

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, February 2, 2020

# **Should I Follow My Heart? (NT)**

The Bible says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (Matthew 5:8). It is very likely that each individual person believes that he or she is pure in heart, that motivations and intentions are not clouded by anything negative or out of place. However, the question still stands: should we simply follow our hearts? We've examined Old Testament evidence suggesting that our hearts are more fickle than that. They can be easily fooled into feeling something is right when it is in fact not right at all!

Jesus is also concerned with our hearts and how we handle them (Matthew 5:28; 6:21; Luke 6:45). He's looking for fertile hearts in which to grow His life-changing seed (Luke 8:15). He makes the heart to mouth connection that we often overlook (Matthew 12:34, 15:8, 18-19; Mark 7:19-21). He also makes an eye to heart connection (John 12:40; Matthew 6:22-24; Romans 1:24; Ephesians 1:18). Basically, the eye reflects the heart's desire and feeds the heart to create or stir up its desires. So, we begin to wonder about what we are feeding our hearts? What is the primary input that is then reflected in our eyes, our choices and behavior?

We still have our freewill intact. We can choose to fill our hearts with Joy, Peace, and Love! God's word and Sprit repurpose our hearts to free-will obedience, to confession, to redemption (Romans 6:17-18; 8:27; 10:8-10; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 9:7). Just as we need to change a coffee filter, vacuum or air filter, there comes a time when our hearts are clogged up with the negative input of the world. We still have the control to put on new hearts or allow them to be filled with whatever we want (Colossians 3:12, 15).

James tells us that if our hearts have been deceived and contaminated, or fattened, they can also be cleansed and reestablished (James 1:26; 3:14; 4:8; 5:5, 8). Peter and John agree with James so we just might have a quorum on the issue (1 Peter 1:22; 3:4, 8, 15; 1 John 3:17-21).

The bottom line: we should only follow the inclination of our hearts when they are well fed on God's word, cleansed and purified of the contamination and deception of sin. If we ever question our own hearts' leanings, directions, and intentions it's time to refashion them in the shape God wants them to be. Thanks for reading!

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

# **Blessed Covenant-Keepers (Proverbs 3:1-12)**

Blessing: We can be blessed covenant-keepers through faith in Jesus!

- How do we stay motivated to be in good spiritual condition?
- There is something special about a promise!

We Must Keep the Covenant (Proverbs 3:1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

- Strong connections between the Law and wisdom (Deuteronomy 4:6; 6, & 17).
- (1) It must be internalized (Jeremiah 31:33-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Proverbs 20:28).
- (3) Loyalty bound tightly; faithfulness engraved deeply (Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5).
- <sup>-</sup> (5) Is my trust in the right place? (Proverbs 1:7; 11:24; 27:2; 28:26).
- **-** (7) Humility is wisdom; pride is foolishness!
- (9) Honor God first (Leviticus 23:10; Deuteronomy 18:1-5; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

God Blesses Covenant-Keepers (Proverbs 3:2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

- <sup>-</sup> (2) Additions to your life, days, years, and peace! **(Ephesians 6:1-3)**.
- (4) Acceptance and a good reputation!
- (6) Straight paths, divine direction and protection!
- (8) A life that follows God's design is a healthy (Proverbs 5; Leviticus 26:16).
- <sup>-</sup> (10) Covenant language? (Deuteronomy 7:12-15; 11:14; 28:8, 51; Malachi 3:10)

Generally True Now and Always True Later (Proverbs 3:11-12)

- Are these verses teaching a prosperity, health and wealth, gospel?
- Why does He discipline His children? (Deuteronomy 8:5, 14; Hebrews 12:3-8)

Jesus Kept the Covenant for Us! (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

- He maintains the balance needed with all parties (Luke 2:52).
- He's the King with the covenant on His heart (Proverbs 3:3; 20:28).

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Danny Paschal is home.

