



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, July 7, 2019

Free Indeed

On July 4th we celebrate freedom: Freedom from tyranny and unjust governing, freedom that was bought at great price, freedom that founded a country.

Those who are born into this country are born into freedom. Others go through a detailed process to become a U.S. citizen, and in some ways they appreciate their freedom a little more. The key is citizenship. I must become a resident to partake in that freedom and protection.

Freedom is found in the Truth (**John 8:32ff**). Lies and facades shackle us, imprison us, and make us feel tied to the past. Truth enables us to move beyond what happened. Truth is a solid spike hammered into the rock face on which we can climb upward, toward the future. The word of God is truth (**John 17:17**). The Son of God is the only one who can make us free in the truest sense. Do you want to be a slave to sin any longer?

Romans 6 tells us what to do. We have to die; we have to sacrifice in order to be free. Obedience to the law of Christ means freedom from sin. Being a citizen is supposed to bring privilege. What are the benefits of heavenly citizenship?

Christ set us free with a purpose! (**Galatians 5:1, 13**) Don't abuse that freedom! Don't let it go to waste. If we don't stand firm, the freedom God has granted, we will soon be enslaved again. We are free to do what is right, not whatever we feel like doing (**1 Peter 2:15-16**). Because we are free people we have the right to choose. We can choose to be slaves to a good and kind master. That master is Jesus Christ. You can find freedom in His service.

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

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Let Me Reassure You!

Text: (1 John 4:13-14)

Introduction: (Matthew 7:21-23)

- Note especially the words of Jesus: “I never knew you.”
- Ringing loud and clear in this letter is the message: “Let me reassure you!”
- What about “Gnosticism”? (Late 1st and early 2nd century teaching)
- John uses Gnostic vocabulary to destroy their divisive methods.
- So how do we know we are secure in our relationship with God?

1. Assurance Based on Obedience to His Commands

- Have you ever been in a relationship where you had no idea what your responsibility was? **(1 John 2:3-6)**
- There are two ways that we can be reassured in these verses:
 - A. If we obey his commands (verse 3)
 - B. If we walk as Jesus walked (verse 6)

2. Assurance Based on a Lifestyle of Love

- It's difficult to balance “being righteous” with “loving brothers” **(1 John 3:10)**.
- We need to watch the way we speak of and treat each other **(1 John 3:14-16)**.
- Are we behaving like Gnostic heretics, thinking it was their job to judge?

3. An Assurance that Goes Beyond the Subjective

- If it depended on us, then we would be in grave trouble **(1 John 3:19-20)**.
- We are sinners. All have sinned. This is not very reassuring! **(Romans 3:23)**
- When does your heart “condemn” you?
- Our security depends, not on our performance, but His mercy! **(1 John 4:16)**

4. An Assurance Given in Scripture

- Is this “once saved always saved theology”? **(1 John 5:13-20)**
- The Christian who doesn't “obey” God's commands shouldn't feel reassured.
- The person who is unloving should feel no such reassurance!

5. Those Who Had Left

- This is where we get to the heart of the issue **(1 John 2:18-19)**.
- The hurt goes both ways:
 - o Those who leave do so wounded and bleeding.
 - o Those who remain must carry the task on, but do so similarly hurt.
- What happens to those who remain?
- But what does John say about those who left?
- I have heard all kinds of reasons for abandoning God's people **(1 John 1:8-10)**.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Dillon, Jackie Walkers son, is having artificial valve failure. The doctors are trying to decide what to do.

Joe Dixon, Sammi Jo's great Uncle, is having heart problems.

Molly Cassidy, Lynn Pearson's neighbors daughter, has terminal cancer.

PRAY FOR

➤ Nancy Fletcher, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Jackie Walker, Steve Moore, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant, Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, James Lewis, Anna Mullins, 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 Pratkanis, 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 Cassidy, Megan Jones, Riley Robinson.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Ruby DeRossett, Ruby & Billy Evans **Royal Manor** Dolores Davis **Lake Shore Village** Martha Trevino

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Ellis (8th) Rick Willis (9th) Bethany Michalek (10th) Betty Sue Mason (13th) Zeke Borland (16th) Caitlin Markwardt (19th) Lillian Bancala (20th) Gale Cogliati (22nd) David Ellis (22nd) Lynn Pearson (23rd) Tricia Nehring (24th) Kevin Moore (24th) Corey Michalek (27th) Christian Moore (28th) Phil Bancala (30th) Mary Ruth Coggin (30th) Carmen Moore (30th) Belinda Acock (31st) Rick & Paula Willis (13th) Joe & Sandi Saucedo (22nd)

OTHER NEWS

Elders & Deacons meeting today at 5.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

July 20th FAC reserved to Kristin Rowin.

July 21st thru 27th Leadership Camp "Knowing Jesus"

July 28th dinner of the grounds after morning worship.

July 28th Singing at The Atrium of bellmead at 1:15.

July 28th no evening services.

July 31st Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 7pm. With Timbercrest, Church of Christ, etc.

August 3rd FAC reserved for Kenny Willis reunion.

August 25th dinner on the grounds after morning worship.

August 25th singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:15.

August 25th No evening services.

September 29th dinner on the grounds 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 at 1:15.

October 27th no evening services.

November 27th area wide Thanksgiving service here.

November 28th Thanksgiving Day.

November 28th FAC reserved for Markwardts.

December 2nd thur 4th garage sale work days.

December 5th through 7th garage sale,

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:

Prayer: Charlie Scott

Songs:

Scripture:

John 20:1 - 10

Communion:

Kevin Moore	Randy Eubank
Matt Winget	Karl Helpert

Songs:

1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song:

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“Let Me Reassure You”

Invitation Song:

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Eric Wharton

	<u>Week of June 28</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>
AM Worship	<u>100</u>	<u>93</u>
PM Worship	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>
Contribution	<u>\$2,718</u>	<u>\$2787</u>

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Aubrey Minchew
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Joe Saucedo

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Words of Wisdom



Love is its own reward; hate is its own punishment.
The surest way to get rid of an enemy is to make that person your friend.