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Good morning, Northside Family.

Thank you to all who participated in last Sunday's fourth annual *Team Paco Chili Cook-off* to raise awareness and funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Your participation and generosity resulted in an all-time high of \$2,589 raised.

It won't be long until the Winter Quarter in our Children's Education Ministry begins (the first week in December). **Stephanie** still has the following openings on Sunday mornings: 4 & 5 years olds, 5th—6th Grade and on Wednesday evenings: 2 & 3 year olds, 4 & 5 year olds, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. Mandy and I love teaching in our Children's classes two quarters each year. Trust me, being with our children is a major uplift! The joy of our children learning and growing is fun to behold. I encourage you to invest in the faith of our children and serve as a teacher or helper during the Winter Quarter. You can let Stephanie know of your interest this morning.

Don't forget, **Jerry & Lynn Jones** will be with us December 2-5 to present their outstanding *Marriage Matters Seminar*. Be sure those dates are marked on your calendar!

This week, I came across this creative list of the "Eleven Best Things Jesus Never Said."

"It doesn't really matter what you do so long as deep down inside you're a good person."

"Get with the times."

"No one comes to the Father except through me...but that's my opinion, all other opinions are equally valid."

"After baptism, you guys are done!"

"This is your best life now, live your dreams. Unleash your full potential, buy material goods, and make yourself happy."

"If the world hates you, remember it hated me first...until I modernized to get with the times and changed all my teachings so they would be easier to follow. Then everyone pretty much liked me again."

"You should never talk about religion in public. It's uncomfortable and rude."

"Go into all the world and preach to people...that doctrine doesn't matter."

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me...except for all those who are lazy and homeless. Don't worry about them."

"Has no one condemned you? Then neither do I condemn you...now go, and do whatever it is that makes you happy."

"Enter by the broad gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to life, and there are many who go in by it. Because broad is the gate and easy is the way that leads to life, and there are many who find it."

Creative? Yes. Convicting? I hope so. A counter-cultural eye-opener? For sure! May we all commit as children of God to be salt and light in this world, seeking to convert the culture, not vice-versa.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

1 Chronicles 29 records an amazing prayer of elder King David. He had just challenged leaders in Israel to contribute to the construction and furnishing of the temple that future King Solomon would build to honor God. They had overwhelmingly responded with their gifts of precious materials. *"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord."*

David acknowledges that *"everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things."* Later he prays, *"Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you."*

A similar outpouring of generosity occurred several centuries earlier (Exodus 35-36) when elaborate, costly and rare materials for the Tabernacle were donated by God's people while they were still in the desert. *"All the men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do."* Their generosity was so incredible that Moses remarked, *"The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done."* And soon he gave an order to restrain the people from giving more.

These powerful, ancient examples illustrate what will happen even today when God's people, who are given access to wonderful, useful and beautiful things, partner generously to do His work and carry out His plans.

As November approaches, so does online shopping for Christmas gifts, especially on the "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" after Thanksgiving. If you shop online at Amazon, consider starting at smile.amazon.com and look for Corin Read Christian Camp as the beneficiary. It costs nothing additional to the buyer, but benefits the camp.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

We are thankful for our congregational retreat last weekend. *"How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."* To see the kingdom of God growing in Jesus is wonderful—it is a picture of heaven on earth. All retreats have been special but this last one, we think, was one of the best with an attendance of almost eighty people! More work had to be accomplished, but all the families served in different areas and made this camp enjoyable to all members and friends.

Our annual gospel campaign is November 16-18. Three messages of Jesus' sacrifice, three opportunities to serve, three opportunities to bring friends to hear the message, three invitations to come to Jesus. Our speaker will be **Hector Chagoya** from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. As we prepare, we ask you to join us in prayer for souls that will come and for the name of God to be exalted.

On Wednesdays we are studying the Names of God in the Old Testament. Last week we meditated on how Abraham, Moses and the Psalmist referred to God as *Adonai*, which means Lord, Owner, Master of the universe and our lives. *"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord [Adonai, Kyrios, Señor] to the glory of God the Father"* (Philippians 2:11).

Conner's Contemplations

Last weekend I went with my family to War Eagle Mill for the NWA Craft fair. We got to see some amazing crafts, foods, drinks, and people! If you have the opportunity to attend, I highly recommend it, but be ready for traffic!

