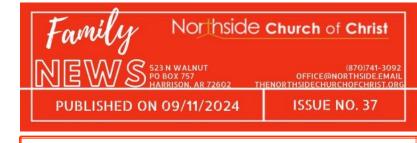
#### SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES 9 A.M. / FB LIVE 9:05 A.M. BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M. /SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS 6:30 P.M.

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**SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS FOR September 15** Sunday Service 9 a.m. / Bible class 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. **SERMON:** Steve Powers **PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER:** Richie Poe **SCRIPTURE:** Raymond Stills **CLOSING PRAYER:** Ken Collins SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: David Glenn. Chris Middleton 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** David Presley, Rick Quattlebaum SONG LEADER: 9 a.m. David Bell 6 p.m. Small Groups **TECH Booth:** Crystal Deakins **Streaming AV:** Austin Harris NURSERY: Lindsi & Bailey Walker

#### WEDNESDAY, September 18

Prayer: David Presley ANNOUNCEMENTS: Beau Bennett GUEST SPEAKER: Eddie Cloer SONG LEADER: Steve Powers Attendance: WED 9/4 143 SUN 9/8 - 9 a.m. 267 BC: n/a p.m. Small groups Contribution 9/8 \$10,284.00 COMMUNION & BUILDING: Winston Bruce WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Quattlebaum ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Collins Northside church of Christ Northside church of Christ PO BOX 757 Harrison, AR 72602 (Return service requested)



#### Suffering

"So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." (1 Peter 4:19)

The first letter of Peter was written to suffering Christians. The themes of holiness and hope permeate the book. Near the end of his letter, Peter gives the above admonition to suffering Christians. His words are both directive and encouraging.

The sufferings of the people who were the recipients of the letter Peter's letter was addressed to the Christians in five provinces of what is modern-day Turkey. They were likely a mixed group from a Jewish and also Gentile background - but together these people were living in a hostile environment - Peter refers to them collectively as "aliens" and "foreigners" which made them stand out against the majority (who would have worshiped pagan, perhaps Roman, gods). As happens also today, those who are *different* from others are often marginalized and victimized; the sufferings of Peter's readers included beatings, robberies, violence of many kinds, and a forthcoming trial by fire (1 Peter 1:7 and 4:12-19). Whether this *fiery trial* is literal or figurative does not change Peter's basic message: Christ suffered and died for us on the cross, and we, Christians, cannot expect everything to be painless in our own pilgrimage to the feet of God. Christians must rejoice to resemble Christ in all ways, which includes being prepared to suffer mental or physical pain as witnesses to our faith. We must remain steadfast and *continue to do good* whatever occurs.

#### The attitude and actions of the suffering

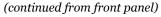
Peter gives many precepts to suffering Christians: be holy in all you do (1:15); place your faith & hope in God (1:21); live submissively in the world (2:13); endure suffering with the attitude of Christ (2:21); be ready to give an answer for hope, even while suffering (3:15). All these holy attitudes culminate in Peter's summarizing statement: commit yourself to God, who is the faithful Creator, and continue to do good.

First, the suffering Christian commits himself to God. God knows. God hears. God sees. God cares. The first step in dealing with suffering is to turn things over to God and commit one's life fully to Him.

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Second, God is faithful and He is the Creator. The faithfulness of God assures sufferers that He will never abandon them, but will always be true to His word. Knowing He is the Creator assures Christians that God indeed has the power to be faithful.

Third, continuing to do good instructs suffers to never use their sufferings as an excuse to behave badly. Rather, Christians are to continue to do good and let their deeds of righteousness shame those who would persecute them (3:16). -Stephen Powers

# Prayer Request

### **CURRENT**

Jon Bussard would appreciate prayers. Celine Johnson, daughter of Mario & Marsha Garza. She is scheduled for surgery Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. **Dawn Jones** asks prayers for healing her foot. Spring Martin would appreciate prayers. Todd Murray, the brother of former member Tim Murray, has been diagnosed with lvmphoma.

Beatrice O'Neal requests prayers for her dialysis and blood clotting issues. Kevin Snyder, son of Mary Gibson, had a seizure last week. He is home, but he is weak. Kristy Taylor is having a lot of back pain due to a slipped disc and a broken vertebra. **Teresa White** *is recovering at home following* rotator cuff surgery.

**Bill Youngblood** *fell Sunday fracturing his ankle* and injuring ligaments. He is currently at home with a boot and crutches.

### ONGOING Bill Curtis **Debbie Crow** Joan Drewry Marsha Garza Dawn Greer Jerry Peters

## Barbara & Ray Mathis **Ron Peters** Mary Rogers Jillian Willis

### **NURSING HOME**

**& ASSISTED LIVING** Sharon Ballard Grace Brisco Mary Brown Barbara Burlsworth Ann Cash **Charlotte 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 Faye Kisner Marjorie Malone Herb Gipson Kathleen Mullen Dawn Greer

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

# Announcements



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.

You are invited to a bridal shower fo Kailyn Daniels, bride-elect of Ethan Middleton, Sunday, September 22nd 1:00 - 3:00 at the home of Vickie Burlsworth 3775 Savannah Drive

Kailyn & Ethan are registered at Amazon, Shelby's & Target.