**Brenda Anderson** has asked for more prayers.

**Steve Moore** had surgery on Tuesday. He is doing well.

**Victor Oliver**, friend of Lynn Pearson, is still dealing with heart issues.

**Steve,** Jeff Nehring's cousin, has been diagnosed with Colo Rectal Cancer.

### **PRAY FOR**

➤ Brenda Anderson, Ever Johnson, Larry Lykins, Ronnie & Gary McDaniel (health and cancer) (Tammie Adams Heart issues, Shela's niece) Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant, Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, James Lewis, David Anderson, Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, Glenda Tynes, Kim Bond, Leo Kirkland, Emma Greenawalt, Eve Rasberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Horace Litton, (Jane Munn parkinsons), 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, Rick Keeton, Molly Cassady, Megan Jones, Riley Robinson, Guy Clemmons Jr. Kyle Crum, Molly Cassidy, Vance Stone, Dwan Pickens, Jerry Don Williams, Hollis Godfrey, Dennis Tynes,

### **OUR SHUT-INS**

<u>The Atrium of Bellmead</u> Ruby & Billy Evans <u>WesleyWoods</u> Dolores Davis **St Catherines** Larry Havard Sr.rm 3243. <u>Home</u> Nancy Fletcher, Jackie Walker, Arthur Mae Maloy, Shela Havard,

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Daniel Rowin (5<sup>th</sup>) Chester Pogue (13<sup>th</sup>) James Woodlock (14<sup>th</sup>) Little Joe Saucedo (19<sup>th</sup>) Peyton Winget (14<sup>th</sup>) Paisley Helpert (20<sup>th</sup>) Nelson Moore (24<sup>th</sup>) J B Nelson (25<sup>th</sup>) Xavier Juandiego (Evans) (29<sup>th</sup>)

Phil & Lillian Bancale (3<sup>rd</sup>) Shirley & James Woodlock (23<sup>rd</sup>)

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Today** is potluck after morning worship. No evening services.

**Elders** & Deacons meet following lunch. **Wednesday** night meal is Mexican Stack at 5:30pm. Please see sign-up sheets. There are a few new **church directories** on the table in the foyer.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** FAC reserved to Kayla Moore.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** FAC reserved to Winget's. **February 29<sup>th</sup>** Men's Day at Hillsborough C of C flyer on the board in the foyer.

**March 9**<sup>th</sup> change time. Spring forward.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9 – 12 there will be a Grief Seminar with Michael Whitworth here.

March 29th potluck after morning worship.

March 29th Singing at the Atrium at 1:15

March 29th no evening services.

April 12th Easter

April 26th potluck after morning worship.

**April 26**<sup>th</sup> singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:15

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** no evening services.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Area Wide Congregational Singing at 6pm. Snacks afterward.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> FAC reserved to Winget's.

May 31st Potluck after morning worship.

May 31st singing at the Atrium at 1:15.

May 31st no evening services.

August 1st FAC reserved to Kenny Willis.

**December 19** FAC reserved to Borlands from 10 to 4.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for Bancales 5 to 9.

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Children ages 2-7 are invited to the front of the auditorium during the singing of Jesus Loves Me for children's time.

# 10:30 Assembly Welcome

# Songs:

779 – I Love You, Lord 612 – His Yoke Is Easy

**Prayer: Bill Acock** 

### Songs:

581 – I'd Rather Have Jesus 464 – Because He Lives

### **Scripture**

I Corinthians 15:50 - 58

### Communion:

Nelson Moore Matt Winget
David Rowin Grover Summers

# Songs:

778 – Be with Me, Lord 1014 - Jesus Loves Me

## Children go to the front of the auditorium

### Song:

915 – Trust and Obey

**Sermon by Chris Wheat** 

"Blessed Covenant-Keepers (Proverbs 3:1 - 12)"

### **Invitation Song:**

904 - Have You Been to Jesus?

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Charlie Scott

	Week of Jan 26	Monthly Average
Bible Class	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>
AM Worship	<u>93</u>	<u>99</u>
PM Worship	<u>40</u>	<u>48</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>
Contribution	\$2,730	<u>\$3,419</u>

Northside Leadership		
<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	
Phil Bancale Chris Borland Nelson Moore Charlie Scott	Randy Eubank	
	Karl Helpert	
	Joe Saucedo	
Eric Wharton		
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Ladies Bible Class meets At 10 am on Wednesday.

### **Words of Wisdom**

"Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well."