



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, January 21, 2018

Don't Touch!

The Bible says, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die" (Genesis 3:3). "Don't touch!" My daughters hear that phrase often. They get into everything at this age, but we know it's a phase. They are extremely tactile and yearn to discover by touching. "Touch and feel" books encourage them, and we want them to learn, but some things are just too dirty or dangerous to touch.

God gave strict rules to Israel about not touching. He wanted them to avoid the unclean, for hygiene and ceremony. Leprosy was a debilitating disease affecting many lives in those days and lepers were to call out "Unclean!" as they traveled so others could avoid contact. How sad to lose the comforting touch of friends and family. In Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6:7), his unclean lips were touched, cauterized and cleansed with a burning coal. This enabled him to speak the message of the Lord.

God offers cleansing through the blood of Jesus to all. If we are now made clean, God doesn't want us to touch what is unclean, or full of sin (2 Peter 1:9). We must not make meaningful contact with sin (1 Corinthians 15:33). God is not so much concerned with what we touch physically, but he's very concerned with what influences our souls.

Jesus touches many lives. People were healed physically and spiritually through His touch. Can we provide the same spiritual healing? The power is in the cleansing touch of Christ, but we can bring friends and family to Him. Let them touch and read the healing pages of scripture. Let them be fascinated when they contact God through prayer, His message, and His people.

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

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Eat This Bread

John 6:16-69

Introduction

Feeding well over 5,000 people with almost no food is an _____ story...

But this was one of the most difficult and _____ sermons Jesus ever preached...

The _____ (John 6:25-59)

_____ Discipleship (John 6:25-34)

- Jesus didn't greet them gently; he rebuked them for following their _____!
- They didn't trust Jesus to show them the Father; they _____ to conclusions...
- The crowd also saw Jesus as a means to fill _____ needs...

_____ Discipleship (John 6:35-52)

- "I am the _____ of life" must have been incendiary to the crowd (Ex 3:14).
- Too often we come to God looking for satisfaction for our _____ needs...
- This time they questioned Him because of His "_____, " human family.
- We *don't* have to change our message in order to be _____ ...

_____ Discipleship (John 6:53-56)

- The only acceptable relationship with God is an all _____ one!
- A true follower "_____ in Me, and I in him" (John 6:56)
- If I *can't* share it with _____ ... should I really be doing it?
- He accepts nothing less than _____ of our lives...

The _____ (John 6:60-69)

The _____ (John 6:60-66)

- The crowd continued to grumble because the teaching was "_____ " (John 6:60)
- Because it was hard, their hearts hardened and some _____ back (John 6:66)
- They were ready to accept Jesus as king, but _____ to receive Him as Lord...

The _____ (John 6:67-69)

- Peter was more brilliant than he realized "Lord, to _____ shall we go?" (John 6:68)
- Will that be our response when we realize all other options are _____ ?

Journal for the Journey

- The Word of God went to _____ lengths to "dwell among us" (John 1:14).
- No one wants people to be saved more, but He doesn't _____ His message!
- Are you ready and willing to eat this bread?

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THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ: Thank you for all the prayers. Dick now is cancer free. I will have another back surgery the 1st of February. I fell and hurt my back. Now I have bone on bone. Thank you again for the prayers. Love to all, Dick & Barbra Decker

PRAYER REQUESTS

Monica Prater, cousin of Larry Loafman, called to thank us for watching over Larry while they were getting ready to come pick him up. And to say that he has been a real blessing for them.

Deborah Bryant, neighbor of the Bancale's, Cat Scan was clear and she has 1 more Chemo left. She is doing very well.

Kaison, great grandson of the Bancale's, is going to the doctor in Austin for digestive problems.

A friend of Sammi Jo Whisenhunt's son (Tishan) is having seizures and is going to doctor in Temple.

PRAY FOR

➤ Danny Paschal, Evar 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, Nita Winget, Kim Bond, Leo Kirkland, James Lewis, Ronnie Branstetter, Emma Greenawalt, Eve Rasberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Betty Mars, Horace Litton, Jane & Sam Munn, Allison Whited, Jackson Pratka, 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).

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans & Anita Carter

Lake Shore Estates Eugenia Olson

St Catherines Billy Eubank (214)

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carson Moore (22nd) Merlene Warren (23rd) Johnathan Ibanez (24th) Nathan Warf (27th) Clara Wheat (31st).

OTHER NEWS

Starting February 4th Johnny Henderson will be teaching the book of Judges in the Auditorium class and **Chris Wheat** will be teaching about the ministry of Encouragement in the Breakfast Club class.

Elders & Deacons meeting today at 5pm.

Registration for Camp and Retreats Start, for the Retreat mid January and for Camp mid April.

THEME FOR RETREAT

March 16-18 Sent by Jesus

GIRLS RETREAT

April 27-29 Rett's Girls Retreat

THEME FOR CAMP

July 14-21 Find your way with Jesus

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31st inter-congregational singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 7pm.

February 4th Pot Luck after morning worship. No evening services.

February 14th – 18th Marriage Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN.

February 16th -18th Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN.

March 11th Change time (spring forward)

March 25th Pot Luck after morning worship. No evening services.

March 25th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead.

April 5th – 7th FAC reserved for garage sale.

April 21st FAC reserved to Eastern Star. (Donald Holland)

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:

705 – A common Love
711 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Prayer: Grover Summers

Song Order:

869 – Marching to Zion
356 – I Believe in Jesus

Communion:

Nelson Moore Joe Saucedo
Truman Burrow Phil Bancale

Song Order:

601 – My God and I
1014 - “Jesus Loves Me”

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

622 – Ring Out the Message

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“Eat This Bread”

Invitation Song

885 – How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

(Opportunity for responses to the message)

Closing Prayer: Charlie Scott

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

	<u>Week of JAN 7</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>52</u>	<u>50</u>
AM Worship	<u>94</u>	<u>92</u>
PM Worship	<u>33</u>	<u>29</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>47</u>	<u>27</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3626</u>	<u>\$3410.40</u>

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Aubrey Minchew
Nelson Moore

Deacons

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Words of Wisdom



If you are unable to travel the road of success, at least refrain from scattering tacks along the way.