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Good morning, Northside Family.

Wasn't last Sunday a blessing? In addition to the worship and praise of God, the communion with Christ, and the fellowship of the Spirit, we celebrated the 100th birthday of **Syble Womack**. It was neat to have Benton Mayor **Tom Farmer** as a special guest. Mayor Farmer read a proclamation honoring Ms. Syble and declaring last Sunday "Syble Womack Day" in the city of Benton. We sang Ms. Syble's favorite hymns, showered her with cards, and culminated the special day with a delicious finger-food luncheon.

Mission Sunday is one week from today! This annual day of generosity allows Northside to be a part of the frontline advance of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. The goal that has been set for next Sunday's offering is \$50,500. The entirety of next week's offering will be devoted to ministries around the world that spread the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus. If you would like to give generously, but are unable to do so in a lump sum at one time, you can pledge your offering and fulfill that over the next 12 months. Pledge cards will be available next Sunday.

Frank & Kim Nash, our friends who worship and serve with the Johnson Street Church of Christ, lead a recovery ministry that meets weekly in the Ralph Bunche Community Center. This coming Saturday, they are hosting a fellowship called *Recovery in the Park* from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Ralph Bunche Park. In addition to the fellowship, there will be speakers who will encourage and inspire attendees. Our own **Laura Hutchison** will be one of the speakers. They will also have bounce houses and free sno-cones for the children of parents who attend.

Here's how we can all help make that event a success. First, pray for this event and all the efforts in recovery ministry that are happening in Benton and Saline County. Two, you can help with food donations. We've been asked to provide buns, chips and hamburger fixin's (cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, etc.) for 100 people. Could you help by bringing a donation of those items tonight or Wednesday?

Two weeks from today, the 5th 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** has been a difference-maker in organizing and hosting this event each year in memory of her son **Leavon**, whose nickname was Paco. If you'd still like to participate by registering your chili for entry in the cook-off, you can see Donna this morning.

Fernando Toledo, our gifted Preaching Minister in our Spanish-speaking fellowship, has a wonderful opportunity this week to speak at the Harding Lectureship. Tomorrow through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the McIn-ter Center, Room 125, Fernando will speak on: *The Established Church* (Monday), *The Persecuted Church* (Tuesday) and *The Missionary Church* (Wednesday). This year marks the 96th annual Lectureship at Harding, which begins this evening and concludes Wednesday evening. If you are interested in seeing the entire schedule, go to harding.edu/lectureship.

Billy has been teaching a great Wednesday class on Paul's letter to the Colossians. Last Wednesday, he made a great point about how Christ, who is the source of all creation (Colossians 1.16) is also the source of our salvation (Colossians 1.13-14, 21-23). Since Christ is able to hold all creation together (Colossians 1.17), he is able to hold our heart and soul together, even in the toughest times.

I Love You all,
Jim

Shepherd's Note

I was watching the movie *Facing The Giants* the other day. If you have never seen it, it's about a high school football coach who, after several losing seasons at a Christian school, decides to give himself completely to God. His decision to always praise God is infectious. He decides no matter what, his life is given over to God and he uses this decision to inspire his football team. The idea that he presents to his team is that no matter what, win or lose, they will praise God. This decision inspires them to do their best, to not stop and thus accomplish their goal. We are faced with this same decision every day of our lives. Will we praise God only when life is easy or will we praise Him when life is hard? There's a song that says that the God on a mountain is the God in the valley. Last weekend many of our number took part in a retreat at a camp that just a few short years ago was only a dream in the eyes of some. There is a house across the street from this building that was only a dream months ago. Is it possible that both of these accomplishments came about without difficulties? Where would our camp be if people had given up at the first sign of trouble. Where would our Romans 12:2 house be if we had raised our hands in defeat at the first sign of troubles or discouragement? So, next Sunday will you be an a mountain or in a valley? Will you see the gift you have been praying about as a blessing or a burden? Our goal is \$50,500. If we make that goal will we praise and honor God or ourselves? If we fail to reach that number will we still praise and honor God or moan and groan? *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Philippians 4:19-20). *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Billy's Thoughts

Just one week away until our kick-off of the new *LIFE Groups*! Although we have had some really great lessons on Sunday evenings, with its focus almost every week on a hero from the Scriptures, I look forward to being in a small group. There is something special about the spiritual encouragement to be shared within a small group of Jesus-followers.

If somehow you didn't sign up for a group, not to worry; there are groups meeting throughout the church building campus including in the Worship Center and you can join last minute. Or if you'd like to let me know, I can help place you in a group at the church building or in a home group.

The LIFE Groups will offer plenty of time for prayer together. There'll be a biblical focus on helping every one of us grow in our basic Bible IQ. Occasionally some groups may preempt their regular meeting to engage in a ministry project. In other words, you'll want to be a part of this!

Coincidentally to the official kick-off LIFE Groups, next Sunday is also our annual *Mission Sunday*. Perhaps you'll be able to give extra generously this one Sunday, or maybe you'll prefer to let the elders know how you'll contribute toward missions throughout the year. Whatever, however, you give, together may God bless Northside with a great support of mission work to His honor and glory!

Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

This week is the Annual Lectureship at Harding and I have the opportunity to teach in Spanish on the theme *Fan the Flame*. The Spanish-speaking brotherhood is invited to attend to this lesson on Monday-Wednesday evenings. A group from Benton is planning to attend. My lessons will be based in the power of the church in the book of Acts, focusing on the community and mission with a strong faith through adversities and challenges.

