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Good morning, Northside family.

September 22, 1919.

The headlines that day were fixed on the beginning of the Steel Strike of 1919. The strike was an attempt by the steel workers to organize the steel industry in the wake of World War I. A major event in a post-World War I captured the attention of the nation.

But elsewhere, unbeknownst to the headlines, a baby girl was born in rural Arkansas, in Murfreesboro (Pike County). Her parents named her **Syble** and today, we celebrate with her on this, her 100th birthday. Syble is the first-ever member of Northside to reach the milestone of a 100th birthday.

Think with me about life in the United States the year she was born. Woodrow Wilson was President, Charles Brough was Governor of Arkansas.

Early that year, on January 6, the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in his sleep at age 60. Also in January, Prohibition was authorized as the 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In February, Oregon became the first state to levy a gasoline tax, placing a \$.01 per gallon tax on gasoline. In June, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed by Congress guaranteeing suffrage to women (the right to vote). On June 28, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, thus ending World War I.

In July, the first transcontinental motor convey was sent by the U.S. Army. Originating in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Army sent the convoy on an expedition across the continental U.S. to determine how well troops could be moved from one side of the country to the other by motor vehicles (the convoy arrived in San Francisco on September 6).

In August, the Green Bay Packers were founded by Curly Lambeau.

In her infancy, the headlines would turn back to the Presidency and a major stroke suffered by Wilson (October 2) that would diminish his capacity to govern the remaining 17 months of his term. Late 1919 headlines included the infamous Black Sox scandal as the Chicago White Sox threw the World Series (October), and Babe Ruth was sold by the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees for the hefty sum of \$125,000 – the largest sum ever paid for a professional player at that time (December 26).

All those stories grabbed the attention of nation. But we're grateful today that God chose, behind the headlines, to grace this world with Ms. Syble. Syble would marry the love of her life, **Lee Roy Womack**, and they moved to Benton in 1946. God blessed their union with two children, twins: **Roy** and **Joy (Lacey)**.

Syble has known Northside since its earliest days, was a part of the first meeting of the church on this property back in 1955, spent 30-plus years of faithful service as a teacher in the first grade class (Ms. Syble was my teacher way back in first grade), and has blessed generations of Northsiders with her encouraging gift of card writing.

What a blessing Ms. Syble is! Even though her life hasn't grabbed headlines nor been the lead story on the nightly news, who among us could compare our lives without the beautiful influence she has had upon us all? Who among us hasn't been to the mailbox on a birthday to receive a happy birthday card from Syble? Who among us, when life has shattered us with grief, hasn't been encouraged by tender written words of comfort from Syble?

Northside loves and appreciates you Ms. Syble. Happy Birthday!

Billy's Thoughts

Several years back, I was headed west from Abilene, Texas with ministry colleagues to a conference in Glorieta, New Mexico. While I had not ever spent more than a few hours passing through New Mexico on I-40 *en route* to Phoenix, the beauty of the region caught me by surprise this time, especially as we turned north from I-40 onto, I think it was, State Highway 3. I remember it looking vaguely familiar. Perhaps it was the actual place an old western I had seen was filmed, or maybe it was reminiscent of that type of western backdrop. Anyway, it was breathtaking! Deep pasture led to mountains in the background!

An observation about filming wide open western scenery and avoiding telephone and electrical lines: sometimes you just need to position the camera a little in front of utility lines along a highway, and presto, change-o, you have just transported the scene back a century or two when power grids did not exist.

In our LIFE Group meetings, most of which will begin October 6, we'll be sharing with one another and describing the amazing beauty of God's creativity. May God help us to remember to remove the clutter of the foreground, the fallen world in which we live, and begin looking at the big picture of God's creation.

By the way, if you didn't get a chance to sign up for a LIFE Group and would like to be in one that either meets here at the church building, or in a home Sunday nights, at 5:00 p.m., please let me know and I'll find you a spot. You are always welcome to meet with the group that meets in the Worship Center (no need to tell me, just come).

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

I want to share some good news happening in and through Northside's Hispanic ministry. Last March **Conner** and I had the opportunity to visit some churches of Christ in Guanajuato, Mexico. On this Mission trip we visited a congregation in the town of La Calle, Guanajuato—a beautiful congregation where the love of Christ is not hidden from their hearts. One of the things I love is their focus on outreach to their community for God. Just as every good movie character has an obstacle to overcome, at that time we found out that the preacher did not have support for him and his family. In the communities around the church, the only work for people is to tend their own land. The minister had to make choice to move to a bigger city to find a place to work but not be able to work in that congregation and its community. After prayer with his wife and three-year-old son, they decided they could not leave La Calle and decided to stay and depend on God's provision. For a period of time while they kept doing ministry and spreading the Gospel door-by-door, the preacher's support was only what some members could help, typically fruit, vegetables, and items donated from their home pantry. A very poor congregation with a great heart for God! How can we resist to support a congregation from our Lord in that situation?

When we came back to Benton, I presented the trip to our Hispanic group with tears of gratitude to God because we are blessed with more of what we need and sometimes we do not strongly commit to God and His Kingdom. Immediately the Hispanic group asked the question: *What can we do?* So, thirteen members committed to personally support **Josaphat Samuel** and his family in their ministry. Since last April, Samuel does not have to worry about how to feed his family but how to bring their community to Christ. Now they are reaching out to another community named Potreros. To see Northside's Hispanic ministry doing this tells me a lot of its faith, love, care and maturity in Christ. Is all about Missions, all about bringing others to Salvation in Christ for His glory. On our upcoming Mission Sunday let's give first ourselves to the Lord, let's give ourselves in prayer, let's count our many blessings and give our contribution with our hearts and faith in our Lord and Savior, *Jesus el Cristo*.

