, though, the mission call speaks to us and asks of us that we be ambassadors for Christ right here at home. A demographic study of Saline County taken in 2017 revealed that there are 64,000 "unchurched" people in our county. 64,000! May we be ready and willing to put in a good word for Jesus this week and every week.

Thank you to all who participated and served during yesterday evening's *Hudson's Monster of a 5k* to raise awareness and support for SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood). Thank you, **Sarah Qualls** for once again honoring the short life of her sweet son, **Hudson**, by hosting this event at our church campus. Don't forget next Sunday's *Team Paco Chili Cookoff* to raise awareness and support for AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention). **Donna Bowers** hosts this annual event the third Sunday of each year following our morning worship in memory of her son, **Leavon**. **Kevin Cleghorn**, the Saline County Coroner, will be with us next week and will share some sobering statistics and insight about the plague of suicide's effect right here in Saline County. Donna still has space for folks who'd like to enter the chili cookoff and for donors of desserts for the auction. You can see Donna today at the table in the foyer.

Mental health issues are very real and debilitating. Often, help comes from a trusted friend or a wise counselor. Our church family is blessed to have a relationship with Licensed Professional Counselors **Alan & Sherry Pogue** of Pogue Counseling Services. There are forms for referral available in the church office and a discount is available to Northside members when arranged in advance.

One morning last week, as I was driving back from Little Rock after time spent visiting folks in the hospital, I chose to take "the back way" to get away from traffic, to think and pray. As I made my way down Lawson Road, the sign in front of the Church of Christ building where **Joel Lewis**, the former Preaching Minister at Northside, currently preaches caught my attention: "*Count your blessings not your problems.*" I confess as I made my way toward that sign, I was thinking about the struggle our family is experiencing with the health needs of my grandmother and Mandy's dad. It had been a drive of counting burdens, not blessings, until that sign's simple message changed my perspective. Thank you, Joel and Lawson Road church, for reminding me in that moment that I (all of us!) have so many more blessings than problems to count every day.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

JOY Group —If you have reached age 55, you are more blessed with long life than the majority of people around the world or throughout the ages. Here at Northside, we are blessed with a large group beyond or well-beyond 55. So we invite anyone 55 or older to be a part of the JOY Group.

Currently, our most important JOY Group activity is a potluck meal typically on the third Thursday of the month. This Thursday is our October meal at 11:30 a.m. **Carol Shelton** has planned a theme for decorations, which could influence your choice of food that you bring to share. The theme is Fall and Halloween.

As always, in addition to some great food and informal fellowship, we'll have one or more fun activities or games. And of course, some corny jokes (this time in honor of "candy corn" – very corny indeed!). If you are 55+ and available, I hope to see you Thursday.

Mike Hutchison, Gary Lowe and perhaps others have been working on the wiring for the caretaker house at Corin Read. Thanks! We are continuing on step-by-step trying to get the house ready before winter weather sets in. If you can donate labor, expertise or additional funds, all are needed. Please contact myself or one of the other Corin Read Christian Camp Board members.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Today I am writing my article from Piedras Negras Coahuila, Mexico. Since last Wednesday I have been teaching a seminar in the Church of Christ in the San Joaquin area. This is the congregation where our brother **Elias Olguin** serves and he invited me to teach this seminar about the Christian family.

Last Sunday, after our worship assembly, our new young sister **Leslie Flores** decided to follow Jesus and was baptized. Her dad, **Jeovanny**, was baptized last December. Her mom, **Marisol**, was baptized last November, and her brother, **Sander**, was baptized in February. We thank God because now all her family belongs to Christ and have been a blessing to the church.

This coming weekend is our congregational retreat at Corin Read Christian Camp. We are preparing to have a great time together as a church. Our brother, **Mark Littlejohn**, will be our speaker. Our church family can't wait to enjoy and grow in the Lord through this beautiful time at camp.

Conner's Contemplations

Last Tuesday was an eventful night for many of us living in the north part of Saline County. Several of us had just finished playing pickleball. The minute I returned home the tornado sirens started going off! My house is right next to one of the siren poles and boy was it loud! It was sort of scary, too. One of the biggest problems of the night at my house was the rain. I have a problem with flooding in my driveway, which makes it hard to leave or get into my house without getting my feet soaked.

This storm, while not overly destructive, was very scary and made me think of the storms we face in our lives. Picture the perfect storm, one that comes up fast and leaves a huge path of destruction in its wake. This is much like our sin and problems in life. Sometimes they come out of nowhere and do much more damage than we could ever expect.

Much like the disciples and Jesus when they encountered a huge storm, we can become scared. Yet we can see Jesus calm the storm and even the billows obey his will. Jesus is always with us; he never leaves our side. Even in these huge storms of life, Jesus is there. He is there to collect the pieces of us after the storm and put them back together. May we all remember that during our storms of life — Jesus is there to protect, save, and repair us and he always will be.

Youth events for Month of October:

Service Project	October 21 (12:00-5:00)
Possible Fun day	October 26 th (Time TBD)
Trunk or Treat	October 27th (Time for Teens TBD)

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"...Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them" (Ephesians 4:29).

I am so encouraged by the Heartfelt groups that have begun and the friendships in Christ that will be formed. It is great when we can get together with other ladies to strengthen our bond. Have you signed up for the ladies fun night on October 25? Please do! Bring your makeup, nail polish, hair products and all of your fun girly stuff that you want to play with! Don't forget a pair of socks! **Barbara Salley** and **Jennifer Crow** are planning a fun time of fellowship for you! Much love to you all! *Trish Jones*

Upcoming Events

TODAY: Singing at Mt. Carmel 3:00-4:00 p.m.