This Saturday October 5 is the Hispanic Regional Annual Ladies' Day here at Northside and they are expecting more than one hundred sisters. My wife has been leading our group of sisters and have been working hard on preparations and decorations. Their speaker is **Juanita Rosas** from Mission, Texas who will be teaching on the theme *Beautifying our Inner Being*. Lessons will be taught in the Spanish-speaking Worship Center with breakfast and lunch served in the Outreach Building.

Next year the National Youth Reunion will be held in Chicago. We have around fifty people from our congregation signed up. Twenty-five preteens/teens and twenty-five adults, mostly their parents, will be working together in preparation for this trip. I see a lot of work for the contest, training in Bible knowledge, reading, interpretation, singing group, song leadership, etc. I see the months ahead full of work, joy, unity and excitement in our Lord Jesus. Our teens are very excited and so are their parents.

Something to Know

To reserve the main building or the outreach building we now have a "Building Reservation Request" form that you must fill out before the reservation can be finalized. The forms are on the counter in the office. After you fill out the form please attach it to the back of the blank forms. Someone from the office will contact you to let you know if your reservation has been approved.

Events This Week

TONIGHT: Teens LIFE group in the home of **Shawn & Kim Wallace**

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.

Upcoming Events

October 6: Mission Sunday. Our goal 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 p.m. to craft together! The plan is to sit around the table and craft, fellowship, laugh and enjoy time together!

October 9: Deadline to sign up for the fish fry.

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

October 11-13: "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.

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.

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

You MUST sign up for the October 12th fish fry because we have to know ahead of time how much fish to purchase. The **deadline** to sign up is Wednesday, October 9th. Sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office, call, or message the office. Thanks to **Phil Lincoln** and his team for all the work they do for Northside's Annual Fish Fry.

Northside ladies have been invited to the 2nd annual Ladies' Day at Mabelvale Church of Christ on Saturday, October 12. The theme is "*Sweeter Sisterhood*". For more information please see the invitation posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

We have a new address for **Briaunah Diamond**, the granddaughter of **Leona Colson**. It is Ronald McDonald House, Diamond Family, Room 48, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN 38105. Briaunah is in St. Jude Hospital. She has been waiting to begin radiation. However, the family found out this past week that her vessel structure is too narrow for radiation and there is a stroke risk. Greg and Savannah, Briaunah's parents, are having to make decisions about potential other options for treatment of the tumor that is restricting blood flow to her brain.

Several in our Northside family have lost loved ones recently. We extend sympathy to...

Beth Connors and her family in the death of her brother, **Doug**.

Chris Givens and his family in the death of his cousin, **Shannon Morrow**. Shannon's 16 year old son, **Dalton**, passed away three weeks ago due to suicide.

The family of **Jewell Powell**. Jewell passed away last Tuesday. Her funeral was yesterday.

Prayer List: Frank Bray, a former member at Northside, is out of acute rehab and back at home. He has limited mobility and able to get around some with a walker. **Ella Graves**, Danny's mother, had successful knee replacement surgery last week. She is now at home. **Mark Greeno** will have an angiogram at the Heart Hospital to place a stent on Friday. **Jan Hastings** is scheduled for an ablation procedure on October 7. **Tommy Hobbs**, Walter Rhodes son-in-law, had successful ankle replacement surgery last week at Baptist Hospital. **Jennie Kirkpatrick**, grandmother of Michelle Hastings, is in St. Vincent's ICU due to a stroke. **Bill Loe**, Jan Hastings dad, was treated at UAMS after suffering a fall. He is now at Hillcrest Health & Rehab in Prescott. **Jimmy Mitchell** has resumed infusion treatments. The treatments lower his immune system. **Joe Puckett** is being treated for having an infection and being dehydrated.

Continue to remember: Marlee Baxley, Lois Baxter, Sherry Benton, Blythe Bowers, 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, Steve Graves, Cindi Greenhaw, Willie Greeno, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Ronnie Hastings, Seth Henry, Shannon Henry, Jan Hicks, Layton Howell, Chris & Corbin Humes, Betty Humphries, Glenn Kays, Rod Kirk, Anita Knight, Reba Leonard, Yvonne Lewis, Wilma Lunsford, Charlotte Mabery, Robert Matheny, Richard May, Bonnie Mayberry, James Mayberry, Dudley McClerkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, 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, 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

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Stephanie Howell
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Jimmy Mitchell
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Records: September 22, 2019

Bible Classes	252
AM Worship	494
PM Worship	95
Wednesday	217
Weekly budget	\$13,732.00
Contribution	\$9,579.52

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 Will Glorify.....578
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News
Come Thou Almighty King.....19
Hosanna.....167
Shout To The Lord.....PH
Ron Jones.....Prayer
Behold Our God.....PH
Tommy Clifton.....Communion Devo & Offering
I Worship You, Almighty(offering song).....64
Jesus Loves Me.....(children’s song).....1014
Praise The Lord.....74
Eric Scism.....John 11.45-48
Jim Gardner.....“Good News on Parade”
Just Over In The Gloryland.....PH
What A Day That Will Be.....916
Rob Nossaman.....Shepherds Prayer

Infant Nursery

Mandy & Tori Gardner

Toddler Nursery

Susan & Lillie Burton

5:00 P.M. Worship

Communion

Kelly Geurin

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Tammy Givens

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:

Rob & Sherry Nossaman