



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, January 6, 2019

Renewal

... assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him... to put off your old self, ...and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:21-24).

In his little book, *Renewing Your Spiritual Life*, Aubrey Johnson parallels the Christian's need for spiritual renewal with Israel's need to renew the covenant with God before crossing the Jordan to conquer the Promised Land. In Chapter 1 of this study guide, Johnson makes some statements that are worth commenting on as we think about spiritual renewal.

The first statement is that "God requires more than good intentions or big talk." The first generation of Israelites agreed to the provisions of God's covenant at Mount Sinai, but they very quickly allowed themselves to return to the idolatrous and adulterous ways of the Egyptians among whom they lived (think about the "golden calf" scene at the foot of Mount Sinai). And then, when only trust and obedience, mixed with a little courage, were all that were required for them to go quickly into the promised land, they faltered in faith and allowed fear to keep them from laying hold of the promise (Numbers 13, etc). Israel's "confession" of faith in God never found the practical expression of obedience in that generation. They had plenty of "good intentions" and "big talk," but they never fully engaged themselves in faithful living.

The second statement, made on the same page as the first, is that "renewal is an ongoing process." This is true, the writer suggests, because God established a "perpetual contract" with Israel. Because the covenant was intended to apply to subsequent generations, it was necessary for the Israelites of those later generations to recommit themselves to God as their King. The second generation of Israelites could not assume that God would accept their parents' oaths of allegiance to the covenant as though the parents spoke for the children; the children needed to speak for themselves as the time arrived for them to fulfill the covenant.

The third statement is a contrast of extremes, one good and one bad: "Constancy, therefore, is fundamental to the concept of spiritual renewal, and complacency will forever remain the mortal enemy of the soul." "Constancy" implies a process of giving daily attention to the things required of citizens by their king. "Complacency" is the attitude of the person who says, "I did that once, so it doesn't need to be done again" yet wants to be given all the benefits and privileges of citizenship.

What does all this say to you and me, Christians who are living dozens of centuries after a covenant was established by God with Israel? First, *words must be accompanied by actions*. If we say we love God, we must act like we love God. If we say we love our fellow man, our actions must demonstrate love, interest, concern and compassion for those living around us. For many of us, actually living up to the obligations of our spoken words will probably require a radical change in lifestyle. Second, *we must never allow ourselves to be satisfied with our personal spiritual growth*. I can be satisfied with the fact that I *am* growing, but I must not stop doing the things that cause that growth – feeding on the word, fellowship with God's people, expressing worship and thanksgiving to God, serving others as a reflection of God's service to me through Jesus Christ.

By Bobby Wheat

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Right Relationships

1 Peter 5:1-14

- *Introduction*

- God calls us into reciprocal and reflective relationship with Him (**Mt. 22:37-40**).
- Loving God and loving people go hand in hand (**1 Jn. 4:20-21**).

- *Elders and the Local Church (1 Pt. 5:1-4)*

- Were shepherds needed during persecution? (**Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5**)
- Who feeds, cares for, and protects the flock? (**Acts 11:30; 20:28-30; James 5:14**)
- What was Christ's attitude toward spiritual leadership? (**Mt. 20:25-28**)
- Should churches relate in healthy ways to their elders! (**Heb. 13:17**)

- *Interdependence of Christians (1 Pt. 5:5-9)*

- Peter shares four virtues to help the body maintain health.
 - Do we need to show respect for older members?
 - Do we all need humility?
 - Do we need calm assurance? (**Mt. 6:31-34; 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 10:13**)
 - Do we need to be vigilant and aware?

- *Peter's Personal Relationships (1 Pt. 5:10-14)*

- What was Peter's relationship with Silas (**Acts 15:37; 1 Thess. 1:1**)
- What was Peter's relationship to Mark? (**2 Tim. 1:2**)
- Watch what God does in Peter's prayer...
 - How does God *restore* His children?
 - How does God make one *strong*? (**Lk. 22:32**)
 - How does God make one *firm*?
 - How does God make one *steadfast*?

- *Conclusion*

- What is one of the most unique blessings of being God's children?
- Right relationships are important because they give us *something to hold on to...*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna Blahuta, friend of Lynn Pearson, is going to have more surgery.

Susie Hall, friend of Lynn Pearson, has acute Leukemia and is in isolation in the hospital in Dallas.

Danny Paschal, will have a scan and biopsy on January 9th for a spot on his lungs.

Billy Evans has chest congestion.

Richard Ellis, David Ellis brother, is back in the hospital.

Dovie Burrow has gout & medicine is upsetting her system.

Carolyn Commander is home recuperating from surgery.

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

Martha Willis (10th) Kailey Moore (11th) Angela Meyer (12th) Mike Olson (13th) Pete Commander (16th) Joyce Minchew (16th) Carson Moore (22nd) Merlene Warren (23rd) Johnathan Ibanez (24th) Clara Wheat (31st)
Angela & Billy Carey (6th)

OTHER NEWS

There will be an Education Brainstorming meeting after morning services. Lunch is provided.

Wednesday night meal will be pizza starting at 5:30.

Johnny Henderson will be out of town on January 20th and will need someone to teach his class.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 12th Mighty Men's Mentoring Conference.

January 13th Men's Training Class from 5:15 till 5:45 in the auditorium.

February 3rd Pot Luck after morning worship.

February 3rd No evening services.

February 19th FAC reserved for Bancales.

March 10th change time. Spring forward.

March 23rd Stronger Marriages workshop.

March 31st Pot Luck after morning worship.

March 31st singing at the Atrium of Bellmead.

March 31st No Evening Services.

April 28th Pot Luck after morning worship

April 28th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1.

April 28th No evening services.

May 24th FAC reserved for the Fedro's.

May 26th Pot Luck after morning worship.

May 26th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

May 26th 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:

601 – My God and I

Prayer: Johnny Henderson

Song Order:

480 – Blessed Assurance
382-Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

Scripture:

Luke 22:14 - 21

Communion:

Nelson Moore Karl Helpert

Mike Olson Todd Payne

Song Order:

415 – Each Step I Take

1014 – “Jesus Loves Me”

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

711 – Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“Right Relationships”

Invitation Song:

398 – Surely the Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place

(Opportunity for responses to the message)

Closing Prayer: Aubrey Minchew

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

	<u>Week of Dec 30</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>
AM Worship	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>
PM Worship	<u>51</u>	<u>37</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>17</u>	<u>46</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,788</u>	<u>\$3,103</u>

Northside Leadership

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Words of Wisdom



“The door of opportunity is marked “push.”