

Worship Time

Welcome & Announcements

Singing

779 - I Love You, Lord

950 - Come, Ye Disconsolate

Prayer Time: Bill Acock

Singing

833 - I Want To Be Where You Are

364 - Come, Share the Lord

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Communion Time

Grover Summers Nelson Moore

David Rowin Karl Helpert

Singing

335 - In Memory of the Savior's Love

1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time

Singing

Come to the Feast (screen only)

Lesson from God's Word

"Wisdom from On High" (Proverbs 8)

Invitation Song

628 - Will You Not Tell It Today?

(Opportunity for responses)

Prayer: Jordan Peitsmeyer

<u>For the Record</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March Average</u>
Bible Class	45	49
AM Worship	89	93
PM Worship	36	39
Wednesday	36	38
Contribution	\$2664	\$3072

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Nelson Moore
Charlie Scott
Eric Wharton

Deacons

Randy Eubank
Karl Helpert
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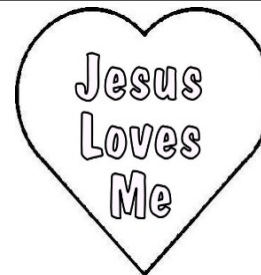
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Children's Time

Little children are invited to the front of the auditorium during the singing of:



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Ladies Bible Class

Topic: Esther
Wednesday (10:00am)



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Northside church of Christ

Building a community of Faith, Hope, and Love!

Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages)—9:30am

Worship—10:30am & 6:00pm

Wednesday Meal—5:30pm & Worship—6:15pm

March 15, 2020

Active Listening

Active listening. Do you see the apparent contradiction in terms? Yet it is true: Good listeners are active listeners.

I imagine it is because of the low premium most of us place on the art of good listening.

* **Pray that the Lord will help you to be a good hearer of the word:** Far be it from us to actually *encourage* the preacher by showing him that we care about what is taking place!

If I have heard this prayer once, I've heard it a million times: "Lord, bless Brother (fill in the blank) as he preaches. Give him a (you know the next phrase, right?) a ready recollection of what he has studied." I am amazed at how common this prayer is in congregation after congregation. While I do not doubt that we should pray for the preacher, I wonder why we don't pray more often for we, the listeners.

* **Be Quiet:** As long as you're talking, one thing is sure – you won't be learning anything. Being quiet is a major emphasis of Scripture (**Habakkuk 2:20; Romans 3:19; Ecclesiastes 3:7; 5:1,2; Matthew 6:7; Proverbs 12:15; 13:1; 13:20; 17:28; 18:2; 18:13**).

* **Get a Good Night's Rest:** Remember all the jokes about sleeping in church? Is it about the preacher's long sermon, or the hearer's short attention span? Even the Bible has a great story about how the young Eutychus slept as the preacher went "on and on" (Acts 20:9). Give yourself a chance to gain from the lesson by being rested and ready.

* **Look up the Bible Passages, Bring a Notebook:** Your Bible is not a sacred museum exhibit behind a glass case; it is a tool to be used. Underline, write notes in the margin, develop a chain reference. Over time you will have a library of practical, spiritually minded direction for life!

* **Smile and nod Your Head:** The preacher is like a pump with a handle – if you nod your head on the one end, he will pour out (life giving) water on the other.

* **Thank Him:** If he is not using Scripture, or exhibiting enough dependence on Scripture, demand that he does so. If he is, thank him, encourage him, support him against those who wish less substance and more style.

Listening influences the speaker. There is a sense in which we are the director in our own television control room. We are bombarded with thousands of sensory messages, and we must choose and select those which we see and hear. The choice we make is called *attention*, and we must select from all of these options! When it comes to listening from God's own word, the stakes are higher, and the rewards are higher too. Like Samuel, we should respond: "Speak Lord, for your servant hears" (**1 Samuel 3:9**).

Stan Mitchell

The Marriage Feast of Wisdom (Proverbs 9)

Condition: If I accept Wisdom's invitation, I can become wise!

- *Accept the Invitation of Wisdom (Proverbs 9:1-6)*

- Who built creation, tabernacle, and temple? (**Proverbs 3; 8; Exodus 31; 1 Kings 7**)
- Come to the feast! (**Isaiah 25:6-9; 55:1-7; Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-23**)
- Wisdom offers herself as life-giving food and drink! (**John 4:13-14; 6:53-57**)

- *Behavior Reveals which Invitation I Accepted (Proverbs 9:7-12)*

- *Reject the Dangerous Invitation of Folly (Proverbs 9:13-17)*

- How does embracing Lady Folly end? (**Proverbs 5:5**)
- Who is the epitome of folly and wisdom? (**Proverbs 31:10-31**)
- Folly also has a temple and offers food and drink... (**Proverbs 1:32; 5:15**)

Conclusion - Who is invited to Christ's wedding feast?

Bible Trivia

Answer: Esther was the winner in the court of Ahasuerus, in the citadel of Susa (Esther 2).

Question: Who was the first Christian martyr?



Prayer Requests

Barbara Mitchell, Lillian Bancale's sister-in-law, is now in the Atrium for rehabilitation.

Danny Paschal is under long term care at the Atrium now. Please pray for his wife, Phyllis.

Eli Samford is a little boy with Leukemia who recently started chemo treatments.

Pat Harris, Martha Willis's mother, needs our prayers regarding various health issues.

Gary McDaniel, relative of Kenny Willis, had spinal surgery and is waiting on biopsy results.

Steve Moore will have robotic stomach surgery in Dallas on March 27 (8:00am).

Please pray for healthcare professionals and decision makers all over the world.

Our Shut-ins

The Atrium of Bellmead — Ruby & Billy Evans

Wesley Woods — Dolores Davis

Royal Manor — J.B. Nelson.

Homebound — Larry Havard Sr, Nancy Fletcher, Jackie Walker, Arthur Mae Maloy, Shela Havard, Cotton Lindloff.

March Birthdays

Dale Littrell (16)

Jaxom Walker (18)

Cherie Winget (22)

Reggie Olson (26)

Johnny Henderson (26)

March Anniversaries

Carla & Chester Pogue (28)

Truman & Dovie Burrow (30)

Upcoming Activities!

The **Wednesday Night Meal** is canceled this week (March 18). Please come worship and encourage our church family at 6pm in the auditorium.

There is a **Leadership Meeting** at 4:30pm today!

Life in the Shadow of Death: a Biblical and experiential seminar on grief (Saturday, March 21). Please share the Facebook event and sign up!

"Glorify Him!" is Lake Shore Drive's Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins (March 29-April 1). Please check the flyer for more information.

Dates to Remember

March 21 Grief Seminar with Michael Whitworth (9:00am—12:00pm).

March 29 Potluck lunch!
Singing at the Atrium (1:15pm)

No evening services

March 29-April 1 "Glorify Him!" Gospel Meeting at Lake Shore (Jeff Jenkins)

April 12 **Easter**

April 18 Songfest 2020 at First Street in Lampasas (5:00-8:30pm)

April 26 **Potluck lunch**
Singing at the Atrium (1:15pm)

No evening services

May 10 **Mother's Day**

May 15-16 "Parents, Let's Talk About Sex" Lake Shore Drive (Liz McElroy)

May 16 Area Wide Congregational Singing! (6pm) Snack food!

May 23 FAC reserved (Winget)

May 31 Potluck lunch
Singing at the Atrium (1:15pm)

No evening services