

Good morning, Northside Family.

This morning is our annual Mission Giving Sunday. 100% of today's offering will fund Northside's mission efforts in 2019. Throughout September, we've been inspired by the stories of God's work in 2018 among our mission teams in Lithuania, Namibia and Nashville. We've also been inspired by the example of the "unsung missionary" of the New Testament, Andrew. The hope of our Shepherds is that the inspiration from Scripture and from real-life stories of friends within Northside who've seen the power of God on the mission field will inspire our giving today. May God be praised and the Kingdom of God be advanced through your generosity this morning.

September marked the restart of our children's sermon notes. A big pat-on-the-back to **Cadence Ader** who turned in four weeks' worth of sermon notes. **Bryant Caradine, Luke Christy, Max Gist, Gray Goodner, Jaxon Howell, Leah Howell, Chase Ireland, Logan Ratliff & Mallory Ratliff** turned in three weeks' worth of sermon notes. Of the 31 children who turned in sermon notes for the month of September, 10 of 31 turned in at least three weeks' worth of sermon notes! The drawing for the free lunch with **Mrs. Stephanie** and myself was won by **Max Gist** and **Jaxon Howell** as they will receive the lunch of their choice during a school day this upcoming week. Keep up the good work, kiddos!

This coming Saturday, **Sarah Qualls** and her daughters, **Grayson & Addie**, will host their Fifth annual *Hudson's Monster of a 5k* on our church campus. This annual 5k with a path through downtown Benton raises funds and awareness for SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood) that affected their family with the sudden passing of **Hudson** in 2014. You've still got time to sign-up and participate. The event begins Saturday at 4:30 p.m. with the race to start at 5:00 p.m. To register, go to the race link at [runsignup.com/Race/AR/Benton/HudsonsMonsterofa5k](http://runsignup.com/Race/AR/Benton/HudsonsMonsterofa5k).

Another annual event to raise funds and awareness comes on Sunday, October 21, following our morning worship assembly when **Donna Bowers** hosts the Fourth Annual *Team Paco, I'm Possible Chili Cookoff & Dessert Auction* for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. There's still room for your participation with a chili or dessert entry, but the deadline to enter is today and the entry fee is \$10. There are also t-shirts available this year. See Donna this morning to enter your chili and/or to pick up a t-shirt order form. She will be selling tickets tonight before or after LIFE groups. They are \$5.00 each.

October also provides an opportunity for our church facility to host the annual CASA Chili Cookoff on Friday, October 19. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates and is a wonderful initiative that helps assist children in the court system. The CASA Chili Cookoff will be in our Outreach Building from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Why not plan to spend your lunch break on that Friday supporting a good cause?

I Love You all,  
Jim

### *Billy's Thoughts*

Quick, thinking about your closest friends, are they more or less like you (income, type of work, educational level, age, hobbies, interests, race, ethnicity, primary language spoken in the family)? For most of us, we tend to gravitate to people a lot like ourselves, or at least that we perceive who are not that different from us. Even within our extended families, we may joke about that one strange uncle whose idiosyncrasies make for great stories, but with whom we really don't understand nor choose to spend much time – because he is different from us.

Tonight many of the LIFE Groups will be learning from Jesus' Parable of the Compassionate Samaritan. Jesus' story reminds us of how we tend to prefer contact with people who are not too different than we think we are, and go out of our way to avoid them.

For the past five weeks, each Sunday we have really been focusing on the mission God has given Northside and ways as a church we can support it. Today, one great way is through generously giving monetarily to help fund ministry throughout Africa, and in Lithuania, Romania and the U.S.

But, sacrificial as giving generously today may seem, it is much less a challenge than you or I reaching out to someone who is different from us: to risk giving up our personal space and time, to break through our initial discomfort, to invest in friendship, to listen to another's story, to share our own story (which, by the way, is the story of God at work in our life!).

Missionaries are challenged to do this every day. So should we. After all, we each are also on mission for God.

### *Hispanic Happenings with Fernando*

Last Sunday **Evelyn Gonzalez** was baptized, following the steps of her mom, **Enereida**, who was baptized recently. We praise God for His grace.

Today is Mission Sunday and the Hispanic members will attend the English worship service. We are planning to be there from the beginning until the children are dismissed. Then we will go to our auditorium to have our sermon in Spanish.

Our congregational retreat will be on October 19—21. There are not enough words to describe how blessed we are to attend this event twice a year. We thank God for Corin Read Christian Camp.

### *Conner's Contemplations*

Good morning everyone! I hope your week has gone well! This week I have been studying *John* with my youth ministry group, and let me tell you something! Being able to listen to a bunch of Bible scholars getting together and discussing John is an amazing experience. The amount of knowledge, perspective, and insight packed into John is awesome! This week we studied the Samaritan at the well story. In the story we see Jesus bridging all sorts of gaps to reach this woman. Cultural, gender, racial, religious and moral gaps were all crossed by Christ to reach this woman. What an inspiration! It is also a challenge to us as Christians. We should not let things like fear or rejection get in our way of reaching others. Another lesson from Christ in that story shows us how he reaches people. He uses the water and the well to reach this woman in a way she would understand. He does not preach at her from a higher standpoint but gets to her level to explain the message. May we all be like Jesus this week, in that we reach people using the tools Christ gives us and not let any gap stop us from being like Jesus!

Youth events for Month of October:

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| Service Project  | Date TBD                            |
| Possible Fun day | October 29 <sup>th</sup> (Time TBD) |

### *Love Notes and Heartstrings*

*"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness"* (Hebrews 3.13).

