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Good morning, Northside Family!

Last Sunday, our sister **Carol Shepard** asked that we pray for God to strengthen her. Carol is a big-hearted servant, a loyal friend, who does so much for so many. She and Mark are a great blessing to our church family. Join me in praying daily for Carol as she seeks to selflessly serve others.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith" (Ephesians 3.16-17).

Today, we are welcoming (back) into the Northside Family **Carolyn Dacus**. Carolyn was a part of Northside during her childhood, the daughter of the late **Hollis & Ina Marie Drennan**. Carolyn recently moved back to Saline County from the Fort Smith area. She lives at 301 Pinnacle Drive, Bryant (72022) and her phone number is 870-421-4281. Her email address is dac7404@hotmail.com. Welcome home, Carolyn! We're grateful God led you back to Northside!

This morning following our worship gathering, our Shepherds will host a *Shepherd's Pie* for new members of Northside. This is something our Shepherds and their wives host twice each year to get acquainted with new members of Northside and familiarize you with ways that you can serve. Lunch will be provided in the Outreach Building, followed by a brief time of sharing. If you are new to Northside and have not attended a Shepherd's Pie in the past, come join in today.

Today, we also welcome **Evan & Kim Rippee** and their children, **Mason** (7), **Cooper** (3) and **Aylee** (10 months). Evan has been in Benton this weekend as a candidate for the Youth Ministry staff position. He participated with the teens at Friday evening's Fifth Quarter in the Outreach Building, attended the Trunk-or-Treat last night at Corin Read, and taught the Teen Class in the Loft this morning. Evan currently serves on the staff of the 7th & Mueller Church of Christ in Paragould. Prior to Paragould, he served as Youth Minister of the Troy, Tennessee Church of Christ. Welcome, Evan, Kim and kiddos to Northside today.

A big pat-on-the-back for your continued generosity to *Mission Sunday* and the cause of Christ globally. An additional \$800 was given last Sunday to bring the total Mission Sunday offering to \$55,987.51. Thank you for investing in the Good News worldwide!

The ladies of the *Romans 12.2 Transformation House* are hosting a fundraising Yard Sale on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9. If the weather is nice, it will be held on the church parking lot. If the weather is cold or rainy, it will be held in the Outreach Building. If you have items you'd like to donate, you can contact **Laura** (501-350-8880) or **Megan** (501-326-9971).

This week, I saw a quote by P.T. Forsyth that really struck a chord: *"It is possible to be so active in the service of Christ as to forget to love him."* In a church family filled with servant-hearted disciples like Northside, perhaps this word is one we need to hear. Loving and serving others in the name of Jesus is great, it is our calling. But the first and greatest commandment remains, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"* (Matthew 22.37). May our love for Him only grow more and more as we serve them!

I Love You all, Jim

Shepherd's Note

Maybe, once upon a time...

What an unfriendly, unhappy world we live in! Seems like the nightly news consists of 20 minutes of *bad* news, 5 minutes of sports (not much good from the Razorbacks lately), and 5 minutes of weather. For the most part things are in a beg mess!

Fortunately, we Christians have a better outlook because of better promises! Yes, we mess up some times, but God, because of Jesus' sacrifice, is faithful to forgive our momentary failures. Paul quoted Isaiah when he wrote "*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived the wonders God has prepared for those who love Him*" (1 Corinthians 2:9). With promises like that, why shouldn't we be the happiest people on this earth and show it by our countenances? (I'm talking about a smile on our face!) Let's use these smiling faces to greet and encourage each other and welcome any and all visitors. In fact, let's seek out visitors as part of our mission while at worship! We always have visitors. Maybe, once upon a time you were a visitor!

Billy's Thoughts

After nearly a month together, we are well into our LIFE Groups on Sunday evenings. I hope you are enjoying getting to know your group's members. One of the great things about small group Bible studies is the benefit of meeting and encouraging other members of the local church that you might not have known so well before.

For you new to a larger congregation like Northside, dividing into smaller groups occasionally, provides a more intimate, comfortable setting where we each can share with each other, pray for one another, read (and perhaps memorize) Bible text, comment or freely ask questions, and hopefully, help each other grow in our faith. One huge component of our LIFE Groups is the time we pray together. LIFE Group leaders are encouraged to remind their group that what is shared in the group is to stay in the group—building trust with each other is a really significant thing.

This year, our Biblical focus is on increasing our Bible knowledge incrementally each week. Whether it is examining a big Bible idea, or trying to find answers to the big questions of life, or considering key Bible words, that's what we'll focus on... together. Sometimes it will be challenging; it will always be encouraging; it will be enjoyable more often than not.

If you are reading this and not yet in a group, no problem. There is room for more and we'll be glad to make room for you in a group.

A beautiful New Testament example of an early group of Christians meeting in a home is part of the story of the aftermath of Peter's miraculous escape from prison, recorded in Acts 12:12 "... [Peter] *went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.*" Makes perfect sense to me!

