

2500 Parrish Street, Waco, TX 76705

Building a community of Faith, Hope and Love; Where people meet Jesus and learn to walk with Him.

Schedule of Services: Bible Class 9:30am; AM Worship 10:30; PM Worship 6:00; PM Wednesday 6:00

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020

Does It Really Work?

"Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all" (Romans 12:17).

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Some time ago I was listening to a woman whose husband had abandoned her, leaving her to raise two little children. She struggled with the subject of forgiveness. This is entirely understandable, especially given that he never asked for such a blessing. However, she wanted her children to benefit from having their father in their lives. They had done nothing wrong; why did they have to suffer, she wondered?

So, her question was this. When one returned good for evil, did it really work? Did this ever result in the wrongdoer responding positively, changing his lifestyle?

It made me think of a political parallel. If one were to unpeel the actions of Arabs and Israelis, one would find acts of violence, fostering acts of violence, going back for millennia, a pile of brimstone-hot anger reaching to heaven. Obviously responding to evil with evil has not worked.

So, is it time to try responding to evil with ... good? Does it really work?

This *has* been tried. God's response to a long, dreary line of human iniquity was to send his son and pay for our sins on the cross. God's response was to repay evil with good.

So, has it worked?

Not always. There are many who seemingly do not respond even to this demonstration of Divine love. But some do. And that is the point. Repaying evil for evil never works. Repaying good for evil does, at times.

I wish I could say it worked for that broken young woman. Her former husband must have a hard heart considering that he left those children out in the cold. But the answer to her question is simple; the only way that works is to respond to evil with good.

By Stan Mitchell

Wisdom: The Street Preacher (Proverbs 1:20-33)

Warning: Wisdom is a person who pleads with us to repent, not perish!

- Have you ever seen and heard a real street preacher?
- This preacher shares three inescapable realities...

We Need to Accept Jesus as the Wisdom of God (Proverbs 1:20-23)

- Proverbs 8-9 reveal that Lady Wisdom is God's wisdom! (1 Corinthians 1:24, 30)
- Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of God's wisdom, His Word (John 1:1-5, 14).
- Lady wisdom promises two things to the penitent:
 - First, they receive her spirit! (Gen. 1:2; Ex. 31:1-2; Is. 11:1-5; Ez. 36:22-27).
 - Second, they understand her words! (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19)

Refusing to Accept Jesus Will Ruin Your Life (Proverbs 1:24-32)

- The Lord laughs at the wicked and His judgement is a storm (Psalm 2:4-6; 83:15).
- Unfaithfulness or "apostasy" is cheating on God (Jeremiah 2:19; Hosea 14:4).
- We must not be lulled into the complacency of fools that leads to rebellion!

Accepting Jesus Leads to True and Abundant Life (Proverbs 1:33)

- Those who accept wisdom listen to her and build a relationship with her...
- Those who accept wisdom can live securely, unafraid of danger, sleeping well...
- Fortunately, wisdom isn't a thing; He's a person we can trust!
- He forgives us and enables us to be wise, because *today* is the day of salvation!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the calls, cards, prayers & encouragement you've given me over the past few months. I love you all, Dick Decker

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sam Munn, Lynn Pearson's brother in law, passed away Monday night.

JB Nelson is still in the hospital. He will be moved to the Hewitt Senior Care soon.

Phil Bancale's brother is having issues. **Ronnie McDaniel**, Kenny Willis's Brother-inlaw, is having some health problems.

Gary McDaniel, Ronnie McDaniel's brother, has cancer.

Steve Norman, friend of Kenny Willis, has cancer.

2 Special Education students from Midway are in Cook's Hospital in Ft Worth. 1 is taking a turn for the worse. Pray for peace & comfort.

PRAY FOR

➤ Brenda Anderson, Ever Johnson, Larry Lykins, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant, Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, James Lewis, David Anderson, Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, Glenda Tynes, Kim Bond, Leo Kirkland, Emma Greenawalt, Eve Rasberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Horace Litton, (Jane Munn parkinsons), Jackson Pratka, Charlotte Griffin, Lorene Allen, Tyran Williams, Karen Weaver, Joe Cook, Joyce Cunningham, Dixie Frost, Kim Bledsoe, Tommy Cross, Sherril Polansky, Cora & Sonny Gore, Joey Primeaux, Larry Scott, Madeleine Anderson, Rick Keeton, Molly Cassady, Megan Jones, Riley Robinson, Guy Clemmons Jr, Kyle Crum, Molly Cassidy, Vance Stone, Dwan Pickens, Jerry Don Williams, Hollis Godfrey, Dennis Tynes,

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Ruby & Billy Evans Wesley Woods Dolores Davis

St Catherines Cotton Lindloff, Danny Paschal <u>Home</u> Larry Havard Sr, Nancy Fletcher, Jackie Walker, Arthur Mae Maloy, Shela Havard, JB Nelson.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carson Moore (22nd) Merlene Warren (23rd) Johnathan Ibanez (24th) Clara Wheat (31st)

OTHER NEWS

Today there will be an Elders & Deacons meeting at 5pm.

Wednesday night meal will be Pizza at 5:30pm. Please see sign-up sheets. There will be a Ladies Day at Hillsboro Church of Christ Saturday January 25th from 9am to 12pm. Flyer on board in the

foyer. **DATES TO REMEMBER**

January 25th Ladies Day from 9 to 12 at Hillsboro Church of Christ. Flyer on board in the foyer.

January 25th FAC reserved for Melanie Wheat at 10am.

January 29th singing at The Atrium at 7pm with Timbercrest C of C.

February 2nd Potluck after morning worship, no evening services.

March 9th change time. Spring forward.

March 21st from 9 – 12 there will be a Grief Seminar with Michael Whitworth.

March 29th potluck after morning worship.

March 29th Singing at the Atrium at 1:15

March 29th no evening services.

April 12th Easter

April 26th potluck after morning worship.

April 26th singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:15

April 26th no evening services.

May 16th Area Wide Congregational Singing at 6pm. Snacks afterward.

May 31st Potluck after morning worship.

May 31st singing at the Atrium at 1:15.

May 31st no evening services.

December 19 FAC reserved to Borlands from 10 to 4.

Children ages 2-7 are invited to the front of the auditorium during the singing of Jesus Loves Me for children's time.



10:30 Assembly Welcome

Songs:

533 – I Am a Sheep 394 – Walk with Me

Prayer: Eric Wharton

Songs:

506 – No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus 18 – Faithful Love

Scripture

I Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

Communion:

Charlie Scott John Sanchez
David Rowin Nelson Moore

Songs:

552 – Have Thine Own Way

1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song:

258 - The New Song

Sermon by Chris Wheat

"Wisdom: The Street Preacher" (Proverbs 1:20 – 33)

Invitation Song:

918 - Out of My Bondage

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Kevin Moore

	Week of Jan 12	Monthly Average
Bible Class	<u>65</u>	46
AM Worship	<u>97</u>	<u>92</u>
PM Worship	<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>59</u>	<u>32</u>
Contribution	\$2,939	<u>\$3,489</u>

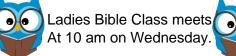
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Chris Wheat	Chris Borland	
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Words of Wisdom

"I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. Psalm 7:17."