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Good morning, Northside Family.

This morning, we're in for a marvelous blessing as **Jimmy Mitchell** is back leading worship! We've all missed Jimmy's enthusiasm and giftedness as he's battled health issues in recent months. Thank God that Jimmy is better and able to be back leading worship today. As we appreciate Jimmy's return, we also offer our thanksgiving to **Jeremy Clay, Tony Clay, Rodney Crownover, Carroll Davis, Scott Martin & Nathan Mayes** who've capably led worship during Jimmy's absence. Thank you, brothers, for allowing God to bless us through your leading us to worship.

**Linda** pointed out to me that our midweek gathering on Wednesday was just shy of our participation in Bible class last Sunday morning in our English-speaking classes. That is great! Your presence and participation is an encouragement to all.

If you need a midweek boost, a peak in your week, would you consider giving a Wednesday night class a try this week? We have some great options this fall quarter. *Colossians* taught by **Billy McLain** (early class at 10:30 a.m. in classroom 19-a, evening class at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center); *Choose Joy Ladies'* class taught by **Shirley Wallace & Sherry Nossaman** in Outreach Building classroom 1; *Matthew Men's Class* taught by **Wes Ader** in Outreach Building classroom 2; *Basic Bible Knowledge* for women taught by **Rhonda Covington** in the Elders' conference room; *Financial Peace* led by **Carson & Jill Sloan** in classroom 19-A; and *GriefShare* in my office.

The upcoming Fall Retreat at Corin Read is not just for the Young Adults! All adults are invited to participate Friday – Sunday, September 20-22. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the church office. If you are interested in participating, you're encouraged to sign up today to allow the planners adequate time to prepare.

Mission Sunday will be October 6 this year. Each fall, we devote 100% of the first Sunday in October's offering to mission projects that spread the Good News of Jesus all around the world. The goal for this year's offering is \$50,500. You'll be hearing more about Mission Sunday in the coming weeks, but now is a great time to start praying and planning for how you and your family can give generously so that others can know about God's love and salvation through Jesus.

This summer, we were privileged to host The CALL, thanks to the foresight of **Wes & Amanda Ader** and **Steven & Melissa Runyon**. The CALL is a faith-based agency that focuses on finding faithful Christian foster parents for children. Several families who attended the session hosted by Northside have begun training required by the State of Arkansas to open their homes to children in foster care. An opportunity to continue a worthy investment in The CALL is available by providing meals for the training sessions. If you're interested, you can sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/4090544AEAA286F85-september](http://signupgenius.com/go/4090544AEAA286F85-september). The training sessions where the food can be delivered is at The CALL central office located at 2010 Military Road in Benton.

I Love You all, Jim

### Billy's Thoughts

While many at Northside have lived and worked pretty much in this same general area where we were raised, or made every effort to return as soon as we had the opportunity, others of us are living or working here far from our original homes, and may or may not have plans to eventually move back there.

Matthew 4:13 says about Jesus that he left his home of Nazareth and moved to Capernaum. The accompanying note that this fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah makes clear that Jesus moved to a different type of place and mix of people. "*Galilee of the Gentiles- the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*" Jesus moved to a city where not everyone was a faithful Jew or similar to him.

Jesus did what modern missionaries do — he purposely moved to a place that needed the light of his Gospel. He fulfilled Scripture in doing so. Modern missionaries typically move away from their home, region or country to a place often very unlike what they are used to in order to share the message of light in places of darkness. These are people I truly respect. Their work is important because Jesus authorized it and modeled it as well.

Mark your calendars: *Joy Group* Potluck Fellowship kicks off in a week-and-a-half on Thursday, September 19. Most *LIFE Groups* begin Sunday, October 6. If you haven't already chosen which group you will be in, please sign up today before you leave the building.

On Sunday evenings in September: tonight—**Kelley Geurin** will speak on *Paul*. Next Sunday evening, **Nathan Clay** will speak on *Jeremiah*. Two weeks from tonight, **Mike Knappier** will give an update on the *Gospel Chariot Mission* and the final Sunday evening of September we'll focus on Missions with various brief messages.

