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Good morning, Northside Family. Welcome to Worship and to Mission Sunday, a day in which we dig deep to give generously to support Mission endeavors in the 2020 calendar year. Today, our offering goal is \$50,500. I hope you and your family have prayed and planned to give generously today.

Mission.

Mission is woven into the entire fabric of Scripture.

It was way at creation that the Mission of God was activated – the creation of a special kind created in the very image of God. Humanity exists for an intimate relationship with our Creator.

But just three chapters into the Bible, Satan and sin threw sand into the machinery of God's creation operation. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were banished from the Garden as a consequence, the intimacy of relationship with God was strained.

God did not sit idly by, though. He activated the ultimate rescue Mission by announcing that one day, the head of the serpent who tempted Adam and Eve to sin would be crushed. It was a promise of God's ultimate Mission – that though we suffer the bruises of sin and its consequences during our lifetime, we know by faith that the mission of Satan has been undermined by the grace, mercy and wisdom of God.

God's Mission continued when he rescued his chosen people out of a 430-year stay in bondage in Egypt.

God's Mission included a new land, a promised land called Canaan. In Canaan, God raised up prophets, priests and kings to lead his people in his ways. Sometimes the people obeyed; other times they stumbled. But through it all, God's faithfulness to his Mission and to his people reigned supreme. All of the Old Testament reveals the Mission of God, preparing the way for the Messiah Jesus, the Son of God.

The New Testament opens with Jesus's birth, his life of merciful acts of kindness to people who were physically and spiritually afflicted, his life of sinless perfection. Jesus was too much for the religious and political establishment of his day and they crucified him, a torturous death common to the worst criminals in the Roman Empire in the first century. But three days later, God raised Jesus to life again, never to die, but to ascend to God's right hand at the throne of heaven to make intercession for his people seeking to live out his Mission on earth.

With the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, the head of Satan was crushed. His body given and his blood shed fulfilled the Mission of God to rescue humanity from sin and its consequences.

That truth, that spiritual reality, caught fire in the first century. It was called Gospel (Good News) and the early church found this too good to keep to themselves! Beginning in Jerusalem (their home base), they spread out to Judea (the surrounding region), Samaria (the adjacent nation), and the rest of the known world at that time living out the Mission of God – to declare that obedient faith in the redeeming work of God in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection was the path to salvation for all who would believe.

Today, our generosity is another link in the chain of God's Mission on earth. Today, we are privileged with an opportunity to join God in his global mission to save. Beginning here at home in Saline County as we share the Good News with our friends and neighbors, stretching to continents far away as funds are given to support mission projects, we are partners with God in the greatest Mission this world has ever known.

I Love You all, Jim

Billy's Thoughts

Tonight our LIFE Groups officially kick-off at 5:00 p.m. I think we have some great leaders for each LIFE group. I am also excited about the concept of what we'll share with each other. We'll learn together, or reinforce what we already know, about basic and important Bible knowledge and concepts. Meeting in small groups typically allow us get to know each other a bit better, too. In other words, there is much to be gained by sharing our lives, while sharing a study of the Word of God and praying fervently together.

Acts 4:23f is an amazing example of when God's people shared information about a major challenge and what they had seen God doing, then recited Scripture, and prayed. Acts 4:31-32 says: "*After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God more boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind...*" May God bless us as we meet, examine scripture and pray together – that we may be one in heart and mind.

A couple of reminders about this week.

Thursday at 11:00 a.m., **Melissa Baxley** leads an Alzheimer's support group. This is a time to learn about the nature, signs and impact of dementia, and give support to some who are in the midst of supporting their loved one(s) with dementia. You can be an encouragement even if you never are touched directly by a loved one dealing with Alzheimer's or another form of cognitive loss.

Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. is our annual Fish Fry at Corin Read Christian Camp on South Sardis Road. I hope you'll come out. There is, however, a sign up by the office so that there'll be plenty of food for all.

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

I am thankful for the opportunity I had to teach the Spanish lessons at Harding Lectureship last week. Me and my wife enjoyed those three encouraging days. I want to thank **Jim Gardner** for taking a Hispanic group to Harding on Monday and **Marissa Solis** on Tuesday.

Alejo and **Marissa Solis** have been supporting the Hispanic congregation in Conway as their minister is out of the country and returning before the end of the year. It is great to know that in our congregation we have brothers prepared to help others in ministry.

Today is Mission Sunday! We are excited to worship together, have communion, sing in two languages, and together be able to give for Northside missions. When the children are dismissed the Hispanic group will also be dismissed to go to our Worship Center for the Spanish message.

Yesterday was the Hispanic Ladies' Day here at Northside, next Sunday I will share more about it.

Conner's Contemplations

Good morning everyone. I hope this week has treated you well. I pray that each of you has had a productive week that enables you to return to this building energized. If you have had a bad week, and a tough one, I am glad you are here to allow the fellowship to rejuvenate you.

After all, that is what the church is for, isn't it? To act as God's love (as a whole) to the community and to its body of members. It's nice to be able to come to a church and feel loved and desired. It's nice to know that the members whom you share a building with every Sunday care for you.

Not everyone will share the same experience during a week. Many will have highs, others will have lows, and still there are those who remain in the middle. The world will beat you down, or try to every single day. Yet we know as a family of believers we can come to this church building to be uplifted by one another. What a blessing it is to have someone be able to look you in the eye and lift you up. What a blessing it is to have someone behind your back still trying to lift you up. As disciples we are called to build each other up and encourage one another. I pray that those of you here today can feel that encouragement.

