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Good morning, Northside Family!

Next Sunday will be a very special day as a very sweet lady celebrates a milestone birthday. **Syble Womack** turns 100 years old next Sunday! All of us have been impacted by Syble. From my peers who learned as she taught us when we were children to anyone who has ever had a birthday, anniversary, illness or loss and been cheered by Syble's faithful ministry of writing and send cards. To honor Syble, the entire church family is invited to share a finger food, potluck fellowship in the Outreach Building following next Sunday morning's worship assembly. If you can't be here, bring a birthday card by the office this week! Syble loves receiving cards as much as sending them and yours will bring great joy to her. Here's hoping you can be present, enjoy lunch with your Christian friends, and celebrate the blessing of Syble's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Also, this coming weekend, a Retreat for Adults will be held at Corin Read Christian Camp. What was originally announced as a retreat for younger adults is open to all adults, regardless of age! The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes midday on Sunday. The speaker for the weekend will be **Jonathan Storment**, Preaching Minister for the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock. If you are interested in attending, please sign up today on the bulletin board near the church office.

**Frank & Kim Nash**, our friends who worship and serve with the Johnson Street Church of Christ, are planning a fellowship called *Recovery in the Park*. The gathering will be held at Ralph Bunche Park on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. In addition to fellowship and friendship, there will be lunch and speakers will share testimonies to inspire attendees in their faith and addiction recovery. There will also be bounce houses and sno-cones offered for the children.

Sunday, October 6 is our annual day to give generously for mission projects supported by Northside. The goal for that one day's offering is \$50,500 and will allow us, as a church family, to invest in ministries around the world that spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Leading up to Mission Sunday, short video updates from missions supported by Northside will be shown each week. Next Sunday evening, **Mike Knappier** will be here to share an update on the Gospel Chariot mission work in Africa.

Sunday, October 13, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Team Paco Suicide Awareness and Prevention Chili Cook-off to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will take place in our Outreach Building following the morning worship assembly. **Donna Bowers** champions this cause each year in memory of her son **Leavon**. You can pick up a registration form today in the lobby if you would like to enter your chili in the cookoff.

A big thank-you once again to all who serve and share through the Food Pantry ministry. During the month of August, 313 households (1,043 individuals) were served through your generosity.

A final encouragement: be back this evening at 5:00 p.m. One of our young men, **Nathan Clay**, will share a lesson on the prophet Jeremiah. Your presence tonight will be a blessing to Nathan.

I Love You all, Jim

### **Billy's Thoughts**

Here we are, unbelievably, midway through September. I am counting down the days until the start of our Fall LIFE Groups on October 6. Remember, it is still not too late to sign up (there is a table in the entry area with sign-up sheets and pens).

This year most of the LIFE Groups, in addition to fellowship and prayer, will focus on encouraging one another to develop or enhance some basic Bible IQ. We can all use that; I know I can.

To the *JOY Group* (anyone 55+ who would like to participate), we'll have our first Potluck this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Whether you've been participating in these for a long time, or maybe this is your first time, come out for great food, friendly conversation and some wholesome fun.

Thanks to all of you who added \$665 to the \$1,000 our elders allocated to send to Healing Hands International to purchase needed, basic supplies to be shipped to the Bahamas.

Tonight in the Worship Center at 5:00 p.m. is a time of worship, with **Nathan Clay** sharing from his study of a great hero of faith, *Jeremiah*. I hope you'll come out to hear his message and encourage Nathan. Next Sunday evening, **Mike Knappier** will present an update on *Gospel Chariot Missions*. The last Sunday evening of September, we'll focus on missions including Corin Read Christian Camp. Both these Sunday evenings are to encourage us to be informed, excited, ready, and generous on Mission Sunday, October 6.

### **Hispanic Happenings with Fernando**

Last weekend we had an excellent congregational camp. We had an attendance of 85 people. The theme of the camp was *Our Identity*. Messages were very edifying, gatherings full of joy and friendship, games and contests full of laughter, devotions full of meditation and reflection. The food was delicious. The organizing committee took care of all areas and everything was carried out with excellence. These camps bring families together so that we all continue serving the Lord while we bring others to Christ.

