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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OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 8AM-3PM

SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS FOR September 8

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

SERMON: Steve Powers

PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER: Ron Lenderman

SCRIPTURE: Rollie Walker CLOSING PRAYER: Ken Collins

SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: Lee Campbell, Carl Curtis

SERVERS: Cayson Blackman, Marty Burlsworth, Robin Haller, Spencer Johnson, David Kernodle, Chris Middleton, Pete Papa,

Matt Willmott

GREETERS: Lila Nettell, Rain Wilson

COUNTRYSIDE ASSISTED LIVING WORSHIP SERVICES 1 PM

Harold Johnson, Daniel Lance

SONG LEADER: 9 a.m. David Bell **6 p.m.** Ethan Middleton **TECH Booth:** Michael Tomlinson **Streaming AV:** Alex Grinder

NURSERY: Marty & Vickie Burlsworth

WEDNESDAY, September 11

Scripture & Prayer: Lynn Keener (1 Peter 4:12-5:14)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rick Quattlebaum SONG LEADER: Ethan Middleton

Attendance: WED 8/28 140 SUN 9/1 - 9 a.m. 249 BC: 198 p.m. 92 Contribution 9/1 \$12,136.00

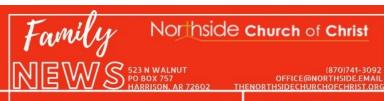
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ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Collins











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Peace or a Sword?

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10:34)

A surprising message

At first glance, these words of Jesus are surprising. After all, the Bible often speaks of the peace that Jesus brings to people: "Therefore since you have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Why does Jesus state that he has not come to bring peace. What does he mean?

Instructions to the Twelve

The verse under consideration is in the midst of instructions given specifically to the twelve in what is sometimes called "The Limited Commission." Jesus is preparing them to take the message that "the kingdom of heaven is near" to the "lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:5-6). He is alerting them as to what they can expect: acceptance, rejection; listeners, scoffers; acknowledgers, deniers. The message of Christ, when introduced to friendships, families and societies often polarizes those relationships and societies. People take sides. The 12 should expect this. They will sometimes be rejected because of Jesus and the message they bring may divide families, friendships and communities.

An eternal message

The message of Jesus is not always popular and may create division among people and families. The sword represents division rather than aggression. It is worth remembering how blessed and privileged we are in the Northside community, where we enjoy love and understanding between the sisters and brothers who constitute the church here. But not all Christians can feel safe and understood in the way that we do: Jesus tells us that our first and foremost task is to love Him and follow His commandments. The context of our verse makes it

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clear that we may not, must not, put any other relationship before our love for Christ. Indeed this love for Him is to be total and all-embracing. No allegiance to our earthly family members may stand between us and God. The sword to which Jesus refers cleaves the world in two: on one side of the sword stroke are Christians; and on the other side is everybody else. It's in this sense that families risk being split: if our parents or our children are not Christians, then they may be separated from us and we from them.

This, of course, is the immensely strong stimulus for us to work on winning our divided friends and family for Christ; it is the idea behind missionary trips to Honduras or elsewhere... We must stand up and be counted as Christians, and work tirelessly to spread the message of Christ to all who doubt it or reject it, increasing the family of God as we live and work. Stephen Powers

Prayer Request

CURRENT

Jon Bussard would appreciate prayers. Celine Johnson, daughter of Mario & Marsha Garza was taken to the ER with bleeding issues. Pravers are requested.

Dawn Jones asks prayers for healing her foot. Spring Martin would appreciate prayers. Beatrice O'Neal requests prayers for her

dialysis and blood clotting issues.

Kristy Taylor is having a lot of back pain due to a slipped disc and a break in a vertebra.

Tony Taylor, Heath's father, is recovering from triple bypass surgery at WRMC.

Teresa White had rotator cuff surgery at NARMC on Friday. She is recovering at home.

Small Groups will begin September 8th.

Groups are listed on the bulletin board.



ONGOING

Bill Curtis **Debbie Crow** Joan Drewry

Marsha Garza

Dawn Greer

Barbara & Ray Mathis

Jerry Peters

Ron Peters

Betty Presley

Mary Rogers

Jillian Willis

NURSING HOME

& ASSISTED LIVING

Sharon Ballard Grace Brisco Mary Brown Barbara Burlsworth

Ann Cash C43harlotte Gregory

Shirley Jordan Faye McLaughlin

Toppy Parker

Curt Shaddox

Ann Warren



The Bereavement Support group will meet on 9/11 and 9/25 @ 5:00 in the Activity Building

At Home



Barbara Farmer Herb Gipson Dawn Greer

Faye Kisner Marjorie Malone Kathleen Mullen

September Funeral Meal Coordinators Elaine Murphy, MaryAnn Presley & Carolyn Seesengood

Announcements



Dear Northside Family,

Thanks for all the cards and coming to my birthday celebration to make it a great success! I love each of you!! In Christian Love.

Charlene Cunningham

There will be a cradle shower honoring

THE KOMAR FAMILY as they get ready to welcome



Sunday, September 15th They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit & truth." John 4:24 NKJV

