

**SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES 9 A.M. / FB LIVE 9:05 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M. /SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS 6:30 P.M.**

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Travis Prewitt
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**OFFICE
HOURS:
MON-FRI
8AM-3PM**

SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS DECEMBER 22nd

Sunday Service 9 a.m. / Bible class 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

SERMON: Steve Powers

PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER: David Presley

SCRIPTURE: Robert Holt

CLOSING PRAYER: Scott Miller

SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: Ted Howard, Chris Middleton

SERVERS: Maddox Bell, Grant Bennett, Nate Bennett,
Roger Cunningham, Tead Deakins,
Hutch Gipson, Micah Hart, Roger Patton

GREETERS: Kathryn Myers, Levi Hursh & Rain Wilson

COUNTRYSIDE ASSISTED LIVING WORSHIP SERVICES 1 PM

Jason Hart & Teens

SONG LEADER: 9 a.m. David Bell **6 p.m.** Lucas Collins

TECH Booth: Clint Howard **Streaming AV:** Spree Ragland

NURSERY: Vickie Burlsworth, Teresa Haynes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th

Scripture & Prayer: Lynn Keener

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Daniel Lance

SONG LEADER: Lucas Collins

Attendance: WED. 12/11: 133

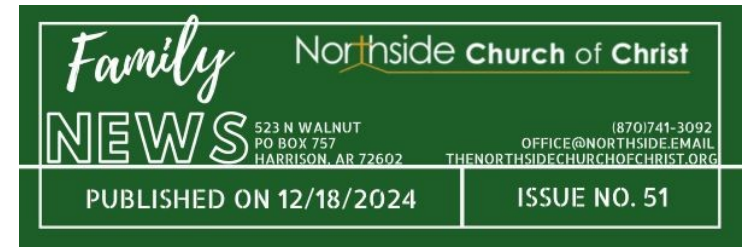
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Contribution: 12/15 \$14,983.00

COMMUNION & BUILDING: David Glenn

WORSHIP LEADER: Sawyer Deakins

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Scott Miller



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Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:13 --KJV).

When reading modern Bible translations, we may find ourselves breezing past familiar words and phrases from our favorite version that we would have done well to have paused and dwelt upon. The verse under consideration today is such a verse. Often, the King James Version (KJV) helps us with this over-looking tendency by offering older, alternative, descriptive words that make us stop and take a deeper look.

The imagery of ‘girding up your loins’ refers to the ancient practice of tucking up long robes into a belt to prepare for action, typically for work or battle. It symbolizes readiness and active preparation.

If, like me, you are having trouble with the words themselves, even though the meaning is quite clear (Prepare yourselves! Get ready!), the following may help. First the original Greek word ὀσφύς (**osphus**) means the human waist area: but just as the heart is always understood to be the seat of emotions (when it is of course actually the brain that does that), so “osphus” was thought to be the seat of physical strength and vitality. Thus “gird up your loins” means: ‘Ready that place in you which controls your bodily strength’.

Alternatively, the phrase could also mean something more like “Tuck your robe into your belt so you don’t trip over it”. Here, the image is more of freeing up your legs and tucking the hanging clothing in. Gird up (tuck in) the cloth into your **osphus** (loins/waist) area. Then you’ll be totally prepared for action.

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Family News

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Peter's words are a call for mental readiness, sobriety and hope, which prepares our minds, clarifies our vision and narrows our focus on the holy life that Christians are to live. "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do" (1 Peter 1:15). I am thankful that the KJV has chosen these older, descriptive words to help us visualize the readiness for action that a life of holiness calls us to. - Stephen Powers

HELP NEEDED

If you can help in the tech booth or with live streaming, please contact Clint Howard.

World Bible School's technician, Josh Snead, will be with us Dec. 29th. He will be teaching us on using our computer to be a student helper, teaching the Bible over the internet. **He will start around 1PM, after our 5th Sunday potluck. We will meet upstairs in the adult class room.** You may not be sure this is for you, but this would be a good opportunity to learn about World Bible School's internet program.

Volunteers are needed in the Nursery for January & February

Prayer Requests

CURRENT

Birdell Alumbaugh, Bettye Honey's brother has a mass they think is cancer in one of his kidneys. He'll be going to the doctor to determine treatment options.

Butch Alumbaugh, Bettye Honey's brother, has suffered several strokes and now has a broken hip. He is in the Woodruff County Nursing home for Rehabilitation.

Rosie Campbell had shoulder surgery last week, **Harvey Cockrum** is at home in hospice care.

Jim Hirsch fell Sunday. He is recovering at home.

Ellie Horis, is improving at Children's Hospital.

Eric Jones had a stress test Tuesday; a sleep apnea test is being scheduled.

Drew Morlen -0020 Drew showed some improvement last week – he's awake, responding & swallowing on this own. Beckii has asked for continued prayers & acceptance of God's merciful will.

Dan Ohler, Staci Prewitt's father, continues to have health struggles.

Stephanie Taylor, the sister of Travis & Jodi Boyd was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer and is undergoing treatments. Jodi is the daughter of Roger & Georgie Patton

The January dates for the Bereavement Support group are January 8th & 22nd. @ 5PM, in the Activity Building.

At Home



Barbara Farmer
Herb Gipson
Dawn Greer

Faye Kisner
Marjorie Malone
Kathleen Mullen

James Reddell

December Funeral Meal Coordinators
Betty Presley, Janice Taylor, Janelle House, Cris Willaims

January Funeral Meal Coordinators: Emily Rhoads, Elaine Murphy, Brenda Lenderman

ONGOING

Grace Brisco
Jon Bussard
Joan Drewry
Marsha Garza
Dawn Greer
Spring Martin
Barbara & Ray Mathis
Beatrice O'Neal
Jerry Peters
Ron Peters
James Reddell
Jillian Willis

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING

Sharon Ballard
Grace Brisco
Mary Brown
Ann Cash
Charlotte Gregory
Joyce Hankins
Shirley Jordan
Faye McLaughlin
Toppo Parker
Mary Rogers
Curt Shaddox

Announcements

Teen Christmas Party
December 21st | 7-9 PM | @ the AB
Eat before you come - but bring a dessert!
Bring a RED or GREEN gift (\$5-\$10) for the gift exchange game.

5th Sunday Potluck December 29th!

We'll eat immediately after morning services & have a devotional after the potluck.

Potluck Dinner

Northside will not have evening services on December 29th.

Join the Golden Years Class as they welcome 2025!

December 31
7 PM

Bring a finger food and a game

NO Pickleball or Basketball

Happy New Year's Eve

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16 (NKJV)