### Hispanic Happenings with Fernando

Today our worship assembly is at Corin Read Christian Camp as we prepare to finish our weekend retreat after lunch.

Next Saturday some of the ladies from the Spanish-speaking congregation are planning to attend to a Ladies' conference at the Rogers Church of Christ.

Our sisters are preparing their annual Ladies' day here at Northside. This event will be on Saturday, October 5.

### Conner's Contemplations

Good morning everyone! I hope you all had a great week at work and school. I pray no one had any deadlines or exams that were too difficult to manage. I know that as we get back into the swing of fall and winter that school and work can seem to drag on. I know that all of us in this life are used to some sort of a deadline at every point in our life. Whether that deadline is for a project, exam, assignment, or bill payment, these deadlines can weigh on us.

Every time we shift into the full motion of our regular schedule we become accustomed to the pressures of deadlines. As most of you are aware it is less than a week until Kaylee and I become man and wife. Our wedding is another deadline that can create a lot of pressure on our lives. It is these pressures that create stress on our bodies.

Stress is a common emotion and pressure we all feel on a regular basis. We can become stressed from all sorts of things. Stress can be caused by work, school, health, finance, and relationships. We will all deal with this human reality. The reality is stress can heavily impact our physical and mental health.

There is an old story about a Civil War soldier who was on trial for deserting the army. When he was convicted and sentenced to death, his penalty was death by firing squad. As he stood there waiting to be executed, all the riflemen pointed and aimed at him. The squad fired and the deserter dropped dead. When the doctor came to pronounce him, he noticed not a single bullet had struck the man. He was in fact dead, but not from bullets... but from a heart attack. The point being—enough fear can literally kill you.

Isaiah 43:1 says "*Do not fear for I have redeemed you.*" This is just one example of God telling us not to fear. Fear is equal to stress for us. Our fear is a form of stress. We are stressed by the fear of results of aspects of our lives.

### Service Project Opportunity

Northside's food pantry is receiving over 4,000 pounds of peanut butter as a result of the Salt Bowl. We need your help on Tuesday afternoon, September 17th, at 3:30 p.m. to mark through UPC codes & transfer them off the pallets. Ages 2 years through 99 years old are able to come help.

### Events This Week

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

**TUESDAY: Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for our youth group.

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

### Upcoming Events

**September 16: Pickleball** 6:30 p.m. in the Outreach Building for anyone 18 years of age and older.

**September 19: JOY group** potluck luncheon at 11:30 in the outreach building for anyone 55 years of age and older.

**September 20-22: 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*". More details to come (including cost). Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office or by contacting **Jennifer Crow**.

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

**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.

The meal prepared by **Janie Elliott** last Friday for the Hospice House in Bryant was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and deviled eggs. **Mary Stuart** prepared the dessert. Thanks again to all of you who help make this ministry so successful. It is through your generosity that Janie is able to fill in and furnish a meal when someone else is unable to. Right now, Northside is scheduled to furnish meals three times a month. Occasionally when there is 5 weeks in a month, we may be asked to furnish another meal.

### Love Notes and Heartstrings

In Wednesday night ladies class, **Ann Johnson** told us about her life. I loved hearing her talk about her childhood, her adult life and how blessed she feels in her life. This quarter **Shirley Wallace** and **Sherry Nossaman** are co-teaching *Choose Joy* and *Fight Back with Joy*. When Ann was asked how she found joy in all that she had been through in her life, she said she always turned to and trusted God. I admire Ann for sharing with us and it made me think how we all need each other in friendship. I encourage you to get to know someone you might not know!

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."* (Proverbs 27:17).

Don't forget to sign up for the fall brunch on Saturday, September 28! All ladies are invited!

**Congratulations to Michael & Jessica Zanca** on the birth of **Athena Rose** on Saturday, August 31. She weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19" in length. She was welcomed home by big sister **Allie Kate**.

**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.

**Sympathy** is extended to **Amanda Ashton** and her family in the death of her Dad, **Butch Redden**, last week. His funeral will be on Sunday, September 15, at 2:30 at Roller-Ballard Funeral Home.

