



Northside Church of Christ

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, March 10, 2019

Real Gratitude

What is gratitude? Is it passive or active in nature? Where can you find it and how can you develop it? Google tells us gratitude is, "the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness." This may be true but where do we get that quality? How do we get ready to show appreciation? What would prime us to return kindness? As you may expect, I'll reference the kindness of Jesus Christ right here. He made a proactive choice to show kindness towards all mankind (**Romans 5:6-8**). He chose to die for us at our absolute weakest moment. He gave us a Golden rule to follow (**Matthew 7:12**). We love Him because He first loved us (**1 John 4:19**). Reciprocation is encouraged, even demanded, by Christ's loving action. Think of the spontaneous gratitude He showed in His own life (**Luke 10:21-22; John 11:41-42**).

So, in reading about and mimicking the example of Christ we gain the perspective of gratitude which is only proper when we have the grace of God on playback in our minds. He didn't have to! That's when I feel most grateful. When someone else didn't have to, they had no obligation, but they helped me anyway! If you're paying attention you'll see daily reminders that people with no obligation are serving others. You'll also see that most of those people will serve with no expectation of gratitude in mind. We have much to be grateful for everyday (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**).

Gratitude is not simply saying the occasional "Thank you." It is an attitude that is developed when we actively seek to know the blessings, the good, in all people and circumstances. Is it challenging to accomplish that kind of growth? Absolutely! Is it rewarding to do so? Affirmative! By rotating our focus away from the negative events we cannot change, and aiming it toward the positive attributes of our fellow human beings, we can bask in the joy of a shared joke, a smiling friend, a laughing child. Why?

Because we have sought for and found something worthy of gratitude in each and every moment. We begin to understand the vapor like nature of the physical realm which makes us desire with all fervor, the reality of an everlasting bliss. This attitude will lead us to the one being who is worthy of all the combined gratitude of the universe: our creator God!

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

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The Secret Of Bearing Fruit Is...

Introduction

- The secret of Living is bearing fruit... (**Jn. 15:1-2**)
- How can we be sure we are fruitful branches? What is the secret of bearing fruit?

1. Discerning the Secret of Bearing Fruit

- How often does Jesus use the word "abide"? (**Jn. 15:4-7, 9, 10**)
- **The Secret of Bearing Fruit is Abiding!**
 - Union then communion (**Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-5; Jn. 15:4-5**).
 - Paul wrote of available power (**Phil. 4:13, 19; Col. 1:29; Eph. 1:18-20; 3:20**).
 - People transforming power... (**1 Cor. 6:9-11; 15:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-16**)

2. Evidence of Abiding in Christ

- **Bearing Much Fruit (Jn. 15:5)**
- **The Father's Pruning (Jn. 15:2)**
 - We need a very powerful cleaning instrument (**Heb. 4:12-13; Eph. 6:17**).
 - Are we reading, or hearing, and accepting? (**Js. 1:22-25**)
- **A Growing Sense of Dependence (Jn. 15:5)**
 - Realize that apart from Christ we can do nothing of real, lasting value.
 - Realize the true source of strength! (**2 Cor. 3:5; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 4:15**)
- **Prayers Being Answered (Jn. 15:7, 16)**
 - As we abide in Christ, we will find our prayers being answered.
 - Answered prayers depend on key factors (**1 Jn. 3:22; 5:14; Js. 4:3**).
- **Love for Christ and His People (Jn. 15:9, 12)**
 - God is love. Christ is God (**Jn. 1:1**). Abide in Christ; abide in love (**1 Jn. 4:7-8**).
 - Christ *commands* us (**Jn. 15:17**). Do we really know God? (**1 Jn. 3:14; 4:8, 20-21**)
- **Inner Joy (Jn. 15:11)**
 - Not absence of trial or trouble, but a joy borne of assurance (**Jn. 16:33; Phil. 4:4**).
 - One of the first signs I'm not abiding in Christ is loss of joy (**Ps. 32:3; 51:12**).

Conclusion (2 Pt. 1:8; 2 Cor. 13:5)... but what's the secret of abiding in Christ?

