



# 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, May 6, 2018

## **PERSECUTION**

The Bible says “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (**Matthew 5:10**). What is persecution? Do you remember playing tag? Have you ever been chased like that? Was it fair? Did the chaser have an advantage? That advantage doesn't last forever does it? Persecution is like that, an unfair advantage being pushed and exploited.

There's a fine line between persecution and correction. Sometimes I need to be corrected for my own benefit and to stop me from hurting others. We might think persecution is gratuitous and unnecessary, but what does the New Testament teach? Did Jesus have to suffer persecution? Was there a purpose for that suffering? The Gospels tell us Jesus had to suffer in order to fulfill prophecy, and the purpose of God's plan (**Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22; 17:25; 24:26**). Jesus linked his suffering to the glory revealed in His resurrection and ascension. Does suffering always precede glory? If we follow the example of Jesus the answer is affirmative!

Paul had to mimic Christ's suffering to bring glory to His name (**Acts 9:15-16**). So how can we expect to glorify Christ with our lives if we don't go through some kind of persecution? The key for holding up under persecution is remembering why it is happening. Jesus tells us to rejoice in persecution if the accusations are false and we've been resolutely loyal, clinging to Him (**Matthew 5:11-12**). Like the prophets who were bullied for being strangely committed to God's message, we must prove ourselves loyal to Him. Watch the new movie “Paul: Apostle of Christ” by Affirm Films. It reasonably depicts the difficulties early Christians suffering in Rome and how they responded to the heinous persecutions of Nero. They responded with love!

Peter writes to persecuted Christians in the first century and reminds them of Christ's example. You should read the whole letter and look for this theme (**1 Peter 2:19-23; 3:14-17; 4:12-16**). It will bless you to know that sharing in the suffering of Christ is our badge of courage. It should be the source of our greatest joy! When you're being bullied, chased down, and tackled to the ground because of your faith in Christ, it is time for celebration that God's work is being done through you.

*Thoughts from Chris Wheat*

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## I Am The Vine

### Introduction (John 15:1-16:4)

- In Chapter 13 Jesus washed the disciples feet, preparing them for \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Chapter 14 He calmed their fears and prepared them for His \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Chapter 15, how will He prepare them for the \_\_\_\_\_ confronting them?

### Discussion

#### I. Issue One: \_\_\_\_\_ From Men (15:18-16:4)

- A. How did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples for persecution?
1. First, remember that the world hated Jesus \_\_\_\_\_! (15:18).
  2. Second, the persecution is not “\_\_\_\_\_” (15:21).
  3. Third, they would be \_\_\_\_\_ out of the synagogue... (16:2)
  4. Finally, the hardest pill to swallow was the \_\_\_\_\_ (16:1-4)
- B. Do followers of Jesus still \_\_\_\_\_ persecution today?
- C. Will we always be able to live at peace with \_\_\_\_\_? (Romans 12:18)

#### II. Issue Two: \_\_\_\_\_ From Jesus (15:1-8)

- A. Jesus gave them the \_\_\_\_\_ “I Am” statement in John’s Gospel (15:1).
- B. “\_\_\_\_\_” was used seven times in seven verses! (15:1-7)
- C. When persecuted for Christ, do we have \_\_\_\_\_?

#### III. Issue Three: \_\_\_\_\_ of Love (15:9-17)

- A. What was His \_\_\_\_\_ commandment? (13:34-35; 15:12)
- B. What is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel message? (Matthew 22:34-40)
- C. Is there a love more \_\_\_\_\_ than what Jesus expressed? (15:13)

### Conclusion

- \_\_\_\_\_ said there’d be days like this.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to the vine and love one another from a pure heart! (1 Peter 1:22).

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Shela Havard's** wrist surgery went well. She is at home resting.