The sisters have been gathering for preparation for their regional women's day here at Northside. This event will take place on Saturday, October 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme is *Beautifying our Inner Being* and will be shared by our sister **Juanita Rosas** from Mission, Texas.

Our guest speaker for our Gospel Meeting on November 22-24 is our brother **Arcenio Barrientos**, the preacher in Ciudad Acuna Coahuila, Mexico, on the border with Del Rio, Texas. Arcenio will be preaching here at Northside the message of the cross. This will be a special time for the church to bring friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to come and hear the good news of Jesus.

### **Conner's Contemplations**

Has anyone here ever read a tabloid? What usually are encompassed in tabloids? 9 times out of 10 tabloids are made famous by their false stories about celebrities, politicians, and government officials. People have figured out by now that they are mostly fake stories. They can print these materials because of the wording they place within each article. Otherwise these false stories would be illegal under slander and libel laws.

It is illegal in the United States to print and publish false stories about people, especially if they are defamatory. However, statements that are said verbally aren't covered under these laws (at least as specifically). Public speakers who slander people publicly can and will be prosecuted. Yet when people slander one another in small groups it is legal; but as we know not everything that is legal is right.

Is it right to spread false rumors about people? I think we would all agree that it is not. Then why do we consume, as a society, the rumors and falsities? I think the answer is: because it's fun. We love drama as a whole society. Many churchgoers and Christians even have problems with being attracted to this drama. It's fun. It's entertaining. It provides a "meaning" or "importance" to someone's life. When they can look down on someone because of "rumors" about them, it makes them feel better. Before I continue: remember this: Sin Feels Good. Sin Feels Right. Even when we know it is wrong, it feels good.

Sometimes, we in the church can have the same issues as "those on the outside." Yet we know it is wrong and we have more than just our own reasons to know why it is wrong. Our Lord tells us rumors are wrong. Exodus tells us "*You must not pass along false rumors.*" Leviticus tells us "*You must not go around spreading false stories against other people.*" Proverbs tells us "*whoever spreads gossip betrays confidences.*" These are just three examples of many that speak on rumors and their effect.

Gossip can begin anywhere but when it gets to you, your reaction can make or break the rumor. Think of this, our government has made laws to curb rumors. If our government can see the damage they can cause, why do we as Christians allow them to persist? Would it not be better if we took the lead and showed the world we do not gossip, spread rumors, and then deny our part? Would it not show Christ's Kingdom to the world better? We sin daily, but what makes us different than the rest of the populace is our desire. We desire to not sin and we work towards not sinning daily. My encouragement to you this week is to work. Work on defeating whatever sin affects you. If it is gossip, slander, cursing, drinking, fighting, etc. work on defeating it! You can defeat it with God's help. We as a church can defeat sin by trusting Jesus and working to be like him. Let us not grow weary of that war, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Let us transform our minds to avoid gossip and any other types of sin.

### Events This Week

**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 in Jim's office.

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

**THURSDAY: JOY group** potluck luncheon at 11:30 in the outreach building for anyone 55 years of age and older.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY: TODAY** is the last day to sign up for the **Fall Adult Retreat** at Corin Read Christian Camp. The speaker will be **Jonathan Storment**. The topic is "Yes or No: Everyday Decisions and the Kingdom of God". The cost will be less than \$40.00. If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Crow**.

### Upcoming Events

**September 22: Syble Womack's 100th birthday celebration.** We will have a finger food style potluck luncheon immediately after morning worship.

**September 23: Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

**September 27: Teens 5th Quarter** 10:00-midnight

**September 28: Fall Ladies Brunch** and get together at 11:00 a.m. in the outreach building. A sign up sheet is on the ladies' table across from the elders' office.

**September 28: Homecoming & Fish Fry** at Children's Homes in Paragould. For more information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

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

**The meal prepared** by **Janie Elliott** for the Hospice House in Bryant on the second Tuesday was chili, corn bread, Fritos, cheese, and onion. Janie also prepared the dessert.

**Chili Cook-off Fundraiser** to support American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is coming soon. **Donna Bowers** has applications on the table outside the office. She also needs volunteers to bake a dessert for the auction.