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THANK YOU

We want to thank each & everyone of you for all that was given and done for our family during this time. A new born is a lot of work! But we love him that's for sure! We miss you all and will surely see you very soon. Thank you again for all your love & kindness. Kayla & Kevin Moore

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Kemp, former member, passed away Thursday.

John Michael Sanchez, grandson of John & Ginny Sanchez, has an ear infection and flue.

Anna Mullins will have another brain surgery soon.

Johnny Ballard, Ann Sapps son, had his leg amputated Thursday, March 7th.

Dayla Hale, Richard Hale's daughter, is at the Mayo Clinic. She has been taken off the kidney list.

Mike Carnahan, Charlie & Felicia's brother in law, passed away last week.

Kay Wade, friend of the Scotts, passed away.

Wayne Stubblefield, William Whisenhunt's Uncle, passed away on Friday.

PRAY FOR

➤ Dolores Davis, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington, Jackie Walker, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant (health), Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, Warren Garland, James Lewis, Anna Mullins, Ed St Claire, Danny Paschal, Evar Johnson, David Banda, David Anderson, Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, Glenda Tynes, Kim Bond, Leo Kirkland, Emma Greenawalt, Eve Raspberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Horace Litton, Jane & Sam Munn, 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, Larry Lykins, Rick Keeton.

The Atrium of Bellmead Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans **Lake Shore Village** Nancy Fletcher room 806 **St Catherines** Larry Havard Sr room 3235 on the 2nd floor.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jaxom Walker (18th) Cherie Winget (22nd) Reggie Olson (26th) Johnny Henderson (26th) Carla & Chester Pogue (28th) Truman & Dovie Burrow (30th)

OTHER NEWS

Men's training class will be today at 5:15.

Pack N Play is set up for diapers for Brayson Mayfield, Bancale's great grandson.

Wednesday night meal will be pancakes & sausage & bacon starting at 5:30. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Elders & Deacons meeting will be next Sunday at 4:30.

Stronger Marriage workshop will be Saturday, March 23rd. See Mary Olson if you can help with food.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 23rd Stronger Marriages workshop.

March 24th Men's training class 5:15 to 5:45.

March 24th Jim Crain from World Bible School will be here.

March 31st Pot Luck after morning worship.

March 31st singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:30..

March 31st No Evening Services.

April 6th FAC reserved for Billy Evans 90th birthday.

April 28th Pot Luck after morning worship

April 28th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:30.

April 28th No evening services.

May 18th area wide singing.

May 19th fac reserved to Mary Olson for wedding shower.

May 24th FAC reserved for the Fedro's.

May 25th FAC reserved for Olson reunion

May 26th Pot Luck after morning worship.

May 26th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:30.

May 26th No evening services.

May 29th singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 7pm.

June 14 & 15 FAC reserved for the Bancales.

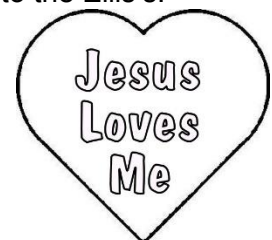
August 3rd FAC reserved for Kenny Willis.

August 24th FAC reserved for the Commanders.

December 2nd through 7th garage sale work days and garage sale.

December 21st FAC reserved to the Ellis's.

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



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10:30 Assembly

Welcome

Song Order:

533 – I Am A Sheep
409 – Savior, Lead Me

Prayer: Eric Wharton

Song Order:

548 – The Lily of the Valley
319 – Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Scripture:

Luke 24: 44 - 49

Communion:

Charlie Scott Nelson Moore
Mike Olson Karl Helpert

Song Order:

96 – I Stand in Awe
1014 Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song Order:

595 – I Come to the Garden Alone

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“The Secret of Bearing Fruit Is....”

Invitation Song:

881 – Mansion Over the Hilltop

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Aubrey Minchew

	<u>Week of March 3</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>63</u>	<u>42</u>
AM Worship	<u>104</u>	<u>102</u>
PM Worship	<u>39</u>	<u>32</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>63</u>	<u>59</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,780</u>	<u>\$2,735</u>

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Aubrey Minchew
Nelson Moore

Deacons

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Joe Saucedo

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Words of Wisdom



Use the talents you have---the woods would be silent if no birds sang except those that sing best.