



# 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, December 30, 2018

## Do Not Be Deceived

Satan deceived from the beginning and has relied on this method of distraction ever since because it works (**Genesis 3:13**). He twisted God's words in the Garden and He tries to manipulate God's instruction today, using human help to do so. He's especially adept at deceiving the masses (**2 Thessalonians 2:8-12**). The Bible warns against deception, lies and falsehood. Do you like being deceived? The scriptures help deception proof our lives.

Jesus wants us aware, alert, and careful, not paranoid (**Matthew 24:4-5**). Paul listed the Corinthian's past sins; fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 15:33**). Don't go back to that toxic friendship or dangerous way! One bad apple truly can spoil the whole bunch! Though we might fool ourselves into a false sense of pride God cannot be fooled (**Galatians 6:3, 7-8**). Our words and deeds have fruit, visible results. Do we think God can't see our thoughts and intents? It's a matter of maturity when we're fooled with *empty* words; we have the scanning equipment to see through these deceptions (**Ephesians 4:14; 5:6**).

Some deceive from evil intent (**2 Timothy 3:13-17**). Some deceive as imposters, pretending to be God's servants. How do we parry and counter? Continue studying Scripture. Keep an active searching faith. Don't make assumptions. James points out deceptions and provides information to counteract, to free minds (**James 1:16, 22, 26**). The greatest deceptions quietly creep into our hearts (**1 John 1:8**). We can be so careful to point sin out while being lulled into a sense of sinless superiority. The dangerous deception is thinking my relationship with God is stable when it is actually severed.

Here's what we know: *You can deceive yourself* (**Obadiah 1:3**). *You can allow yourself to be deceived by others* (**Rom. 16:17-18**). *You may be deceived by a popular but false idea. You may be deceived by following the majority* (**Matthew 7:13-14**). Satan can hypnotize with things that look so good and are so close to truth. Of course, they say you cannot be hypnotized unless you are *willing*. We need to know what will happen to the deceiver (**Revelation 12:9; 20:10**). Don't let him deceive you any longer!

*Thoughts from Chris Wheat*

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## Wearing the Name “Christian”

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1 Peter 4:12-19

- *Introduction*

- What did Jesus’s ministry among sinful humans bring Him? (**Is. 53:1-3; Lk. 18:33**)
- Should followers be willing to face opposition? (**Mt. 5:11; Jn 15:20-21; Acts 8:1**)

- *Peter’s Warnings*

- Does being a Christian eliminate suffering? (**2 Tim. 3:12; Acts 14:22**)
- Are Christians ever really alone in their trials? (**Acts 2:38; 5:32; Rom. 8:17, 26, 37**)
- Can you visualize our reaction under such difficult circumstances? (**Mt. 10:28**)

- *Nero’s Persecution of Saints*

- Tacitus, unsympathetic to Christians, described suffering with brutal frankness.
- Tertullian (A.D. 200), Origen, and Eusebius agree Peter was one of Nero’s victims.

- *Lessons for Today*

- Should we be grateful for today’s relative calm and religious freedom? (**1 Tim. 2:2**)
- Must we utilize frequent opportunities because of that freedom? (**Lk. 12:48**)
- Should we saints of today fortify our faith against an unknown future?
- Should we sympathize with people suffering for Christ in other places? (**Heb. 13:3**)
- Can we be absolutely certain that God’s help will sustain us in any trial we face?

- *A Summary on Suffering*

- Can Jesus empathize with us and feel compassion for us? (**Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 1:3**)
- Should we allow His empathy to motivate our joy...? (**James 1:4**)
- What two steps did Peter give us for victory over trials...? (**1 Pt. 4:19**)

- *Conclusion* - We can sacrifice for Christ because we have *something to hold on to...*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Dolores Davis** needs encouragement and prayers.

**Pete Commander's** surgery has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Carolyn Commander's** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## PRAY FOR

➤Dolores Davis, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant (broken ankle) Garland Haverkamp (high blood pressure) Kelli Volcik (cancer) Darlene Chatman (heart problems) Warren Garland (health) James Lewis, Anna Mullins, Terry Wiggins, Ed St Claire, Danny Paschal, Ever Johnson, Larry Havard Sr, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington. 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, Mark Hardwick, Joey Primeaux, Larry Scott, Madeleine Anderson, Larry Lykins, Wanda Knutson, Rick Keeton.

## OUR SHUT-INS

**The Atrium of Bellmead** Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans. **St Catherines** Doris Dickerson

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Skylar Summers (4<sup>th</sup>) Jonah Eubank (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Martha Willis (10<sup>th</sup>) Kailey Moore (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Angela Meyer (12<sup>th</sup>) Mike Olson (13<sup>th</sup>) Pete  
Commander (16<sup>th</sup>) Joyce Minchew (16<sup>th</sup>)  
Carson Moore (22<sup>nd</sup>) Merlene Warren (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Johnathan Ibanez (24<sup>th</sup>) Clara Wheat (31<sup>st</sup>)

## OTHER NEWS

**Game** night tonight after worship services. Bring finger foods and games.

**Big** thanks from the Atrium folk for the Christmas Carol singing.

**The** office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 New Years Day.

**There will be** an Education Brainstorming meeting on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> after morning services. Lunch provided. Sign up in foyer.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 1, 2019** New Years Day. FAC reserved to Dolores Davis.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** Mighty Men's Mentoring Conference.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** Men's Training Class from 5:15 till 5:45 in the auditorium.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** Pot Luck after morning worship.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** No evening services.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** Stronger Marriages workshop.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** Pot Luck after morning worship.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** singing at the Atrium of Bellmead.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** No Evening Services.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Pot Luck after morning worship

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** No evening services.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for the Fedro's.

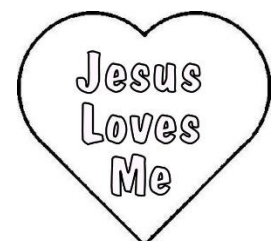
**May 26<sup>th</sup>** Pot Luck after morning worship.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** No evening services.

**June 14 & 15, 2019** FAC reserved for the Bancales.

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:

674 – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

#### Prayer: Phil Bancale

#### Song Order:

429 – Oh, To Be Like Thee

377 – He Still Came

#### Scripture:

Luke 18:31 - 34

#### Communion:

Charlie Scott     Bill Acock

Matt Wingett     Randy Eubank

#### Song Order:

634 – We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

**1014 – “Jesus Loves Me”**

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

#### Song Order:

612 – His Yoke Is Easy

#### Sermon by Chris Wheat

**“Wearing the Name “Christian”**

#### Invitation Song:

957 – This World Is Not My Home

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

**Closing Prayer: David Ellis**

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

|              | <u>Week of<br/>Dec 23</u> | <u>Monthly<br/>Average</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bible Class  | <u>50</u>                 | <u>54</u>                  |
| AM Worship   | <u>85</u>                 | <u>95</u>                  |
| PM Worship   | <u>30</u>                 | <u>30</u>                  |
| Wednesday PM | <u>26</u>                 | <u>31</u>                  |
| Contribution | <u>\$3,810</u>            | <u>\$3,091</u>             |

#### Northside Leadership

##### Elders

Phil Bancale

Chris Borland

Aubrey Minchew

Nelson Moore

##### Deacons

Randy Eubank

Karl Helpert

Joe Saucedo

##### Minister

Chris Wheat

806-216-0342

##### Worship Leader

Chris Borland

254-495-5508

Please let the church office know any news or information you would like to see in the newsletter.

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**Words of Wisdom**



“True friends are those who really know you but love you anyway.”