While there I saw one particular craftsman who made wooden sculptures with a chainsaw! That was super neat to see. We not only got to see his wares, but got to watch him in the middle of crafting several other items. That master craftsman made me think about our Lord. Each person God forms and creates is a major masterpiece. To see the fulfillment of God's creation in us is a pretty amazing thing to witness. One thing that I noticed about this craftsman's designs was he never really finished anything while we watched. It would appear that he was going to finish, but then he would make one more cut, one more smooth, one more something. We got to see his finished works, but never the actual finishing of his current masterpiece. Our lives are much like that. We know we must finish being perfected at one point; we have seen the final look of many "masterpieces." We have heard stories about people who were "perfect." Yet, it seems that we never get to see that in our own lives. We know God crafts us meticulously and we know each step is for our betterment. Yet we never are perfect in totality. The only one who has ever been totally perfect was Jesus Christ. God will chisel at us, and knock away the bad, and smooth us out until we are finally with him. Our lives are constantly going to be changed so we can become God's better masterpiece.

One final note about this craftsman: he used a chainsaw, not a specialized, fancy, very polite tool. He used a giant, loud, and dangerous chainsaw to make these masterpieces. That may be why it took so long and so much effort. The things that change us are not all going to be polite, nice little experiences. There are going to be some that are hard, loud and dangerous. Those dangerous ones though, can bring about the more amazing masterpiece. God can use a plethora of tools, experiences, challenges, and people to mold us. Just remember: NOT ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE SAFE AND EASY. Some are going to be very difficult to endure, but we will be closer to God's final idea of us after each one!

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

October 31: Halloween—We will have Bible classes. The children 2 years-6th grade can wear their costumes if they want too. However, please do not dress them in a scary costume and please NO masks.

Thursday, November 1, there will be a fundraiser Paint Night at Studio 1720 in Benton 6:00-8:00. The cost is \$35.00 each. We will be painting a cross. Funds will benefit Team Paco AFSP. Space is limited so please contact **Donna Bowers** if interested.

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 that will be prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant on the first Friday of November will be pot roast with potatoes and carrots, lima beans and deviled eggs. The dessert will be prepared by **Carol Shepard**.

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

As some of you may already know, **Jordan & Cassie Baker** are house parents at Second Chance Youth Ranch. Many of the youth at the ranch had never been on family vacations until they became a part of the ranch family. Their house is planning a Branson vacation next Summer made possible by the kiddos earning the funds themselves. This is where they need the help of their church family. Their house, comprised of boys, along with themselves are seeking to raise this money by performing tasks for anyone that has this need. They want to not only make this vacation possible, but to teach these young men what hard work and dedication will help to reach their goals in life. Thank you for supporting this family while they embark on this journey. If you have any questions please contact Cassie at 501-594-5200, ext. 207 or 501-507-8531.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4.9-10

Thank you Barbara Salley and Jennifer Crow for all the work you put into the fun ladies night this past Thursday! We had 49 ladies and my favorite comment was how nice it was to hear all the laughter! Barbara asked for suggestions of things to do to enjoy fellowship and growing friendships. Let me know of any interest in helping to organize any of the following: Ladies Tea, pajama and movie night, bring your own craft night, cooking lessons and more. Let's continue to enjoy our Christian friendships! Trish

Mark Your Calendars

November 1: Fundraiser Paint Night at Studio 1720 6:00-8:00 to benefit Team Paco AFSP. Cost is \$35.00. Contact **Donna Bowers** if you are interested.

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

November 11: Potluck coordinated by **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.

Prayer: Curtis Evans is waiting for the results of his recent heart echo. **Alice Harris**, Carolyn Trusty's sister, is in the hospital in Batesville with pneumonia. **Jan Hastings, Dale Ridge and Richard Wallace** are all at home after having procedures/surgery last week. **Stephanie Howell** will undergo a nerve study/test for carpal tunnel on November 6. **Jacob Lowe** is scheduled for surgery Tuesday at Children's Hospital. **Evelyn Sheridan**, Clifton's sister-in-law, is in Baptist ICU #5 recovering from two recent heart surgeries. **Paul Upperman**, attended Northside in his childhood, has stage 4 prostate and bone cancer. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, is now 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, 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, Jeremiah Nutter, 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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Javier Guzman Freddy Swaim

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Records: October 21, 2018

Bible Classes	245
AM Worship	551
PM Worship	218
Wednesday	240
Weekly budget	\$13,034.19
Contribution	\$10,703.90

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
I Love The Lord Messiah.....PH
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Hosanna.....167
I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord.....442
Beautiful Things.....PH
Ricky LaSage.....Prayer
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I Sing Praises.....(offering song).....97
Who?.....(children's song).....PH
Be Exalted, O God.....61
Grisham Phillips.....John 15.18-19
Jim Gardner....."Church & Culture"
There's a Fountain Free.....909
We Shall Wear A Crown.....PH
Tom Davis.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Mary Styles & Contessa Scism

Toddler Nursery

Robin Humes & Kim Hastings

5:00 Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Teresa Phillips

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.



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