**Sympathy** is extended to **Bonnie Mayberry, Becca McCutcheon** and **Bernadette Rockwell** and their families in the death of Bonnie's brother and Becca and Bernadette's uncle recently.

**We also extend sympathy** to **Roy Smith**, a former member, and his family on the sudden death of his Dad, **Roy Smith, Jr.** last week.

**Prayer List: Marlee Baxley** returned to school on Tuesday after suffering a concussion. **Beth Burgess**, John & Ruthie's daughter-in-law, had knee replacement surgery last week. **Jane Campbell**, Jennifer Dorsey's grandmother, will have heart surgery on Wednesday. **James Carlisle** will get the results of his recent procedure on Tuesday. **Briaunah Diamond**, Leona Colson's granddaughter, began radiation therapy last week at St. Jude's. She will have treatments for 8 weeks. **Janie Elliott** will have an ablation procedure on Tuesday. **Kimberly Fewell**, Layton Howell's daughter, had successful outpatient knee surgery last week. **Mark Greeno** will have an angiogram at the Heart Hospital to place a stent on September 23. **Layton Howell** will have surgery on September 20 for a large bladder stone. **Wanda Otwell** had successful ankle surgery and is now at home. **Shirley Ridge**, Dale's wife, had successful surgery last Friday and is now at home.

**Continue to remember:** Lois Baxter, Sherry Benton, Blythe Bowers, Tyler Buck, Eric Burton, Joe Campbell, Charles & Edna Faye Caradine, Cash Clancy, Todd Donahue, Susan Dorsey, Ruth East, Ron & Ellen Fant, Don & Patricia Flowers, Kelley Geurin, Mark Gober, Steve Graves, Cindi Greenhaw, Helen Hairston, W.K. Hannah, Shirley Harkreader, Logan Harris, Holly Hart, 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 McClarkin, Manher & Louise Mehta, Darrell Messer, Jimmy Mitchell, Mark Otwell, Sharon Pearson, Jewell Powell, Gary Pruitt, Francille Pryor, Mike Ransom, Dan & Suzanne Reed, Diana Richard, Earlene Russell, Bess Sanders, Margaret Scott, Gene Speights, Patsy Steele, Harold Stuart, Letha Styles, Gary Sullivan, James Sutton, Fred & Edith Swaim, Steve Tolin, Ruth VanZandt, Ron Wallace, Edna Weger, Autumn Wilder, Angela Wilson, Billie Wilson, Bartha Wise, Syble Womack, Mark Woodville.

**Names will stay on the "continue to remember" list for a month unless the office is given an update.**

**Shepherds**

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

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**Deacons**

Wes Ader Michael Haltom  
Carlos Bautista Alex Hamilton  
Gary Black Josh Hastings  
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**

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

**Records: September 1, 2019**

Bible Classes 288  
AM Worship 436  
PM Worship didn't meet  
Wednesday 262  
Weekly budget \$13,732.00  
Contribution \$12,120.75

**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.  
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 A.M. Worship**

Jimmy Mitchell.....Worship Leader  
He Has Made Me Glad.....103  
Todd Hastings.....Welcome & Family News  
Our God, He Is Alive.....23  
We Shall Wear a Crown.....PH  
Surround Us, Lord.....PH  
Lewis Pryor.....Prayer  
At Calvary.....PH  
Jarred Crow.....Communion Devo & Offering  
Wonderful, Wonderful.....(offering song).....PH  
Jesus Loves Me!.....(children's song).....1014  
You Are the Song That I Sing.....238  
Jeff Haughee.....Genesis 2.21-24  
Jim Gardner....."Good News about Marriage"  
There's a Fountain Free.....909  
May the Presence of the Lord Go With You.....PH  
Terry Hastings.....Shepherds Prayer

**Infant Nursery**

Shelly Hampel & Jessica Hurst

**Toddler Nursery**

Lisa, Harmony & Harrison Houston

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

**Communion**

Kelly Geurin

**Infant & Toddler Nursery**

Martha Davis

**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:

**Todd & Tracy Ferguson**