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Good morning, Northside Family.

Last Sunday, we were privileged to pray for three of our friends. **June Cox** asked for our prayers as she deals with grief and loss in her life. June is currently participating in our GriefShare group on Wednesday nights. She trusts that God, through your prayers, will give her strength and stability as she deals with the recent losses of family and friends in her life. **Martin Feeny**, a truly genuine servant of God and people, asked that we pray that all he does in service to others will be done to the glory of God. Martin is an invaluable volunteer in our Food Pantry (by the way, our Food Pantry served 343 families, 1,140 individuals during the month of September). **Sarah Qualls** asked that we pray for God to cleanse her heart and memory of guilt and regret. It has been a blessing to our church family to have Sarah, **Grayson & Addie** back with us. In your daily prayers, continue to lift June, Martin and Sarah before God's throne.

Today following our morning worship, the fourth annual *Team Paco Chili Cook Off* to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be held in our Outreach Building. This annual event each fall is put together by **Donna Bowers** in memory of her late son, **Leavon**. In addition to the scrumptious entries in the chili cook off, there will be a dessert auction. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door following worship. I hope you will stay on this chilly Sunday and enjoy some extra fellowship while helping promote a very worthy cause.

To help underscore the painful reality of suicide in Saline County, Donna has invited **Kevin Cleg-horn**, the Saline County Coroner, to speak at today's cook off. Kevin will also briefly share during our morning worship the grim statistics on suicide and its effect on life right here in our county.

The words of Jesus seem especially appropriate today, and every day: *"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10.9-10).

There's a host of fall fun activities on the horizon. The annual Trunk or Treat will be Saturday in the church parking lot beginning at 5:00 p.m. **Josh & Kim Hastings** are coordinating again this year and encourage your participation. Come decorate your trunk and hand out treats to all the kiddos who will come for the candy, fun and games. Also, our friends at Johnson Street have invited us to their Fall Festival on Saturday, November 3 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be bouncy houses, candy, food, fun and games offered. What a great opportunity for your family to enjoy a Saturday afternoon with the good people we're blessed to call our Christian relatives who meet at 101 West Johnson.

And while you're marking your calendar, don't forget to set aside December 2-5. Those are the dates for the Marriage Matters Seminar with Jerry and Lynn Jones. We had originally scheduled this seminar for September, but had to reschedule due to Lynn's hip surgery. She's doing great and has been released by her doctor to travel again, so everything is all set. Having been through their seminar a couple of times in the past, I can attest to the value you and your mate will gain by attending every session.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Did you know that men are singled out to love their wives using the verb form of “*agape*” (See Ephesians 5:25)? *Agape* is the Greek word for love that gives preference to someone, that goes the extra mile; the love that you decided to carry out anyway independent of whether or not you felt emotionally attached; the type of love Jesus has for his church. It is a type of love full of sacrifice. It is love that may require a decision to love and remains through difficult times.

Did you know that women are never specifically told to *agape* their husbands? In Ephesians 5:21-25 the most specific instructions for women are to submit and respect her husband (v.21). Now I wouldn't make the argument ever that a woman shouldn't “*agape*” her husband, but just point out that it is not addressed directly in Ephesians 5 or elsewhere, specifically in the context of marriage.

The closest direct command to a wife to love her husband is Titus 2:4 which says the older women should urge the younger women to love their husbands and children. At first glance, that looks a lot like the command to men in Ephesians. However, the underlying Bible word for love here is from another Greek word, *philos*, which has a different meaning: to befriend, to be friendly, to wish one well. *Philos*' meaning is no less important in a marriage relationship than *agape*. Even Jesus uses a form of *philos* in John 15:15 when he calls his followers “friends.”

I'm not sure why *agape* was specifically addressed to husbands, and *philo* to women, but for sure it takes personal effort to decide to love when times are great or not so great, and to be a friend even in adversity.

Thanks to **Jan Hastings** who made a great comment during the Wednesday morning Bible class and referenced Titus 2:4.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

What a wonderful experience we had with the church of Christ in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico. This seminar was about “The Family from God's Perspective.” On Wednesday I taught the men's class about “The Godly Man,” while my wife was teaching the women and doing some crafts for the seminar. On Thursday I taught the men's class about “A 3M's Man to His Family” (Model, Minister and Mentor). On Friday I taught the women's class about “The Virtuous Woman.” On Saturday I taught the marriage class about “Marriage as the Reflection of the Glory of the Gospel,” and on Sunday I taught about “Family Worship.” Over the next few Sundays, I am planning to teach these lessons to the Hispanic congregation, because by strengthening families, the church is strengthened to move forward with the work of God under His will.

Since Friday, our Hispanic family has been enjoying a congregational retreat at Corin Read. Today, our worship assembly is at camp. God willing, we will finish our retreat this afternoon.

Conner's Contemplations

Good morning everyone! I hope you all had a productive week and a relaxing weekend. This week coming up I am returning to Jonesboro to pick up my second Siberian husky. I absolutely adore my other one, so I figured “why not get two?” Well I can already tell you I know having this second one will be a lot more work, money, time, and effort. It appears I enjoy punishment. All this being said, sometimes our lives can replicate this scenario.