TONIGHT: LIFE Groups

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

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

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY: 2 day seminar at Village Church of Christ on "Islam in Christ's Eyes." For more information, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

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

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

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

FRIDAY: Annual CASA Chili Cookoff 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building. Tickets are \$8.00 each and are available at the door.

SATURDAY: Ladies Day at Mabelvale Church of Christ. The speaker will be **Sheila Butt**. The theme is "Seeking Spiritual Beauty".

October 21: 4th Annual Chili Cookoff to benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We still need volunteers to make chili. We also need volunteers to provide a dessert for the auction. Tickets can be purchased today

October 21: Young adult cookout/smores/games/devo night in the backyard of **Rob & Sherry Nossaman's** home (5916 Wall Street) at 4:30. Call Sherry at 501-517-3455 or email at rsnossaman@yahoo.com for questions and food sign up. Bring lawn chairs. This is open to ALL young adults and kids are welcome. You do not have to attend the young adult class to attend.

October 22: Pickleball for anyone 16 years of age and older.

October 23: Pickleball for anyone 16 years of age and older.

October 25: Ladies' Fun Night at 6:30 in the outreach building. More info as it becomes available.

October 27: Trunk or Treat on the parking lot at the church building. If you want to participate, please see **Josh or Kim Hastings**.

October 29: Pickleball for anyone 16 years of age and older.

October 30: Pickleball for anyone 16 years of age and older.

It is time to take up money for the Romanian orphans that we support. Please give your money to **Shirley Wallace**.

We need someone to volunteer to decorate the tables for the JOY group on April 18. It does not need to be fancy. If this is something you want to do please see **Carol Shelton**.

The meal prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant on the second Tuesday was chicken & rice with broccoli, peas & carrots and deviled eggs. **Jeanie Pryor** prepared the dessert.

"Dear Northside family, Your outpouring of love through the 115+ cards, gifts, flowers and visits for my birthday was truly a blessing for me. You went above and beyond for my birthday and my family and I thank you. Northside is a beautiful family. Love, Syble Womack"

Mark Your Calendars

November 2: Area-wide singing seminar at WindSong Church of Christ in North Little Rock. The purpose of this seminar is to benefit leaders and song services by teaching the art of effective singing and leading. On Saturday evening there will be an area-wide congregational singing at 6:00 p.m. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

November 3: Teaching class for Pickleball 12:30-4:30 in the outreach building. Members from Hot Springs Village will be teaching this class.

November 11: Potluck after morning worship

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.

Sympathy is extended to **Mary Styles** and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Roger Lacy**. Visitation is today at 12:00 noon followed by the funeral service at 1:00 at Highland Heights Baptist Church.

Prayer: Peggy Charo will have surgery on her foot Wednesday at Saline Memorial. **Jeff Davis** was treated at Saline Memorial last week with having bronchitis. **Todd Donahue**, Wyveta Kirk's son, was scheduled to return to Benton with Wyveta last Friday. **Curtis Evans** is now at home after being treated at the VA Hospital due to heart rhythm issue. He will have an echocardiogram on October 22. **Don Flowers** is in the VA Hospital being treated for having a bone infection. **Richard Hooton**, Dickie's dad, has been diagnosed with a slow-growing blood cancer. Judy Geurin's great-nephew, **Grant Mainord**, suffered a broken leg, ribs and arm as a result of a dirt bike accident. **Nathan Mayes** was hospitalized in New Zealand. He was treated for having a severe infection and dehydration. **Wayne Perry**, Angela Howell's dad, was treated at Saline Memorial last week after having a motorcycle accident. He broke his clavicle and three ribs. **Walter Rhodes** will have another procedure on his back on Thursday. **Dale Ridge** will have a procedure on his back on October 22 at Baptist Hospital. **Richard Wallace** will have knee surgery on Friday at Arkansas Surgical Hospital in Maumelle. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, is in Baptist Rehab room 1054.

Continue to remember: Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Karly Burress, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Charles Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Henry & Linda Cook, Mary Davenport, Bill Donnor, Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Kelley & Judy Geurin, Mark Gober, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Chad Knappier, Mike Knappier, Reba Leonard, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Bonnie Mayberry, Robert Matheny, James Mayberry, Carole Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Jimmy Mitchell, Kandy Myers, Carl Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, David Rachel, Brenda Rhodes, Diana Richard, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, Ron Wallace, Connie Ward, Brandon Webb, Doug Willis, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Syble Womack, Mark & Mary Woodville.

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
Carroll Davis Randy Mitchell
Tom Davis Rob Nossaman
Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway
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Jarred Crow Todd Hastings
Rodney Crownover Phillip Howell
Curtis Evans Charlie Manning
Julio Flores Billy McLain
Kelley Geurin Steve Smith
Chris Givens Alejo Solis
Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

Staff

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

Records: October 7, 2018

Bible Classes	271
AM Worship	540
PM Worship	192
Wednesday	251
Weekly budget	\$13,034.19
Contribution Mission Sunday	\$48,421.41

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
The Lord Is in His Holy Temple.....108
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
He Has Made Me Glad.....103
Great Is the Lord Almighty!.....102
Father God.....PH
Curtis Evans.....Prayer
Ten Thousand Angels.....349
Conner Smith.....Communion Devo & Offering
We Shall Wear a Crown.....(offering song).....PH
Make a Melody.....(children's song).....PH
There Is a Habitation.....860
Daniel Turbyfill Isaiah 53.4-6
Jim Gardner.....“Not Built for Guilt”
I Am Mine No More.....683
Home of the Soul.....875
Todd Ferguson.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Marla LaSage & Lisa McNeely

Toddler Nursery

Cristin Goodner & Kathy Campbell

5:00 Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Sarah Martin

Pantry Needs:

Jelly, Stuffing Mix,
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.

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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