



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, October 13, 2019

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Worship

“Through Jesus Christ therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name” (Hebrews 13:15).

The Israelites in the Old Testament didn’t “go to church.” They didn’t go “to hear an inspiring sermon,” and they didn’t go “to hear the wonderful song service.”

They used another verb to describe their “worship experience.”

They made an offering.

They offered something to God. They offered him their praise in song. They offered him their ears when His servants the prophets taught. They offered their hearts to him in dedication and discipleship. They offered him nothing less than a sacrifice!

The centrality of sacrifice in the Old Testament left no doubt regarding the necessity of giving. Offering remains the central activity in the New Testament as well. Paul urges us to “offer (our) bodies as living sacrifices” (**Romans 12:1**).

But a funny thing happened on the way to Christian worship. At some point, we “began attending worship to receive a *blessing* rather than make an *offering*” and, “worship came to center on what could be received from an experience (whether or not the music was inspiring, the lessons were edifying, and the sermon was exciting) rather than on what should be expended during a service” (Marva J. Dawn, *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down*, page 81).

“So what,” the new family in town asks the preacher, “can this church offer us?”

“I didn’t get anything out of that worship service,” the church member complains.

“Every act of worship should be understood as a part of the church’s offering to God. ‘Any action that does not meet with that qualification does not deserve to be a part of a worship experience.’”

(Marva J. Dawn, *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down*, page 81)

A funny thing did indeed happen on the way to worship. At least the ancient Israelites offered an animal to God.

What did you bring as an offering?

By Stan Mitchell

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NOTES

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Brenda Anderson is in Temple in rehab.

Steve Moore will have knee replacement surgery on Monday, October 28th.

Mya, Mitch & Saras Carey's daughter, is having asthma issues.

PRAY FOR

➤ Brenda Anderson, 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 Raspberry, 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, Jerry Don Williams.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Ruby & Billy Evans

Royal Manor Dolores Davis

Home Larry Havard Sr.

St Catherines Danny Paschal

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kaison Mayfield(18th) Jerry Mitchell (19th)
Michelle Saucedo(20th) Jordan Fedro(21st)
Mary Lou Turman(22nd) Jackie Walker(24th)
Alexis Fedro(31st)
Tricia & Jeff Nehring(20th)

OTHER NEWS

Men's training class is today at 5:15.

Ladies Bible Class is preparing Christmas bags to take to The Atrium of Bellmead to hand out to residence without families. If you would like to donate toiletries, sox, puzzle books, etc please bring them to the office.

Wednesday Night Meal will be Chicken Spaghetti at 5:30.

On Sunday, October 20th there will be a planning meeting for women after morning services. Lunch will be provided.

On Wednesday, October 30th there will be a trick or treat after services. Parents bring costumes for the kids to change into. Others bring candy to pass out.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

October 19th kickball with Lake Shore C of C.

October 27th potluck after morning worship.

October 27th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead.

October 27th no evening services.

October 30th trunk or treat after services.

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

November 2nd FAC reserved for a Men's meeting at 12.

November 3rd Change time. Fall back.

November 9th Men & women's Bible Study at 6pm.

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.

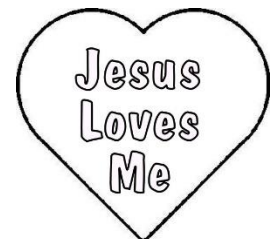
December 5th through 7th garage sale.

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:

54 - We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
851 – I'll Fly Away

Prayer: Aubrey Minchew

Songs

122 – The Love of God

Scripture

Acts 26:19 - 23

Communion:

Charlie Scott Grover Summers
Matt Winget Nelson Moore

Songs

414 – Anywhere with Jesus
1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song

560 – Living By Faith

Sermon by Chris Borland

“A Lesson from God’s Word”

Invitation Song

915 – Trust and Obey

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Eric Wharton

	<u>Week of Oct 6</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>
AM Worship	<u>94</u>	<u>102</u>
PM Worship	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>59</u>	<u>61</u>
Contribution	<u>\$2,853</u>	<u>\$3,051</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.

You can email, fax, phone or write your information. Visit our website

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Ladies Bible Class meets
At 10 am on Wednesday.



Words of Wisdom

The sky never falls no matter how hard it rains.
God’s love for you, never fails, regardless of your pain.