

Welcome to

Northside Church of Christ

Song of Praise..... #23, Our God He is Alive

Song of PraiseWS-23, There’s a Stirring

Song of PraiseExalted

Welcome

Stand & Greet

Song of Praise... At the Name of Jesus

Song of Praise.....#446, Hear, O Israel

Prayer

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Communion

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Closing Thoughts

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Attended Nursery Available in room 101.

“SonShine Farm” is our children’s worship program for ages 3-5 which is held in room 116. Following worship, the children will be taken to the age appropriate Bible class. Bible Classes for all ages will follow Worship.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning - Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:15AM

Sunday Evening Worship 5:00PM

Wednesday Night Bible Class 6:30PM



THE NEW CREATION HAS COME!

New Creation And The Christian Life

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-19

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.” (Gal. 6:14-15)

New Creation

“New Creation” is a theme that runs throughout the pages of the Bible. Isaiah foresaw a time when God would create new heavens and a new earth (Isa. 65:17-18).

Jeremiah foresaw a new covenant that would usher in the new creation (Jer. 31:31-34). John introduces his Gospel about Jesus and the new creation by reworking the opening words of Genesis 1:1—“*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made.*” And the apostles Paul would summarize his entire argument in the book of Galatians by stating that the only thing that counts is “the new creation” (Gal. 6:15).

In Revelation 21, the apostle John opens his final vision with the creation of the new heavens and the new earth and the coming down out of heaven of the new Jerusalem. A pronouncement is then made from the throne of Heaven itself:

“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making _____!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” (Rev. 21:5)

Better Than Heaven

Most of us were reared believing that eternity had only two possible destinies— _____ or _____. Therefore, the most important thing that a person could do was to be “saved” so that they could live with God forever in heaven. Once we were “saved,” we simply needed to “remain faithful until death” and we would then inherit eternal life with God. But what did it mean to “remain faithful until death”?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What if God had something far “better than heaven” in store for those who are saved?

“You have made them to be a _____ and _____ to serve our God, and they will _____ on the earth.” (Rev. 5:10)

What Does It Mean To Be “In Christ”?

“Therefore, if anyone is _____ Christ, the _____ has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Cor. 5:17)

- _____ . Jn. 3:16; 6:28-29
- _____ . Acts 3:19
- _____ . Rom. 10:9-10
- _____ . Gal. 3:26-27

“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Rom. 6:3-4)

More from Les...

(The following is an article by Ray Fuson that challenges us on our spiritual walk with God during 2018. I hope you enjoy it).

It's a new year—did we grow personally in 2017, and how will we pursue 2018? Genesis 1:26 says, *"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."* Romans 8:29 says, *"To be conformed to the image of His Son, the first-born of many brethren."* First, let's understand that Romans 8 explores in depth the work of God. Moving a Christian from the carnal nature to the spiritual nature is the work of the Holy Spirit in a process the Bible calls "sanctification." It is important that we understand that the work of the Spirit is a life-long process completed only at the Resurrection.

Question—Can the Christian reflect Christ's image perfectly all the time? I don't believe we can in this life. If we could, we would not have to fight this spiritual battle each of us fight every day. Instead, I believe that there are moments when Christ is more evident than others—and then there are other moments when self and the flesh get in the way.

Sometimes, we may reflect and see a milestone of growth in our walk with God; but more often it is the little steps—little ditto marks that point the way. Fortunately, the blood of Christ makes up the difference.

The litmus test for us is found in Galatians 5:22-23 which says, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control ..."* Can we truly say that we continually express agape, or storge (family love), or even phileo (friendship love)? Of course not! Is it joy (the glad expectation of God's deliverance), or is it our own happiness we seek? Is it peace (the calm assurance of God in control), or the world's peace (the cessation of conflict)? Is it patience or is it our hurry—our "want it now"—that drives us to reach our destination?

The Bible says in 1 John 4:8, "God is Love". How much of God is love? All of Him and all of Him is joy, peace, patience, etc. I think we need to return to the burning bush on the mountain of God, take off our shoes because we are on holy ground, and hear God say, "I AM is My Name!"

When we bring that into the context of Galatians 5:22—I AM Love, I AM Joy, I AM Peace, and I AM Patience—we get the whole complete sense of who I AM is and our relationship to Him. Our walk with Him becomes more than just a stroll. He can take our little steps, our ditto marks and keep drawing us to Him; making and conforming us to His image. Not an easy task—rather it is His love and His Patience allowing us to take missteps like a parent with a child, guiding us the whole way.

May "I AM" strengthen us to do His will and may we continue to grow in the nurturing love of His Son this coming year!

(If you were blessed by his thoughts like I was, please tell Ray



Christmas Card Exchange

There are envelopes in the foyer for those that haven't picked up your cards from Christmas. Please claim yours today!

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Have you made any New Year Resolutions to be healthy on the inside as well as on the outside? If so, come be a part of our Weight Loss Challenge! Our first weigh-in is **today** and will continue till February 25th. Weigh-in will take place in the library on Sunday mornings before or after bible classes. There will be a \$20 entry fee with all proceeds going to Kryseana Harper's mission trip to India. Please see James Kelley with questions.

MINISTRY HELP NEEDED!! ASAP!!!

No experience necessary... just a desire to serve and a willingness to be present each week! We have several positions in both Audio and Video ministry that are essential for our worship services. Please see Stan Cunningham today if you want to help!!



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday February 10th
4pm-7pm in the Northside Gym

\$10 Per Family- for dinner Sign up on the Bulletin Board

In with the New and Out with the Old.

Thanks to Goodpasture Christian School our food pantry is now fully stocked. The discarded items are outside the pantry door and available for anyone to use for personal, chickens, or any other farm animals.