It has been a tough week for **Kaylee** and me. We are in transition out of this position and, on Wednesday, Kaylee had a fairly nasty wreck on her way to school. Her vehicle's front end is destroyed and we are fairly sure it is totaled. The good news is my wife is okay, she's alive and just has a few bruises and bumps. We now have the arduous task of making one vehicle work for our family, but we are going to make it work.

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As I step down from the position, I know that there will be those who are sad and those who are encouraging of my decision. It was not an easy one. It's not a decision we made lightly. It is here now though and we have stepped through this door. We will be looking for opportunities here and other places. I ask for your prayers during this time.

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That is what we will miss the most. We will miss the love that individuals showed us. We will miss the care that individuals gave us. As we transition we will miss many things about Northside, but we will miss the people most. With Love and Respect, Conner and Kaylee

Events This Week

TODAY: Mission Sunday. Our goal is \$50,500

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

TUESDAY: Pickleball in the Outreach Building for our youth group at 5:30.

TUESDAY: Barbara Salley is inviting any crafters with an unfinished project to bring your project to her house beginning at 6:00 p.m. to craft together! The plan is to sit around the table and craft, fellowship, laugh and enjoy time together!

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.

WEDNESDAY: Deadline to sign up for the fish fry. **You MUST sign up** because we have to know ahead of time how much fish to purchase. Sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office, call, or message the office. Sign up if you will be attending and what side dish you will bring.

THURSDAY: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY: "The Silencing of God Seminar" at Hwy Church of Christ. The guest speaker will be **Dave Miller**. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board next to the office.

SATURDAY: 2nd annual Ladies' Day at Mabelvale Church of Christ. The theme is "*Sweeter Sisterhood*". For more information please see the invitation posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

Upcoming Events

October 13: Chili Cook-off Fundraiser to support American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. **Donna Bowers** has applications on the table in the foyer if you are willing to make chili. She also needs volunteers to furnish desserts for the auction.

October 13: Singing at Mt. Carmel has been canceled.

October 14: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

October 17: JOY group potluck luncheon at 11:30

October 18-20: "Unplugged Youth Weekend" at Corin Read Christian Camp. Cost \$40.00 each.

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 25: 5th Quarter activity for our youth group.

October 26: Trunk or Treat at CRCC. A sign up sheet will be posted soon if you would like to participate.

The meal prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant last Friday was Mexican chicken, corn, and pinto beans. The dessert was prepared by **Nedra Russell**. The volunteer coordinator at Hospice put a note in the monthly newsletter about how the family members of the patients are so thankful for the food brought in. This allows the family to stay with their patient. Thank you to those of you who support this ministry.

"Words are hard to express sometimes when the love you as a family has shown our family in the recent celebration of a special 100th birthday. Your numerous cards and gifts are so appreciated to be enjoyed time and time again. The potluck was wonderful with such good food and the support staff outdid themselves. To Jim, Brent and Mr. Farmer thank you for all your work in making this a very honored day. Your kind words put a smile on all our faces and you helped make a very special memory for our family. Thank you. Ms. Syble, Roy and LaNell, Joy and David and children".

Thanks to all of you who brought food for the "Recovery in the Park" fellowship yesterday. This is a recovery ministry that meets weekly in the Ralph Bunche Community Center.

Sympathy is extended to...

Dustin Robertson and his family on the sudden death of his 33 year old cousin, **Virgil Robertson**, last week. His funeral was Friday in Harrison, AR.

Carolyn Trusty and her family in the death of her nephew, **Roger Penn**. Roger is the son of Carolyn's sister, **Oma Oswalt**. His funeral is today in Strawberry, AR.

Sara Stone in the death of her grandmother, **Jane Donica**. Funeral service will be scheduled at a later date.

Prayer List: Linda Ball will have a biopsy on Tuesday. **Briaunah Diamond**, granddaughter of Leona Colson, had successful surgery last week and they will start radiation treatments very soon. She moved both her arms and legs shortly after surgery. For the 3rd time, the doctor was unable to get to the artery on **Mark Greeno** to place a stent. **Jan Hastings** is scheduled for an ablation procedure tomorrow. **Orville Haxton**, James Garrett's uncle, will undergo heart valve replacement surgery this week in Champaign, IL. **Jennie Kirkpatrick**, grandmother of Michelle Hastings, is in St. Vincent's Hospital due to a stroke. **Joe Puckett** is undergoing tests. **Walter Rhodes** had a successful stent procedure last week and is now at home.

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, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Ruth East, Kimberly Fewell, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Ella Graves, Steve Graves, Willie Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Shannon Henry, Jan Hicks, Tommy Hobbs, Layton Howell, Chris & Corbin Humes, Betty Humphries, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Anita Knight, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Robert Matheny, 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, 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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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
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: September 29, 2019

Bible Classes	276
AM Worship	480
PM Worship	126
Wednesday (n/c for Hispanics)	212
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$11,462.68

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
A Jehova Invocare/I Will Call upon the Lord.....63
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Nuestro Dios vive hoy/Our God, He Is Alive.....23
Haz Mi Alma Arder/Light the Fire.....PH
Cante Al Senor/Shout To The Lord.....PH
Ron Fant.....Prayer
Amor Fiel/Faithful Love.....18
Dan Reed.....Communion Devo & Offering
A Ti Senor/Unto Thee, O Lord.....(offering song).....794
Cristo Me Ama/Jesus Loves Me!.....(children’s song).....1014
Ancient Words.....PH
Curtis Evans.....Luke 2:8-11
Jim Gardner.....“Good News on a Mission”
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.....674
Firm Foundation.....PH
Richard Wallace.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Mary Styles & LaNell Womack

Toddler Nursery

Rachel Garner & Susan Mann

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelley Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Judy Geurin

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:

Rick & Keely Treadway