### Love Notes and Heartstrings

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13 NIV

As I mentioned last week, the ladies class on Wednesday night is on Joy; choosing joy and finding joy. **Sherry Nossaman** suggested having a joy journal. I'm going to do that because I think it will help me to look for joy no matter what is going on in my life! It doesn't have to be pages of eloquent words! One sentence of joy is recognizing good in our day! Sherry said one day she saw joy in coffee! I want to have a positive and joyful impact on others and it can be hard when I am so human; a broken mess! I will choose joy and look for the joyous things God puts in my life everyday! Now I'm going to get that journal out and write one sentence. I would love to hear what brings you joy! Much love to you all! Trish  
Don't forget to sign up for the ladies fall brunch on September 28!! The sign up sheet is on the ladies table across from the elders office.



*The Family of  
Syble Womack*



*invite you and your family to her  
100th Birthday Celebration  
on Sunday, September 22,  
following morning worship.*

*We will enjoy a potluck  
finger food luncheon with  
birthday cake provided.*

*Cards are welcome*



Several in our Northside family have lost loved ones  
Sympathy is extended to:

**Andrea Gaines** and her family in the death of her father,  
**Bernard Gibson**, in Georgia.

**Dickie Hooton** and his family in the death of his uncle,  
**Chester Posey**, in Texas.

**Letha Styles** and her family in the death of her brother-in-law,  
**Richard Schultz**.

**Prayer List: Jane Campbell**, Jennifer Dorsey's grandmother, had successful heart surgery last week. **James Carlisle's** test results showed that he did not have spinal stenosis. He will go to a pain management doctor to treat degenerative disks and arthritis. **Janie Elliott** had a successful ablation procedure on her back last week. **Don Flowers** is being moved to Evergreen Health & Rehab. **Mark Greeno** will have an angiogram at the Heart Hospital to place a stent on September 23. **Layton Howell** will have surgery on Friday for a large bladder stone. **Jewell Powell** is in St. Vincent Hospital room 4110 being treated for having a UTI. **Earlene Russell**, Elizabeth Rattliff's grandmother, had surgery last Friday to repair her shoulder that was injured in a recent fall. **Chief Sandlin**, a former member at Northside, had successful emergency eye surgery due to glaucoma pressure. Michael Haltom's grandmother, **Rita Stricklin**, is now at home after being treated for having a stroke. **Roy Treadway**, Rick's dad, will begin dialysis treatments three days a week.

**Continue to remember:** Marlee Baxley, Lois Baxter, Sherry Benton, Blythe Bowers, Tyler Buck, Beth Burgess, Eric Burton, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Briaunah Diamond, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Ruth East, Kimberly Fewell, Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Steve Graves, Cindi Greenhaw, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Shannon Henry, Jan Hicks, Brett Hooton, Chris & Corbin Humes, Betty Humphries, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Anita Knight, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Bill Loe, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Bo Maley, Robert Matheny, Richard May, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, David Mayes, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Wanda Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Shirley Ridge, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, James Sutton, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Ruth VanZandt, Edna Weger, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

**Shepherds**

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

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Chris Givens Freddy Swaim  
Javier Guzman

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**Records: September 8, 2019**

Bible Classes	278
AM Worship	567
PM Worship	136
Wednesday	264
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$14,097.85

**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 Shall Assemble.....718  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
I Will Call upon the Lord.....63  
Hosanna.....167  
Just a Little Talk with Jesus.....959  
Curtis Evans.....Prayer  
Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?.....382  
James Ireland.....Communion Devo & Offering  
I Sing Praises.....(offering song).....97  
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children’s song).....1014  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives.....528  
Layton Howell.....Mark 10.13-16  
Jim Gardner.....“Good News About Prosperity”  
My Only Hope Is You.....PH  
Standing on The Solid Rock.....PH  
Randy Mitchell.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

April Jones & Stephanie Howell

**Toddler Nursery**

Art & Bernadette Rockwell

**5:00 P.M. Worship**

**Communion**

Kelly Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Cristin Goodner

**Pantry Needs for the Homeless:**

Vienna Sausage, Beanie Weenies,  
Cereal Bars, Crackers, Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups  
**We need items that does not require cooking**

**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:

**Terry & Jan Hastings**