It's a Girl!!

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Josh & Elyse Rives (son of Randy & Tammy Rives) Sunday, January 28th 2-4PM Ladies Tea Room

Northside Children's Ministry

January newsletter is available at the back of the auditorium and at the welcome center.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will resume Tuesday, January 9th.



To help us keep you and others up to date with the latest news at Northside, please let the office know if...

- Your phone number changes.
- You no longer have a landline.
- Your mailing address changes.
- Your email address changes.
- Your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed on the monthly calendar.
- If you are not receiving church notifications by text, email or phone call.
- Any changes/correction needed to your listing in the church directory.

Youth News



УТЕРВІКА

Winter Retreat— Balance of \$70 is due Sunday. The van will leave Northside at 4:00PM on Friday and return at 5:00PM on Monday, January 15th. All luggage needs to be at the church by Wednesday Night.

Room In the Inn—Monday, January 29th. Teens will be setting up and cooking a meal for Room in the Inn. Make plan to help.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

(Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. If you need to make changes or continue prayer, please fill out a card.)

Dave Brandon is in rehab at Vanco Manor.

Grover Hastings is in the rehab center at McKendree.

Suzan Starkey is sick at home. Her hip surgery has been postpone.

Sandy Kendall-Ball, sister of Beverly Wright, will begin an aggressive chemo and radiation treatment for several months.

Joanne Clinard is still recovering from pneumonia.

La'Yvonne Howard— renewal of strength.

Nora Pippin is sick at home.

Kathye West, friend of Joyce Bentley, for recent medical procedure.

Debbie Kraft & Family, friends of Joyce Bentley, sick with the flu.

Stone Burke, friend of the Evans, is recovering from a stroke.

Kryseana Harper—prayers for peace while living with her family before leaving for India.

Willie Wilkins— prayers for strength and forgiveness, for his heart issues to improve, and for good test results.

Joyce Gentry—Thanks you for your prayers and ask to continue to pray as she moves into her new home.

Kay Raymer, sister-n-law of Judy Marsh, is home. Prayers for successful recovery.

BJ Bryson & Family, friends of Stan & Cheryl Wilson, has cancer and taking treatments, 34 years old with 2 young children.

New Wednesday Night Adult Classes beginning January 10th

Major Lessons Learned in Minors (A study of Amos, Jonah, and Malachi)

Mixed Adult Class taught by Leslie Chapman and Phil Kinzer in the auditorium.

Armor of God (video/discussion series by Priscilla Shirer)

Ladies Class taught by Rachel Conley in the Ladies Tea Room.

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Room In The Inn

Monday—see assignments

Wednesday Night Meal

Baked Potato Bar @5:30 PM

Ladies Morning Bible Class

Resumes Tuesday at 9:30AM

Save the Date:

Family Game Night

Friday, February 10th

Youth Yard Sale

March 17th

Ladies Retreat

April 13th-15th

Worship Assembly Servants

January

Serve Communion:

Gene Buss
 Don Fletcher
 Ralph Fuson
 Stan Latham
 Mac Pewitt
 Robert Quillen
 Randy Rives
 James Seigenthaler
 Phillip Spurlock
 Sid Starkey

Today's Service ~ January 7th

Morning Worship

Prayer: Bob Moore
Communion: Stan Cunningham
Contribution Counters:
 Robert Quillen
 Hugh Hollandsworth

SonShine Farm Helpers
 Katie Sellers, Rachel Conley

Van Driver
 Sunday –Eric Lewandowski
 Wednesday –David Read

Communion Cup

Mike Smith

Safety Team

Team 4

Nursery Caregivers

Sandy Wilson, Tammy Baird

Sunday, January 14th

Morning Worship

Prayer: Ray Pippin
Communion: Wayne Jones
Contribution Counters: Mike Smith
 Doug Strange

Communion Cups

Charlie Hooks

Nursery Caregivers

Joyce Bentley, Victoria Foster

SonShine Farm Helpers

Caleb Tolbert, Lydia Postlewait

Guest Ministry Hosts 8:25AM

Jean Hooper, Carole D'Aguilar,
 June Chapman, Jake Conley,
 Mac & Anna Pewitt, Martha Whitman,
 Lee & Kay Smith, Kryseana Harper

Van Driver

Stan Latham

Safety Team

Team 1

Sunday, January 21st

Morning Worship

Prayer: Jim Pounders
Communion: Phil Kinzer
Contribution Counters: Taylor Atkins
 Charlie Hooks

Communion Cups

Stan Latham

Nursery Caregivers

Jenny Forsythe, Peggy Hooks

SonShine Farm Helpers

Zoe Tolbert, Linda Swanger

Guest Ministry Hosts 8:25AM

Jennifer Comer, Karen Young, Richard
 Thompson, Howard & Mattie Hunter,
 Connie Ridley, David & Linda Swanger,
 Bill & Pam Walls

Van Driver

Taylor Atkins

Safety Team

Team 2

Wednesday, January 17th

Song Leader: Ray Fuson
Benediction: James Seigenthaler
Van Driver : Dave Edwards
Guest Host: Cathy Freeman

Wednesday, January 24th

Song Leader: Larry Hatcher
Benediction: David Read
Van Driver : Stan Latham
Guest Host: Shirley Lewandowski

SHEPHERDS:

Wayne Jones
 Dennis Sellers
 Greg Tolbert
 Kenny Wyatt

MINISTERS:

Leslie Chapman
 Stan Cunningham
 Chris Gannon
 Stan Wilson

FOR THE RECORD—Last Week

A.M. Worship.....249
 Sunday Bible School.....191
 Contribution.....\$7823
 2017 Average Attendance.....279
 2017 Average Contribution.....\$10440

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