Stephanie Says

This past Sunday, baskets full of Northside kids' names were passed around so that individuals could choose a child's name to pray for every day. Several people were asking who their child was. The week before, I had a member ask for help in identifying a member's name who is friendly to him every week in worship. Did you know we have an online photo directory that is password protected? You can find it by going to www.northsidecofc.info and click on the "contact us" tab. Contact the church office to receive the password.

It has been awhile since our photos have been updated. New family members have been added and some of our pre-school and infant photos are now older. Send us an updated photo. This can be a snapshot from your phone, social media, or a professional photo. Email your photos to office@northsidecofc.info or text it to **Stephanie Howell** (501-672-0565).

Later this year, to improve our children's safety, we will be rolling out a new child check-in. This is another important reason to have updated photos of children, parents, and grandparents. You will be receiving an email about this in the future.

Events This Week

TODAY: Syble Womack's 100th birthday celebration.

TONIGHT: Mike Knappier is our guest speaker

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.

FRIDAY: Teens 5th Quarter 10:00 p.m.-midnight

SATURDAY: Fall Ladies Brunch and get together at 11:00 a.m. in the outreach building. Sign up today!

SATURDAY: 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.

Upcoming Events

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

October 6: Mission Sunday. Our goal on this day is \$50,500. Please be in prayer about how you can help us make this happen.

October 7: Pickleball 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

October 8: Pickleball in the Outreach Building for our youth group

October 8: Barbara Salley is inviting any crafters with an unfinished project to bring your project to her house beginning at 6:00 to craft together! The plan is to sit around the table and craft, fellowship, laugh and enjoy time together!

October 10: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. **Melissa Baxley** is the facilitator.

October 12: Congregational Fish Fry at 4:30 at Corin Read Christian Camp. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board next to the office. Please sign up if you will be attending and sign up to bring a side dish.

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 3:00-4:00

October 17: JOY group potluck luncheon at 11:30

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.

We have been invited to attend "*The Silencing of God Seminar*" at Hwy Church of Christ October 11-13. The guest speaker will be **Dave Miller**. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board next to the office.

Congratulations to **Wilma Lunsford** on the birth of her great granddaughter, **Landry Lea**, born on September 16. She weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. Proud parents are **Rhett & Heather Hunter**. Proud grandparents are **Mike & Darlene Bagley**.

Love Notes and Heartstrings

JOY: Jesus, Others, Yourself.

I have a letter board on the wall in my kitchen that reads: "*Things You Can Control*"

1. Your Actions
2. Your Attitude
3. Your Manners
4. Your Effort
5. Your Words

My intention was to change this out every month and it has been the same since January! I read it several times a day. I think all of these statements relate to Joy. I want to choose joy each day. It doesn't always happen and I have let myself listen to the lies that Satan spews, but at the end of the day, I will choose JOY! "*Joy starts with the conviction of your mind*" (Kay Warren).

"*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal*" (2 Corinthians 4:17-18). Have a joyous week! Trish

The meal prepared by Janie Elliott for the Hospice House in Bryant on the third Tuesday was pork chops, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn on the cob and fried okra. Janie also prepared the dessert.

Prayer List: Blythe Bowers received good results on her thyroid ultrasound and will **not** need a biopsy. **Don Flowers** is now at home. **Mark Greeno** will have an angiogram at the Heart Hospital to place a stent tomorrow. **Willie Greeno**, Mark's mother, is in the final stages of congestive heart failure. **Layton Howell** had successful surgery last week and is now at home. **Jewell Powell** is in ICU in critical condition at St. Vincent Hospital. **James Smith** had successful shoulder replacement surgery last week and is now at home. **Madison Wilson** had successful shoulder surgery last week and is now at home.

Continue to remember: Marlee Baxley, Lois Baxter, Sherry Benton, Tyler Buck, Beth Burgess, Eric Burton, Jane Campbell, 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, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Rita Stricklin, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, James Sutton, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Roy Treadway, 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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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

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Stephanie Howell
Billy McLain
Dawn Mitchell
Jimmy Mitchell
Linda Pike
Conner Smith
Fernando Toledo

Records: September 15, 2019

Bible Classes	350
AM Worship	540
PM Worship	131
Wednesday	255
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$10,296.53

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
I Love You, LORD.....779
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
When We All Get To Heaven.....853
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be885
My God And I.....601
Dan Reed.....Prayer
I Come To The Garden Alone.....595
Grisham Phillips.....Communion Devo & Offering
Amazing Grace.....(offering song).....129
Jesus Loves Me.....(children’s song).....1014
Mansion Over The Hilltop.....881
Rick VanZandt.....John 6.35-40
Jim Gardner.....“Good News on the Road”
Just As I Am (I Come Broken).....PH
A Special Presentation.....Special Guest
It Is Well With My Soul.....490
Rick Treadway.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Stephanie Farmer & Suzie Smith

Toddler Nursery

Angela & Jenna Howell

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelly Geurin

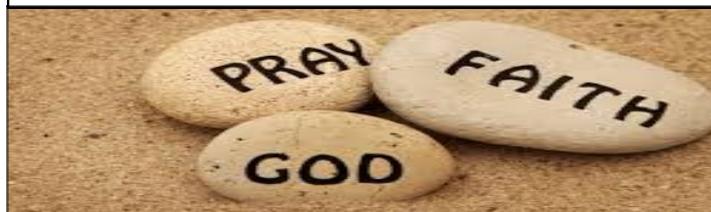
Infant & Toddler Nursery

Carolyn Trusty

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:

Randy & Dawn Mitchell