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

The Youth National Reunion of the Hispanic churches of Christ 2020 will be in Chicago. The church there reserved The Hemmens Cultural Center theater in Elgin Illinois. This reunion is expected to receive around 1,000 in attendance. From the Northside Hispanic ministry, a group of forty members signed up for this trip: thirteen teens and parents will be working together to raise funds for this event. Every other Sunday evening we meet in our Worship Center as we prepare our teens for the singing contest, Bible reading, knowledge and interpretation, etc.

November 22 through 24 is our annual gospel meeting. Our speaker will be **Arcenio Barrientos** from Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila Mexico. The lessons he will preach are: "You are Missing Something," "It is time to Seek God," "The Closeness of God," and "The Eunuch." We are praying for all the people that the church has contact with, to be receptive to the invitation to come and hear the message of salvation.

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

*Sunday, Nov. 3: Teen LIFE Group at **Matt & Savannah Wells'** (Need a van driver)

*Sunday, Nov. 10: Teen LIFE Group at **Shawn & Kim Wallace's**

*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. **Savannah 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

Events This Week

TODAY: 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.

TONIGHT: Teen LIFE group Devo & Costume Party 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Shawn & Kim Wallace's** home. **Notice the time change.** It's a CONTEST! Get creative. No scary costumes allowed. Winner will take home a prize! Please bring a lawn chair if you have one. Van drivers this week will be **Brent Jones** and **Matt 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.

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

Upcoming Events

November 4: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

November 7: "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.

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. If you love to sing, please join this group. The residents really enjoy listening to the singing. You do not need to be in the Praise class to participate in this ministry.

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

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

The meal that will be prepared by Janie Elliott on Friday for the Hospice House in Bryant will be smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, and sweet potatoes. Janie will also prepare a Sunshine cake for the dessert. Thank you to everyone who help make this ministry a success.

Ron & Ellen Fant will be moving to Lubbock, Texas this week so that Ellen can help provide care for her mother, **Deen McDonald**. Their address will be 10403 Gardner Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79424. We will miss them, but wish them the best!

Do you want to participate in a food drive? Beginning November 1 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.

For the men of the congregation: If you would like to be on the list of men to serve the communion, read scripture, do the communion devo, serve as an usher, or say a prayer please make note on the back of your attendance card and we will make sure you are included in the rotation. Please state the areas of service you would like to be in. If you have any questions please see **Terry Hastings**.

We are in need of volunteers to work in the nursery on Sunday nights. The infant and toddler nurseries are combined. If you are in a LIFE group that meets at the building and you are willing to volunteer, please make note on the back of your attendance card.

Sympathy is extended to **Suzie Smith** and family in the recent death of her uncle, **Ray Starr**. His funeral was last week in Monroe, Louisiana.

Prayer List: Linda Ball received good results on her recent biopsy...NO CANCER. She will be rechecked in 6 months. **Donna Bowers** has been diagnosed with having a bad ulcer. She is being treated with medicine. She will be rechecked in 12 weeks. **Patrick Bowers** is being treated for having pneumonia. He will get the results of his recent CT scan on Friday. **Briaunah Diamond**, Leona Colson's granddaughter, was scheduled to begin radiation treatments last week at St. Jude Hospital. Her address is Ronald McDonald House, Diamond Family, Room # 48, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN 38105. **Susan Dorsey** had her last chemo treatment last week. She will return to her doctor in 3 weeks. **Don Flowers** is now at home. **Patricia Flowers** will be seen by an endocrinologist on November 4 about a thyroid issue. **Billie Wilson**, Doug's mother, was treated at Saline Memorial last week for having a severe virus. She 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, Kimberly Fewell, Kelley Geurin, Tammy Givens, Mark Gober, Ella Graves, Steve Graves, Mark Greeno, Willie Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Jan Hastings, 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, Madison Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

Names will stay on the "continue to remember" list for a month unless the office is given an update.

Shepherds

Jim Acree Terry Hastings
Carroll Davis Randy Mitchell
Tom Davis Rob Nossaman
Todd Ferguson Rick Treadway
Richard Wallace

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Chairman thru December: Carroll Davis

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 20, 2019

Bible Classes	283
AM Worship	529
PM Worship	198
Wednesday	239
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$11,128.92

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
We Will Glorify.....578
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Come Thou Almighty King.....19
Crown Him With Many Crowns.....193
Great Is The Lord Almighty.....102
Ben Johnson.....Prayer
Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?.....382
Rick VanZandt.....Communion Devo & Offering
He Is Lord.....(offering song).....179
Who?.....(children’s song).....PH
Salvation Belongs To Our God.....PH
Scott Martin.....Romans 13.1, 6-7
Jim Gardner.....”Good News and the Government”
O To Be Like Thee.....429
Lord, Reign In Me.....PH
Todd Ferguson.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Dickie & Leigh Hooton

Toddler Nursery

Josh & Kim Hastings

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Charlotte Pyle

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:

Tom & Martha Davis