There are always things we want or need that can bring hardship to our lives. Mine comes with reward and risk, but there will be hard times (as anyone with pets knows). To me, even getting another dog can be related to our walks with God, as everyday actions can be. When we accept Jesus into our lives, it comes with changes, rewards, and hardships. (I am by no means relating a puppy to our Savior, but stay with me!) Taking something new into our lives creates change, be that a child, a puppy, a faith, a job, etc...With that change comes many different possibilities.

I am super excited to get this new dog, but am aware of the costs it comes with. Not all people are excited to welcome Christ into their lives, but still know about what it may cost. The cost of welcoming Christ into our lives is nothing compared to the reward that comes at the end of our journey.

Welcoming Christ is not just an end all be all, much like allowing a pet, or person into your lives. It is a long process that takes years and years to figure out, and even then, things you learn may surprise you. Yet in those surprises, we cannot run from Christ. We must always take them and know he loves us. Our lives come with many changes, but we cannot let them affect our faith, and love for Christ. Today's climate tells us we must run to whatever is easiest. I can promise that is not the right thing to do. We must stick with Jesus through thick and thin, because he has done that for us. He will always do that for us even until the end of the age.

Let not our hearts be troubled, let us always love him, and let us not conform to the pattern of this world but be renewed in spirit in our love for Christ. In Christian love, Conner

Service Project	TODAY (12:00-5:00 p.m.)
Teen Lunch	October 26 (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
Trunk or Treat	October 27 (5:00 p.m.)

Upcoming Events

TODAY: 4th Annual Chili Cookoff to benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Tickets can be purchased today.

TODAY: Open House at Roller-Alcoa Funeral Home at 2:00. Light refreshments will be provided.

TODAY: 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.

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: Ladies' Fun Night at 6:30 in the outreach building. Finger foods will be provided. This will be a great time to fellowship with your Christian sisters.

SATURDAY: 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.

October 31: Halloween—We will have Bible classes

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**.

We have been invited to attend a Marriage Enrichment Seminar "Becoming One...And Staying That Way" with **Jerry and Denise Martin** at Highway Church of Christ on November 2-3. For more information, there is a flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

The meal prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant on the 3rd Tuesday was chicken & dumplings, great northern beans and a vegetable medley that included broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots. **Nedra Russell** prepared the dessert. Thanks to everyone who helps with this ministry. You make it the success that it is.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Galatians 5:22 NIV

Have you signed up for the ladies fun night? You still have time! We will have stations for makeup, polish, hair, temporary tattoos, and more!!! It will be a fun time of fellowship with Christian sisters. There will be food and chocolate! Please join us on Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 in the outreach building.

Is there something you would like to do as a group? Please share any ideas with Barbara Salley or myself. We would love to hear from you!

Big hugs and much love, Trish

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: Fall Festival at Johnson Street Church of Christ 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. See 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 honoring **Nelda Burrow & Jeff Davis**.

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.

Congratulations to Vinny & Amanda Ashton on the birth of their baby girl. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. She was welcomed by big sisters **Jillian & Josie**.

Prayer: Edna Faye Caradine is recovering from a fractured elbow and is wearing a hinged brace while it heals. **Peggy Charo's** surgery on her foot has been postponed. **Todd Donahue**, Wyveta Kirk's son, is in Benton and will continue his rehab while living with Rod & Wyveta. **James Downs**, Vinny Ashton's grandfather, is hospitalized in Texarkana with pneumonia and heart failure. **Curtis Evans** will have an echocardiogram tomorrow. **Pat Feeny**, Martin's wife, is now at home after being treated at Saline Memorial. **Don Flowers** is now at home. **Jan Hastings** is scheduled for laparoscopic surgery on Wednesday for abdominal adhesions. **Jeremiah Nutter**, 11 year old attending Redfield Church of Christ, has been diagnosed with having a tumor on his pituitary gland pressing on his optic nerve. **Dale Ridge** will have a procedure on his back tomorrow at Baptist Hospital. **Richard Wallace** had knee surgery last Friday. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, is improving and is now breathing on his own entirely throughout the day and receiving oxygen just at night.

Continue to remember: Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Karyl Burress, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Charles Caradine, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Henry & Linda Cook, Mary Davenport, Jeff Davis, Bill Donnor, Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Mark Gober, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Seth Henry, Richard Hooton, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Chad Knappier, 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, Jimmy Mitchell, Kandy Myers, Carl Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Wayne Perry, Grisham Phillips, Jewell Powell, David Rachel, Walter Rhodes, Diana Richard, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Janice Smith, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Fred & Edith Swaim, 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 14, 2018

Bible Classes	316
AM Worship	524
PM Worship	186
Wednesday	258
Weekly budget	\$13,034.19
Contribution	\$12,553.17

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
We Shall Assemble.....718
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
He Has Made Me Glad.....103
Seek Ye First.....555
We Shall Wear a Crown.....PH
Charlie Manning.....Prayer
Wonderful, Merciful Savior.....PH
Wes Ader.....Communion Devo & Offering
Holy Spirit, Breathe On Me.....(offering song).....PH
Jesus Love Me.....(children's song).....PH
Praise Him! Praise Him!.....300
Izaya Givens.....Ephesians 1.3-6
Jim Gardner....."A Blessed Life"
I Am Mine No More.....683
Standing on the Solid Rock.....PH
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Mary Stuart & Amy Jones

Toddler Nursery

Michael & Hayley Haltom

5:00 Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Amanda Ader

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:

Jim & Linda Acree