



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, September 1, 2019

How Does the Church Grow?

A number of years ago I was discussing a practice in worship about which I had biblical concerns with a young man. Evidently, he felt my concerns demonstrated that I was not “interested in evangelism.” “Don’t you believe,” he concluded his remarks, “That God’s will is that we grow?”

There were several things wrong with his statement. The first was the assumption that this particular unbiblical practice would result in a growing church. He had no way of knowing whether there was a direct correlation between the two. Just saying (as these kinds of people usually say with utter, blissful confidence) that a certain action will make the church grow is no guarantee that it will do so.

The second problem with his statement was that when numerical growth does occur because of some unbiblical practice, *the price we paid for church growth was too great!*

The third problem, and the most significant, is that when we build without the authority of Jesus Christ’s direction, we build on the wrong foundation. And as anyone who has built anything knows, the foundation is the most vital part of a structure, physical or spiritual.

Paul declares, “For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus,” (1 Corinthians 3:11, ESV).

Jesus promises, “On this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18).

As one author observed, the correct foundation makes all the difference: “Paul does not mean that it would be impossible to construct a new community on a different basis, only that such a community would not be the church” (Barrett, *1 Corinthians*, 87)

This is not to say that we shouldn’t utilize thought, prayer, imagination and vision to help reach our communities and help the church to grow. But let us remind ourselves that we are involved in no merely human activity. We are not building a social organization, a support group or a therapeutic center; we’re building the church of Jesus Christ. And for that, only one foundation can be laid.

By Stan Mitchell

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A Family Resemblance

Text: (1 John 3:1-10)

1. We Are a Family! (1 John 3:1)

- By nature we were made *creatures* of God, but by grace we became *children* of God.
- Is there a difference between *paternity* and *fatherhood*? (**Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6-7**)
- Can we admit ignorance, or demonstrate humility in this? (**1 Cor. 13:12-13; Dt. 29:29**)
- In other words, the family resemblance will begin to grow.

2. What is Sin? (1 John 3:4-5)

- Sin is breaking God's law; it is to obey oneself, rather than to obey God.
- So called "sin of omission" (**Rom. 14:23; James 4:17**)
- Have you had the opportunity to help and not done it?
- Then in some meaningful, integral sense you've sinned!

3. Christianity is A Lifestyle (1 John 3:6-10)

- Do these verses mean Christians who commit *just one sin* are disqualified?
- Does this mean God expects sinless perfection of Christians? (**1 John 1:8-9**)
- A.T. Robertson refers to this as a "linear present active indicative":
 - * "Keeps on abiding in sin"
 - * "Does not keep on sinning"
 - * "Lives a life of sin,"
 - * As opposed to an occasional slip up or moment of weakness. (**1 John 5:18**)
- The person who lives in Jesus does not sin as a settled *habit*.
- Two responses:
 - a) Some might take their own sin lightly, a pretty human response.
 - b) Others might despair of living up to what they think it's saying, and give up.
- John is depicting a life that is always on the watch against sin.
- "Seed" carries the idea of passing on the genes to the next generation.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Brenda Anderson is still in the hospital in ICU because of complications after surgery.

Georgia Browning (4), Joyce & Aubrey Minchew's great granddaughter, has Celiac & Lactose Intolerance.

William Mitchell, Chris Wheat's Uncle, will had surgery Friday.

James Fine had a heart cath put in.

Molly Cassidy has some shrinkage from treatment for cancer.

Shawnee is in the hospital in Ok and has had bad health for a long time.

The people in the path of the **hurricane**.

PRAY FOR

➤ Jeff Nehring, Dillon Vansush, Nancy Fletcher, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Larry Havard Sr, Jackie Walker, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant, Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, James Lewis, 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 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, Molly Cassady, Megan Jones, Riley Robinson, Guy Clemmons Jr, Kyle Crum, Molly Cassidy, Vance Stone, Dwan Pickens.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Ruby & Billy Evans

Royal Manor Dolores Davis **St Catherines** Cotton Lindloff **Home** Larry Havard Sr.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew King (1) Eric Wharton (1) Pearl Garza (2) Sammi Jo Whisenhunt (6) Doris Dickerson (13) Steven Markwardt (13) John Sanchez (15) Felicia Scott (18) Larry Lykins (25) Randy Eubank (27) Carolyn Commander (28) Josiah & Justyc Meyer (28) Matt Wingett (30) Daniel & Aimee Summers (19)

OTHER NEWS

Today there will be an Elders & Deacons meeting at 5.

Wednesday Night Meal will be sandwiches starting at 5:30.

There will be a **meeting** on Sunday, September 8th at 4:30 for **Ladies Day** update.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

September 14th Ladies Day at Hood Street Church of Christ at 8:45 to 12.

September 21st FAC reserved

September 28th we will be having a Ladies Day here.

September 29th potluck after morning worship.

September 29th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:15.

September 29th no evening services.

October 27th potluck after morning worship.

October 27th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead.

October 27th no evening services.

October 30th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 7pm with area congregations.

November 27th area wide Thanksgiving service here at 7pm.

November 28th Thanksgiving Day.

November 28th FAC reserved for Markwardts.

December 2nd thru 4th garage sale work-days.

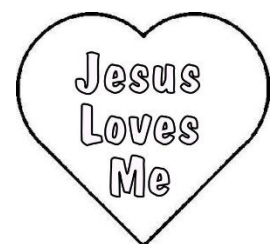
December 5th through 7th garage sale.

December 14th Christmas Party at 6pm.

December 21st FAC reserved for the Ellis's.

December 25th, FAC reserved for Markwardts.

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

Songs:

410 – He Leadeth Me
719 – Love One Another

Prayer: Bill Acock

Songs:

570 – A Beautiful Life
76 - How Great Thou Art

Communion:

Charlie Scott Kevin Moore
William Whisenhunt John Sanchez

Songs:

860 – There Is a Habitation
1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Songs:

546 - Til the Storm Passes By

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“A Family Resemblance”

Invitation Song

860 – There Is a Habitation

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: David Ellis

	<u>Week of</u> <u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>62</u>	<u>58</u>
AM Worship	<u>131</u>	<u>113</u>
PM Worship	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>65</u>	<u>59</u>
Contribution	<u>\$2,198</u>	<u>\$2,587</u>

Northside Leadership

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Phil Bancale	Randy Eubank
Chris Borland	Karl Helpert
Aubrey Minchew	Joe Saucedo
Nelson Moore	
<u>Minister</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>
Chris Wheat	Chris Borland
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Ladies Bible Class meets
At 10 am on Wednesday.



Words of Wisdom

It is not what a man knows but what he does with his knowledge that shapes his life.