

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES 9 A.M. / FB LIVE 9:05 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M./SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 5 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS 6:30 P.M.

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Beau Bennett	Clint Howard	David Presley
Winston Bruce	Joseph Jenkins	Travis Prewitt
Brian Calvert	David Kernodle	Chris Quattlebaum
William Clark	Daniel Lance	Rick Quattlebaum
Sawyer Deakins	Ron Lenderman	

**OFFICE
HOURS:
Mon – Fri
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS October 4
Sunday Service 9 a.m. / Bible class 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

SERMON: Steve Powers

PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER: Winston Bruce

SCRIPTURE: Heath Gipson

CLOSING PRAYER: Larry Keener

SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: Matt Willmott, Bill Youngblood

SERVERS: Brian Doyle, Robin Haller, Robert Holt, Ted Howard,
Joseph Jenkins, Spencer Johnson, Matt Willmott, Bill Youngblood

GREETERS: Kyle & Becky Fancher, Daniel Lance Family

SONG LEADER 9 a.m. David Bell **5 p.m.** Small Groups

TECH BOOTH: Michael Tomlinson **STREAMING AV:** Nathanael Smith

NURSERY: Beryl Wray and Holly McCormick

COUNTRYSIDE ASSITED LIVING WORSHIP SERVICES 1 p.m.

Sam Alexander & Will Clark Families

WEDNESDAY, October 7

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: Beau Bennett (2 Thes. 2:1-12)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lucas Collins

SONG LEADER: Travis Prewitt

ATTENDANCE:

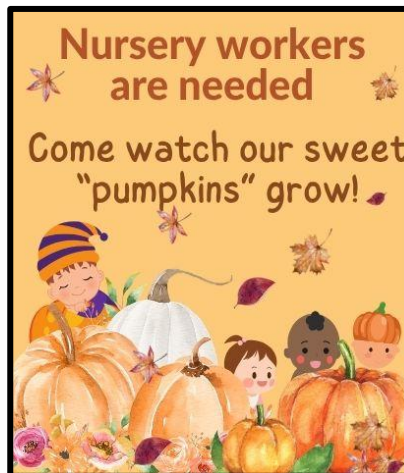
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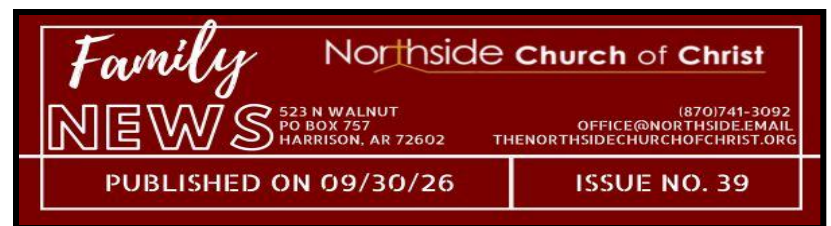
COMMUNION AND BUILDING: David Bell

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: Rick Quattlebaum

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Scott Miller



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Church Fathers

Would you be surprised to learn that the writings of many early church leaders have survived to this day? Letters written to churches by men who actually knew some of the apostles or who lived and worked in the years just following the death of the apostle John have been left for our consideration. I invite you to take a look at their writings. I will simply introduce them here.

Clement, 35 - 99

Imagine Paul and also Peter dying between AD 65 and 67, with John living into the second century (i.e. outliving Clement himself) and you have some idea of the significance of the testimony of this earliest of Church Fathers. It is perfectly possible that Clement met both Paul and Peter in Rome. Clement certainly knew well Paul's writings, particularly Paul's epistle to the Corinthians. Clement himself wrote a very long epistle (65 chapters to the same people - they were still encountering problems) and underlines that they really needed to sort themselves out, in the way Paul had told them. The letter deals with the organization of the church and tells them to restore peace, humility and obedience, uphold the authority of its appointed ministers, and remain faithful to the Apostles and their teaching. Tradition has it that Clement was martyred by being tied to an anchor and drowned in the Black Sea near present-day Sevastopol, Crimea.

Ignatius, 35 - 108

Ignatius was an important leader in the church at Antioch. He was arrested during the reign of Roman Emperor Trajan and taken to Rome, as so many were, for execution. He was thrown to wild beasts in the arena. On the way to Rome he wrote 7 letters, to the Ephesians, Magnesians, Trallians, Romans, Philadelphians, Smyrnaeans and to Polycarp (see below). Ignatius writes principally about the hierarchy of the church, unity, martyrdom and about the true dual nature of Christ. As he knew Polycarp personally (who in turn knew Irenaeus), Polycarp circulated and supported Ignatius' teachings.

