



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, April 8, 2018

Taking the Punishment

The Bible says, “My punishment is greater than I can bear” (**Genesis 4:13**). If a truck can “take a lot of punishment” we mean it can handle rough terrain. If an athlete’s body can “take a lot of punishment” we mean that person has been conditioned to endure competition. The Bible does not skirt the issue of sin’s consequences. Breaking the United States’ penal code means you will be punished according to that law, and breaking God’s law requires repercussions. Cain complained, after killing his own brother, that God’s punishment was more than he could handle. God showed mercy in allowing Cain to live at all, even as a marked man, away from His presence. Still, the punishment was too difficult.

How much spiritual punishment can we take? Is it more than we can bear? There might be a distinction between “punishment” and “discipline.” One can learn discipline by being temporarily punished. I received punishment fitting the crimes when I was a child and always believed it was unfair. Looking back, I can see how that short-lived punishment taught me to handle the more difficult challenges of life (**Hebrews 12:4-12**). As far as the burden and struggle of everyday life goes, we have help to bear it (**Galatians 6:1-10**).

However, there is a punishment none of us can bear (**2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**). This punishment comes from disobeying God or not knowing Him at all. Please don’t think that you can work your way up to handling any existence away from God’s presence. You can’t take this kind of punishment, *only Jesus could*. Don’t complain about the punishment God meets out; God is willing and patient to forgive us, but that doesn’t mean he’ll remove sin’s earthly consequences. Let’s be grateful that Jesus took that punishment for us (**2 Corinthians 5:21**).

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

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Saying "I Love You" to God

Introduction (John 12:1-8)

- How do you say "I _____ you" to someone that you love?
- There are as many ways to say "I love you" as there are _____ to say it!
- But how do you say "I love you" to _____?

Mary's Gift

- Have you ever tried to _____ just the right gift for someone?
- How could she thank the man who turned her deepest _____ into her greatest joy?
- What made this gift so _____?
 - First, it was _____, worth one year's wages!
 - Second, it was given _____, letting down her hair against protocol.
 - Third, it was wrapped in _____. Not head, but feet! Not a towel, but her hair!
 - Finally, it was actually her _____. She didn't give Him hard!

Our Gift

- What kind of gift is _____ for such a special relationship?
- Start by giving Him your heart! The most _____ gift! (**Matthew 22:37**)
- The most _____ way to say "I love You" to God is to SAY IT! (**Psalms 145:1-2**)
- Loving others _____ our love for God as well (**Matthew 22:39**).
- Telling others about Him is _____ of our devotion to God (**Matthew 10:32-33**).
- Probably the most _____ way to show God love is to obey Him (**1 John 5:3**).

God's Gift

- After Mary anointed Jesus and He left the dinner, He headed for _____...
- He _____ where He was going and what to do upon arrival (**John 10:17-18**).
- Impressive as Mary's gift was, it pales in _____ to the sacrifice of Christ.

Journal for the Journey

- God shows _____ love in the death, burial, and resurrection (**Romans 4:25**).
- How do we say "_____ " to the the One who went to the cross? (**John 3:16**)
- Mary points the way with her gift. Give the gift of _____ obedience today!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Dr Byron Brown passed away on Wednesday morning.

Sam Armstrong, is doing better. He can eat and breath on his own. Still in ICU until heart rate steadies.

Jack James, former LaVega Superintendent, is in Hospice Care.

Terry Tennyson Wiggin, is in ICU with breast cancer.

Abe Cox, 1 year old, was run over by a truck. He is in the hospital and doing better.

Lotty Washington will have surgery on Tuesday, April 9th.

Coach Posey, at Midway, passed away.

PRAY FOR

➤Ed StClaire, 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, 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 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, Ykela, Joey Primeaux.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans

Lake Shore Estates Eugenia Olson

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Darlene Summers (13th) Alice Kirk (15th) Anita Carter (16th) Charles Fedro (18th) Shela Havard (21st) Charles Scott (21st) Ruby Evans (24th) Karl Helpert (25th) Jase Helpert (28th) Dalton Moore (30th)
Alice & David Kirk (13th) Randy & Julie Eubank (24th)

OTHER NEWS

Wednesday night meal will be hot dogs at 5:30.

Sign up sheet on the table.

Youth Night will be Saturday from 5 to 8 pm.

RSVP Chris Wheat by Wednesday if you are coming so he will know how much food to have.

Gospel meeting at Lake Shore Drive Church of Christ starting Sunday thru Wednesday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14th FAC reserved for youth night 5 – 8 pm.

April 15th – 18th Gospel Meeting at Lake Shore Dr Church of Christ (Wes McAdams) Flyer on the board.

April 19th EEM is having a benefit event at Belton Church of Christ at 7pm. Flyer on the board.

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

April 21st Songfest 5 – 8:30 in Lampasas, Tx. Flyer on Board in foyer.

April 27th-29th Rett's **Girls** Retreat.

April 28th FAC reserved for the Helperts.

April 29th Pot luck after morning worship. No evening services.

April 29th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

May 5th Men's breakfast.

May 12th FAC reserved for Mary Olson.

May 19th area wide singing here at 5pm. Snacks will be served.

May 27th Pot Luck after morning worship. No evening services.

May 27th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

June 16th FAC reserved for Shela Havard.

June 17th-21st Bible Camp Brady, Tx.

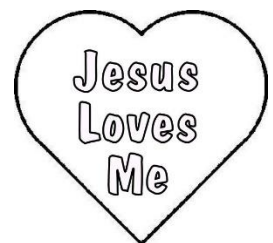
June 24th Pot luck after morning worship. No evening services.

June 24th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

July 29th Pot luck after morning worship. No evening services.

August 4th FAC reserved to Kenny Willis.

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:

779 – I Love You Lord
701 – My Jesus I Love Thee

Prayer: Phil Bancale

Song Order:

83 – God Is So Good
386 – He Loves Me

Communion:

Nelson Moore Joe Saucedo
Matt Winget Randy Eubank

Song Order:

77 – Glory Thy Name
1014 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

122 – The Love of God

Sermon by Chris Wheat

"Saying "I Love You" to God"

Invitation Song

911 – Bring Christ Your Broken Life

(Opportunity for responses to the message)

Closing Prayer: Ernest Turman

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

| | <u>Week of April 1</u> | <u>Monthly Average</u> |
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| Bible Class | <u>62</u> | <u>54</u> |
| AM Worship | <u>147</u> | <u>93</u> |
| PM Worship | <u>34</u> | <u>22</u> |
| Wednesday PM | <u>45</u> | <u>50</u> |
| Contribution | <u>\$3,725</u> | <u>\$2,899</u> |

Northside Leadership

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Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Aubrey Minchew
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Words of Wisdom



Don't be content with being average. Average is as close to the bottom as it is to the top.