Ladies Fun Night is coming on Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building. Let **Barbara Salley**, **Jennifer Crow** or **myself** know of things you like to do to pamper yourself. Plans are being made for tattoos (temporary!), nail polishing, facials and of course eating chocolate! There will be more details to come, but in the meantime, sign up at the ladies table!

Are there other ideas you have about the ladies ministry? We would love to hear them! We are all blessed when we get to spend time with our Christian sisters. We had 65 ladies come together to fellowship with each other at the Heartfelt reveal. **Susan Dorsey** and **Barbara Salley** put together a great evening of moms and sisters learning their groups for this year. The Heartfelt ministry has grown each year and that shows me that women long for friendship with others of their church family! I pray that it continues to grow.

I love you all, *Trish Jones*

### Upcoming Events

**TODAY: Mission Sunday**

**TODAY: Deadline to sign up to make chili** for the Annual Chili Cookoff to benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Applications to make chili are on a table outside the office.

**TONIGHT: LIFE Groups**

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

**SATURDAY: Hudson's Monster of a 5K.** Registration is open. You can register up to the date of the race. Go to [www.sudc.org/hudsonsmonster5k](http://www.sudc.org/hudsonsmonster5k) to register.

**October 14: Singing at Mt. Carmel** 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**October 18: JOY** group potluck luncheon 11:30 for everyone 55 years of age and older.

**October 19: Annual CASA Chili Cookoff** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building.

**October 20: 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.

**October 21: Young adult** cookout/smores/games/devo night in the backyard of **Rob and Sherry Nossaman's** home (5916 Wall Street) at 4:30. Call Sherry at 501-517-3455 or email at [rsnossaman@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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**.

**We have been invited** to attend an area-wide singing seminar on November 2-4 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.

**Children's Homes in Paragould** is in need of houseparents. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

**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 March 21. It does not need to be fancy. If this is something you want to do please see **Carol Shelton**.

**We have been invited** to a two day seminar on October 16 & 17 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.

### Mark Your Calendars

**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**

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**November 15: JOY group potluck luncheon** 11:30 for everyone 55 years of age and older.

**December 7: Northside's Congregational Christmas Party.** More info later

**The meal prepared by Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant on the first Friday of the month was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn, blackeye peas and fruit salad. **Vera Kaderabek** prepared the dessert.

**Congratulations to Debra Parris** on the birth of a grandson. **Ollie Christopher Cleaves** was born October 2 weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. Proud parents are **Adam & Brittany Cleaves**. Ollie was welcomed home by big sisters **Autumn & Jordan** and big brother, **Logan**.

**Prayer: Charles Caradine** is now at home. **Todd Donahue**, Wyveta Kirk's son in Las Vegas, is scheduled to come home with Wyveta after he is released from rehab. **Bill Donnor**, member of our GriefShare ministry, suffered a heart attack recently. He had triple bypass surgery last week at the Heart Hospital. **Logan Harris**, the Bauxite 8th grader and friend of Jaggar Baxley who was injured in a swimming accident, is now at home after being in the hospital for 80 days. He will receive outpatient therapy three times a week. **Jasper Hastings** had his tonsils and adenoids removed last week and received tubes in both of his ears. **Richard Hooton**, Dickie's dad, has been diagnosed with a slow-growing blood cancer. **Dudley McClerkin**, Stephanie Howell's brother-in-law, began dialysis last week. He has also been placed on kidney transplant list. **Carl Otwell** has been diagnosed with a nerve disease in his legs. He is receiving injections, one week at a time, to provide help and relief. **Walter Rhodes** had a procedure on his back last Thursday and will have another one October 18. **Dale Ridge** will have a procedure on his back on October 22. **Brandon Webb**, nephew of Chris Wilson, former member at Northside, was in a serious car accident two weeks ago. He was transferred to a brain rehab center in Atlanta last week. **M.D. Williams**, Mandy Gardner's dad, is now in Baptist Rehab room 1054.

**Continue to remember:** Patrick & Blythe Bowers, Karyl Burress, Nelda Burrow, Amy Campbell, Freddy Charo, Cash Clancy, Peggy Cobb, Doug Connors, Henry & Linda Cook, Mary Davenport, Don & Patricia Flowers, Wade Garrett, Kelley & Judy Geurin, Mark Gober, Shirley Harkreader, 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, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Jimmy Mitchell, Kandy Myers, 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, 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  
Richard Wallace

Email address: elders@northsidecofc.info  
Chairman thru December: Richard Wallace

**Deacons**

Carlos Bautista Michael Haltom  
Gary Black Alex Hamilton  
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: September 30, 2018**

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| Bible Classes | 312         |
| AM Worship    | 497         |
| PM Worship    | 194         |
| Wednesday     | 277         |
| Weekly budget | \$13,034.19 |
| Contribution  | \$10,852.90 |

**Service Schedule**

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| 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  
Christ For The World We Sing.....626  
*Todd Hastings*.....Welcome & Family News  
I Stand In Awe.....96  
I Stand Amazed.....147  
We Have Heard The Joyful Sound.....652  
*Jeff Haughee*.....Prayer  
Why Did My Savior Come To Earth.....382  
*James Ireland*.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Freely, Freely.....(offering song).....635  
Jesus Loves Me.....(children's song).....1014  
Send The Light.....650  
*Michael Haltom*.....Revelation 7.9-10  
*Jim Gardner*.....“ An Unsung Missionary, #3”  
Salvation Belongs To Our God.....PH  
Ring Out The Message.....622  
*Jim Acree*.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

*Mandy Gardner & Kristen Hamilton*

**Toddler Nursery**

*Trae Gardner & Susan Oliver*

**5:00 Worship**

**Communion**

*Kelley Geurin*

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

*Martha Davis*

**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:

***Rick & Keely Treadway***