Polycarp, 69 - 155

Like the previous two church leaders, Polycarp lived as a Christian leader during the lifetimes of the apostles. Irenaeus (see below) wrote that Polycarp had been "instructed by the apostles" and personally knew the apostle John. Polycarp penned a surviving letter "Letter to the Philippians" between 110-135 AD, giving a very early look at Christianity within the living memory of the apostles. He wrote about elders: "And let the elders be compassionate and merciful to all," and instructed Christians to honor their leaders and remain obedient to the received message of Christ. Like Clement and Ignatius, Polycarp was martyred for his faith: he was burned on a pyre.

Irenaeus, 130 - 202

In a letter written to Florinus, an important theologian in Rome who had become convinced by the Gnostic heresy, Irenaeus states that he personally heard Polycarp

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Announcements

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who had known the apostle John: "I am able to describe the very place in which the blessed Polycarp sat as he discoursed. . . I listened to his teachings attentively, noting them down, not on paper, but in the heart." His major work is *Against Heresies*, written around 180 AD., challenging the heresy of Gnosticism. He urged Christians to hold fast to the teachings of the apostles and taught on the practices of the early church. Irenaeus died probably by being beheaded.

There are many others who wrote during the latter years of the apostolic age whose works are available for our consideration. I hope that this article has whetted your appetite: inspiring you to take a deeper look.

~ Stephen Powers

Neighbor Connections Card Ministry TEAM 3

will meet on **Sunday, October 4th**
immediately following Bible classes in the
upstairs classroom.



There will be a memorial service
in honor of Charlotte Gregory
October 10th from 1 - 3 P.M.
at Maplewood Esplanade.



AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

October 4th - 7th

Bergman church of Christ

Kevin Rhoads

"Authentic Discipleship"

Sun: 10 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Mon. - Wed. : 6:30 PM

Curry St. church of Christ

Matthew McBrayer

"Spiritual Questions with
Biblical Answers"

Mon. - Wed. 7 PM

111 South Curry St.
West Plains, MO

Prayer Requests

CURRENT

Anita Beedle, Larry Keener's cousin's mother-in-law,
has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Judy Coble requests prayers for her husband George. He
is not doing well. They attend Hilltop.

Donna Crow, Ashley Johnson's mother, is undergoing
treatment for breast cancer.

Chris Davis will undergo additional testing in November.

Heather Epperly is recovering at home.

Barbara Farmer is in hospice. She has Alzheimer's.

Mario & Marsha Garza: Mario's sister passed away
recently; Marsha had outpatient surgery recently.

Robin and Lori Haller's grandson Baby James is in the
hospital for bilirubin treatment.

Jimmy & Lorretta Hilliard, Spree Ragland's
grandparents, are having health difficulties.

Kimberly Hinson, the wife of Heath Taylor's cousin, has
been pre-diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Jacky Holmes, Kathryn Myers' father, is home and
improving daily!

Eric Jones is waiting for more test results.

Karalene Jordan, Jeff Jordan's mother & Twig McKinney's
sister, fell and fractured a vertebra.

Rusty & Alicia McMillan and the work in Honduras.

Kathlee Mullen has been moved to Hospice of the Hills,
Room 5.

Connie Middleton, Chris' mother, will have a procedure
to seal the fistula on Oct 14th in KC.

Wilma Ohler, Staci Prewitt's mother, is having some
health issues.

Teresa & Nathan White's 3-year-old granddaughter
recently fell and had a head injury.

ONGOING

Maxine & Stan
Bridgeman

Debra Craig

Joan Drewry

Marsha Garza

Bettye Honey

Beverly Johnson

Spring Martin

Allan McAnnally

Kay Mason

Barbara Mathis

Melina Moats

Drew Morlen

Beatrice O'Neal

Malia Parkinson

Jerry Peters

Lester Sims

Stephanie Taylor

Mickey Whited

Jillian Willis

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING

Sharon Ballard

Mary Brown

Ann Cash

Dawn Greer

Shirley Jordan

Margie Malone

Faye McLaughlin

Kathleen Mullen

Carol Murphy

Mary Rogers

At Home



Herb Gipson

Dawn Greer

Ralph Hill

Faye Kisner

Kathleen Mullen

Beatrice O'Neal

James Reddell

October Funeral Meal Coordinators:

Lisa Martin

Luann Howard, Becky Fancher, Hope Mosley

Family News

Food Pantry

October 2nd

10 am - Noon

Volunteers are needed
Please arrive by 9:30

Golden Years Potluck

October 6th



TEENS' FALL party

October 24th
5 PM

@ HAROLD & SANDRA
JOHNSON'S

Heart Wings

Heart Wings is for all ladies, 50 and over.

After the summer break,
we will start back October 15th,
and meet at the home of Emily Rhoads
@ 5:30 for dinner, a devotional, & fellowship.

The meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of each
month, October - April. If you are interested,
please contact Cris Williams and she will
add you to the contact list.