



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 3, 2019

Peer Pressure

Let's think about three scenarios:

* A Christian teenager surrounded by young people who have little interest in living a moral life. Our teen feels as if she is the only one who is not enjoying sexual intimacy or taking drugs in her school.

* A young father of three is offered a promotion at his job. The extra money would be very useful. Like any father he worries about feeding and sheltering his family. But the promotion will include some business practices that a Christian should not carry out. It is made clear to him that if he does not take the promotion, there are several colleagues who would jump at the chance.

* Elders who look at churches in the area that are apparently growing. It is suggested that all they need to do is to compromise their biblical convictions and they, too, will grow. (Church growth studies actually do not bear this out, but everybody's an expert, you know).

* **Peer Pressure is Not a New Thing.**

The Israelites demanded to have a king "like all the nations" (1 Sam. 8:4,5). King Saul defended bringing back the "best of the sheep and the oxen" by explaining that "the people" made him do it (1 Sam. 15:15). The apostle Peter shrank back from associating with Gentiles because of the censure he feared he would receive from certain visitors from Jerusalem (Gal. 2:11-13).

* **The World is not Benign**

You might think that the world would be neutral about our Christian conviction, but it is not. The world cannot tolerate those who dare to take one step out of time with its ideals. The phrase "Do not be conformed" (Rom. 12:2) indicates the heavy pressure we face from the world to conform to its baleful standards. J.B. Phillips memorably rendered it this way: "Do not let the world around you *squeeze you into its own mold.*" The NEB says: "Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world." Peter says that we are not "to be surprised" at the opposition of the world (1 Pt. 4:12). Apparently, the world's opposition had come as an ugly shock to Peter's readers. It should not surprise us, however.

* **That's Why God Established the Church**

We often refer to the church building as a sanctuary. In history fugitives have fled to a church building and sought sanctuary there. But in reality, the sanctuary for Christians *is* the church. This is where we can get the support network we don't get "out there." Paul is constantly urging his readers to do and say things that "build up" ("edify") other Christians (Eph. 4:29; 1 Cor. 14:26).

It's a tough world out there. There are people who are self absorbed, harsh and angry. There is hatred all around. The church should be a safe place, where our words are thoughtful, loving and helpful to others.

* **Suck it Up, Cupcake!**

Come on, guys, this Christian living is serious! You will do nothing of more consequence than being a Christian. It will not be popular with everybody. If you possess core principles, however, you will not allow the world's censure to stop you living up to them. Get tough. "Lift up your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees" (Heb. 12:12). We need to "stand firm in the faith, act like men (and women), be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13).

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The Secret Of Living Is...

Introduction

- What if I could offer you a life guaranteed to give you...
 - **Joy** greater than any other...
 - **Blessedness** or happiness in its fullest measure...
 - **Assurance** of entering the everlasting kingdom of Christ...
 - **Peace** that surpasses understanding...
- Would you be interested? (**Jn. 10:10; 15:11**)
- Through Christ's teaching we can learn the "**Secrets Of Abundant Life**"...
- Jesus pictures Himself as VINE and disciples as BRANCHES (**Jn. 15:1-5**).

1. What Kind of Fruit Should We Bear?

- Bringing people to Christ... (**Rom. 1:13**)
- Sharing with people in need... (**Rom. 15:25-28; 2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Jn. 3:16-18**)
- Developing Christ-like character... (**Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Pt. 1:5-8; Col. 3:9-11**)
- Praising God and giving thanks... (**Heb. 13:15; Lk. 10:21; Jn. 11:41**)

2. What Are the Benefits of Bearing Fruit?

- Bringing people to Christ can give us joy! (**3 Jn. 1:3-4; 1 Th. 2:19-20**)
- Sharing with people can actually make us happy! (**Acts 20:35**)
- Developing Christ-like character can bring great assurance! (**Gal. 5:23; Rom. 8:1; 2 Pt. 1:8-11; 1 Jn. 3:18-19**)
- Praising God and giving thanks allows us to feel peace! (**Phil. 4:6-7**).

CONCLUSION

- A life filled with Joy, Happiness, Assurance and Peace? Surely that's "abundant life"!
- The Secret Of Living Abundantly Is Bearing Fruit

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PRAYER REQUESTS

John Duveall, Eugene Duveall's (use to preach here) son, passed away.

Steve Moore, had surgery on his back on Wednesday. He is in Hillcrest Hospital.

PRAY FOR

➤ Dolores Davis, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington, Jackie Walker, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant (broken ankle) 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 Rasberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Horace Litton, Jane & Sam Munn, Jackson Pratkan, 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.

PRESENTATION

Jim Crain from World Bible School will share a presentation with us on Sunday Evening March 24th.

The Atrium of Bellmead

Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans & Nancy Fletcher.

St Catherines

Larry Havard Sr room 3235 on the 2nd floor.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Trinity Meyer (5th) Nicholas Markwardt (7th) Bill Acock (11th) Jaxom Walker (18th) Cherie Winget (22nd) Reggie Olson (26th) Johnny Henderson (26th) Carla & Chester Pogue (28th) Truman & Dovie Burrow (30th)

OTHER NEWS

Wednesday night meal will be BBQ & Chili Baked Potato starting at 5:30. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

There will be a **wedding shower** for Kandace Fedro from 3 – 5 at Dovie Burrows home on Saturday, March 9th.

Change Time on Sunday, March 10th. Spring forward.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9th wedding shower for Kandace Fedro from 3 – 5 at Dovie Burrows.

March 9th fac reserved to Bancale's.

March 10th change time. Spring forward.

March 10th Men's training class 5:15 to 5:45.

March 23rd Stronger Marriages workshop.

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.

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 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.

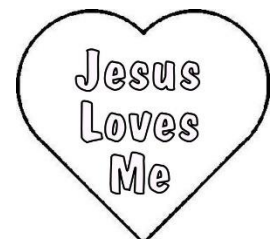
June 14 & 15 FAC reserved for the Bancales.

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.

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:

83 – God Is So Good
421 – Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Prayer: Phil Bancale

Song Order:

480 – Blessed Assurance
479 – Peace, Perfect Peace

Scripture:

Luke 24: 36 - 43

Communion:

Nelson Moore Kevin Moore
Matt Winget Mike Olson

Song Order:

71 – As The Deer
1014 Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song Order:

587 – Sing and Be Happy

Sermon by Chris Wheat
“The Secret of Living Is...”

Invitation Song:

477 – There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Closing Prayer: Joe Saucedo

	<u>Week of Feb 24</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>50</u>	<u>42</u>
AM Worship	<u>102</u>	<u>102</u>
PM Worship	<u>34</u>	<u>32</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>45</u>	<u>59</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,182</u>	<u>\$2,735</u>

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Aubrey Minchew
Nelson Moore

Deacons

Randy Eubank
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Joe Saucedo

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Words of Wisdom

Friendship is a chain of gold, linked in God's own perfect mold. Each link a smile a laugh a tear. A grip of the hand or a word of good cheer; no matter how far or heavy the load sweet is the journey on Friendship Road.