**Charlotte Taylor**, Pearl Garza's daughter, broke her wrist.

**Terry Tennyson Wiggins**, friend of the Pearson's, had her last radiation treatment. She may be going to MD Anderson.

**Reginald Cooper**, Lillian Bancale's cousin, has bone cancer.

**John Wilder**, 7 years old, has Leukemia.

## PRAY FOR

➤ Terry Wiggins, Ed St Claire, Danny Paschal, Ever Johnson, Larry Havard Sr. Joyce Ross, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington. David Banda, Dick & Barbra Decker, Ed Fields, David Anderson, Karen Freyer, Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, Karen McKenzie, Glenda Tynes, Wendell Davis, Ronnie McDaniel, Kim Bond, Leo Kirkland, James Lewis, Ronnie Branstetter, Emma Greenawalt, Eve Rasberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Betty Mars, Horace Litton, Jane & Sam Munn, Jackson Pratkan, Charlotte Griffin, Lorene Allen, Tyran Williams, Donna Blahuta, Karen Weaver, Joe Cook, Joyce Cunningham (cancer), Dixie Frost, Kim Bledsoe (cancer) Tommy Cross (cancer), Sherril Polansky (cancer), Cora & Sonny Gore, Mark Hardwick, Joey Primeaux, Gary McDaniel.

## OUR SHUT-INS

**The Atrium of Bellmead** Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans

**Lake Shore Estates** Eugenia Olson

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Darla Fedro (2) Cotton Lindloff (2) Betty Somers (5) Jeff Nehring (9) Makenzie Brandt (10) Nancy Sturdivant (13) Aubrey Minchew (18) Steve Moore (21) Truman Burrow (28) Martha Trevino (28) Kristin Fedro (29) Steven & Wendy Markwardt (10) & Matt & Cherie Winget (10)

## OTHER NEWS

**Wednesday** night meal will be Chalupa & Mexican Chicken at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheet on the table.

**Monday**, May 7<sup>th</sup> there will be, a youth devotional starting at 6pm in the FAC. The subject will be "How We Got the Bible".

**Friday**, May 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a get together for College & Young Professionals at 6pm in the FAC.

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> will be our **Area Wide Singing** at 5pm. We will serve snacks.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** Youth devotional at 6pm. (How We Got the Bible) With Chris Wheat.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** young professionals meet in the FAC at 6pm.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for Mary Olson.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** Mothers Day!

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** Bellmead Church of Christ will be having a gospel meeting. Flyer on the board in the foyer.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** area wide singing here at 5pm. Snacks will be served.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Youth devotional at 6pm. (How We Got the Bible) With Chris Wheat.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Pot Luck after morning worship.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** No evening services.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for Shela Havard.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** Bible Camp in Brady, Tx.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** Pot luck after morning worship.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** No Evening Services.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for Kenny Willis.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Pot luck after morning worship.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** No evening services.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved to Kenny Willis.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** Pot luck after morning worship.

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:

187 – Great Is the Lord  
99 – In His Presence

**Prayer: Aubrey Minchew**

#### Song Order:

749 – The Battle Belongs to the Lord  
377 – He Still Came

#### Communion:

Phil Bancale      Nelson Moore  
Matt Winget      Aubrey Minchew

#### Song Order:

422 – Spirit of the Living God  
**1014 - “Jesus Loves Me”**

**Children go to the front of the auditorium.**

#### Song Order:

808 – Abide with Me

**Sermon by Chris Wheat**

**“I Am The Vine”**

#### Invitation Song

988 – I’ll Be Listening

**(Opportunity for responses to the message)**

**Closing Prayer: Grover Summers**

**If you are visiting with us we extend you a warm  
welcome!**

	<u>Week of April 29</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>60</u>	<u>58</u>
AM Worship	<u>100</u>	<u>104</u>
PM Worship	<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>54</u>	<u>46</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,603</u>	<u>\$3,296</u>

### Northside Leadership

#### Elders

Phil Bancale  
Chris Borland  
Aubrey Minchew  
Nelson Moore

#### Deacons

Randy Eubank  
Karl Helpert

#### Minister

Chris Wheat  
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#### Worship Leader

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**Words of Wisdom**



Some people never let ideas interrupt the flow of their conversation.