## 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 FEBRUARY 18**

Rick Quattlebaum

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

**SERMON:** Steve Powers

PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER: William Clark

**SCRIPTURE**: Floyd Cox

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Sam Alexander

SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: Roger Cunningham & Bill Youngblood

Servers: Heath Gipson, David Glenn, Robin Haller, Kiley Keener, Lynn

Keener, Todd Komar, Scott Tennyson, Matt Willmott

GREETERS: Micki Keener & Rain Wilson
SERVICE FOR COUNTRYSIDE ASST. LIVING 1 PM

David Kernodle & Roger Paul

SONGLEADER: 9 a.m David Bell 6 p.m. FCL YOUTH

**TECH Booth:** Clint Howard **Streaming AV:** Austin Harris

**NURSERY:** Joan Drewry & The Jenkins ladies

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Scripture & Prayer: FCL YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: FCL YOUTH SONGLEADER: FCL YOUTH

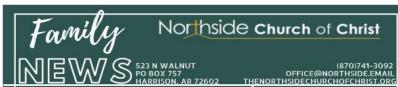
<u>Attendance:</u> WED. 2/7-162 -SUN. 2/11-**9 a.m.** 257

**BC:** 215 **p.m**.: 97. Contribution 2/11- \$8,054.00

COMMUNION & BUILDING: Daniel Lance
WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Quattlebaum
ELDER OF THE MONTH: Sam Alexander



The Men's Class will meet upstairs tonight in the Teen Room.



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### YOUR FIRST LOVE

"You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first." (Revelation 2:4b-5b)

#### From the mouth of Jesus.

When casting our eyes on the first few chapters of Revelation we note that these words are spoken by Jesus himself – they are in red letters in my Bible. These words of Jesus are addressed to the seven churches of Asia. We are familiar with the apostle Paul writing letters to the Christian churches, but these words from Revelation are unique in that they come from the mouth of Jesus. Direct words spoken directly to these churches.

The churches' spiritual health.

Interestingly, the words spoken by Jesus are specific to the spiritual concerns of each church. There is no mention of the day-to-day schedules or organizational structures and buildings. Rather, Jesus speaks to the heart of their faith – the spiritual vitality and health of each congregation. In essence, he gives them a spiritual pep talk – "Continue to do the things that have brought faithfulness, put aside those things that keep you spiritually weak."

#### Jesus redirects the Ephesus church.

Jesus is pointing out a process that often happens in human organizations, and in this case the Church at Ephesus. Paul lit their flame of faith in the spring of 52AD on his second missionary journey, returning during his third journey and staying for 3½ years. These were the years of Priscilla, Aquila, and of Apollos. Later, Timothy was sent to be the leader of the church there, and then it was the turn of the Revelation writer himself, John, before he was exiled to the island of Patmos (which is where he had the vision of Jesus addressing the 7 churches).

The process is easy to understand: the enthusiasm and eagerness with which the church began its faith journey gave way to distractions, discouragement and the loss of spark that often follows. The result was that the initial enthusiasm waned (the 'first love - the height from which

the church fell' in our text of today).

The call to repent and do the things [they] did at first is a call we all need to hear and heed. We must not forsake the drive and sense of adventure of the start of our Christian journey! We must not allow the message to become stale; we must not not slip into lazy ways that are easier and less demanding to follow. We must rekindle our faith flame anew each day, each week, each month, each year by reading and re-reading the word of God in the Bible and refresh ourselves in humble prayer each morning, each midday and each evening, saying, with the angels: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come! You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power." (Revelation 4:8, 11). Stephen Powers

## Family Mews

#### Mike Eckhart passed away Sunday, Feb. 11. There will be a memorial service for him Tues... March 5 in the Northside Activity Building. There will be visiting & refreshments at 10 a.m. with the service beginning at 10:30 a.m.



219 Villas Lane Little Rock, AR 72223

**Bereavement Support** Group meeting Feb. 21 @ 5 p.m.

#### BABY WELCH

There will be a table set up in the fover

#### MARCH 3

Help us sprinkle Evan & Shianne as they are about to have another sweet baby! They are registered on Amazon.com REGISTRY (Pampers are their diaper preference) **CLICK HERE** 

Please keep it gender neutral, they are waiting to find out at birth!



## Prayer Request

#### **CURRENT**

Mary Brown- Is in Mnt. Vista rom. #40 Mary Bruce- (Jerry & Ronnie Peter's sister) has breast cancer along with other health issues. **Jon Bussard-** is having serious heart issues. **Cheryl Conrad-** *friend of Leon's, has Colon* Cancer.

Mike Eckhart Family- Mike passed 2/11/24. His son Chris' address is. 803 E Ridge, Harrison AR **Jewell McAnally family-** *Jewell passed away* 1/16.

Rick Meridith-Rain Wilson's cousin in Texas- is in the hospital with Covid, diabetes and a heart condition.

**Jolene Nutt Family-** Sandra Johnson's sister passed away Tuesday 2/6. Please pray for her and her family.

**Jerry Peters-** will be going to Walker Heart this Wednesday, Feb. 14 for testing. **Jessica Smith-** is asking prayers on behalf of a friend who is struggling with depression &

#### **ONGOING**

Joan Drewry Rodney Dinwiddie Marsh Garza Dawn Greer Rav Mathis Mike Pippin T.J. & Whitney Pulliam Mary Rogers **Iillian Willis** 

#### **NURSING HOME** & ASST. LIVING

Sharon Ballard Mary Brown Barbara Burlsworth Charlotte Gregory Sue Mangrum Faye McLaughlin Toppy Parker **Ruth Pratt** Curt & Reba Shaddox Ann Warren

## Announcements

7TH-12TH 5 = 3 RU/A/RY/ 223-25

#### ADULT BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE FEB. 4 - MAY 1

#### SUNDAY 10 AM- Romans

Main Auditorium: Larry Keener/Rick Quattlebaum **Upstairs Auditorium:** Steve Powers/Richie Poe **Activity Building:** Evan Welch

#### WEDNESDAY

Main Auditorium: Rick Quattlebaum "The Crucifixion & Resurrection" **Upstairs Auditorium** Sandra Johnson & Jessica Smith **Ladies Class** "Hide Em' In Your Heart" **Activity Building** David Bell Men's Class "God calls for Justice"





### HOT CHICKEN Men's eating out night at Hutch's Hot Chicken @ 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 4 LET EVAN WELCH KNOW IF YOU

PLAN TO ATTEND

#### WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

OUR BUILDING WILL BE OPEN AT OUR REGULAR MEETING TIMES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO WORSHIP AND STUDY TOGETHER REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER CONDITIONS. WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO USE THEIR OWN BEST JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE LOCAL ROADS. AS WELL AS OUR SIDEWALKS AND PARKING LOT WILL ALLOW SAFE ATTENDANCE.

#### THANK YOU

I want to thank the congregation for the cards, words of encouragement and prayers for the loss of my wife and brother to cancer and for my own battle with this disease. It is appreciated very much. In Christian Love, Mike Pippin

#### At Home

addiction.



**Grace Brisco** Herb Gipson Dawn Greer Faye Kisner

Shirley Jordan Marjorie Malone Kathleen Mullens

### Pebruary Puneral Dinner Coordinators

Glenda Curtis, Margie Keener, Sandra Johnson