



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, December 3, 2017

Walking With Grandpa

I took a walk with Grandpa a few years back and enjoyed hearing some of his famous, favorite stories. It was a unique experience always lifting my spirits. I believe I know why and it wasn't just the difficulty of keeping up with the long strides of a strong, athletic, almost six and a half foot tall man: he had such a positive attitude and outlook on life! He always gave passers by the old fashioned "Good Morning!" This greeting inevitably catches someone by surprise in the mind-your-own-business society of the 21st Century. After the initial astonishment, most do respond because somewhere in the recesses of their minds they find that dusty old book on the shelf entitled, "Good Manners My Momma Taught Me."

This story naturally brings me to Satan. Wait a minute—stay with me! Don't you think Satan has deduced that one of the best ways to attack Christians in a depressed and grumpy world is to make us feel that way too? I know that's what he does to me. I'm not suggesting we pretend we have no problems or we live in perfect circumstances. Grandpa had a long life with a great number of problems he could complain about, but he didn't allow such things to interfere in his interactions with the lost.

In **Ephesians 4:17-32** Paul tells us to walk in love, not in futility. In **1 John 1:7** we are to walk in the light, not the darkness. When we choose to walk with God he expects us to be positive, focusing on good things and allowing him to address our problems. Dwelling on the negative will not improve the situation. When you go to church, the grocery store, or the family reunion, don't let Satan kill your optimism. God has given us an enumerable list of reasons to rejoice. Think positive, take a walk in the sunshine, and greet the people you meet! (**Philippians 4:8-13**)

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

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You Must Be Born Again (John 3)

Introduction

- John wrote to produce _____ in his readers (**Jn. 20:31**).
- Was Jesus _____ what he set out to do? (**Jn. 2:23-25**)

Faith That Is Not _____

- Jesus could speak with Nicodemus because he was _____, ready to hear!
- _____ was called “Ruler” (**Jn. 3:1**), and “the teacher of Israel” (**Jn. 3:10**).
- They were speaking different _____ (**Jn. 3:31**).

Not the Religious Practice of _____

- “Religion” has picked up a dose of _____ along the way...
- “Water” meant _____, as John the Baptist did through baptism...
- “Spirit” means nothing less than the _____ of the Holy Spirit can change us!

Not Just a Matter of _____ Conviction

- Why at night? Nicodemus was in spiritual _____!
- In **John 7:50-52** he _____ Jesus by suggesting due process and fair trial
- In **John 19:39-40** we see him helping with the _____ of Jesus’ body...
- Did Nicodemus eventually “go _____” with his faith?

Faith That Leads to New _____

- “Aren’t you a born-again _____?”
- “Yes, I am, but let me tell you what I _____ by ‘born-again’”

The _____ of God

- New birth is _____ only through the Holy Spirit (**Jn. 3:6-8**)
- Are we _____ by the kinds of changes possible through God’s power?

Faith in _____

- Faith is a _____ decision to trust Jesus as Christ, son of God! (**Jn. 20:31**)
- What kind of faith did God _____ of Israel? (**Jn. 3:14; Num. 21:4-9**)
- The cross was an _____ of death, but what did it become? (**Jn. 12:32-34**)

A Decision That is _____

- Personal faith must be _____ in public action (**Mk. 16:16; Acts 2; 22:16**).
- There were _____ at Jesus’ baptism who could testify to His commitment!

Journal for the Journey

- The message is the _____ to all of us no matter what kind or stage of faith...
- **Jesus says**, “You must be born again!”

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Gladys Snyder, former member, is on hospice care.

Charlotte, Meyers, relative of Jackie Walker, passed away.

Ever Johnson, Chris Wheat's nephew, is having some side effects from his treatments.

Sherrill Polansky, has cancer.

PRAY FOR

➤Ever Johnson, Larry Havard, Sr., Joyce, Marca & Russel Ross, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Jewel Nelson; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington. David Banda, Dick & Barbra Decker, Ed Fields (cancer), David Anderson (cancer), Karen Preyer (cancer), Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, Kathy Mitchell, Leo Kirkland, Jessica Tomlinson, James Lewis, Ronnie Branstetter (cancer), Emma Greenawalt, Ernest Daniels, Eve Raspberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Betty Mars, Horace Litton, Jane & Sam Munn, Brittany Turman, Allison Whited, Jackson Pratkan, Charlotte Griffin, Von Ben, Lorene Allen, Tyran Williams, Donna Blahuta, Karen Weaver, Joe Cook (cancer), Joyce Cunningham (cancer), Dixie Frost.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans

Ridgecrest Gladys Snyder

Lake Shore Estates Eugenia Olson

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Havard Jr (8th) Charlotte Fedro (10th)
Mac McMillan (11th) Kandace Fedro (15th)
Michael Summers (15th) Jill Borland (20th)
Joyce Ross (30th)

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Larry Jr & Shela Havard (4th) Chris & Melanie Wheat (12th) Mary & Reggie Olson (20th)

OTHER NEWS

Ornament Party tomorrow at 6pm. Bring a wrapped ornament and finger foods.

Christmas Party is Saturday, December 9th at 6pm.

There is a **Bible Study** on Saturday at 11am.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4th Ornament Party at 6pm. Bring finger foods and a wrapped ornament.

December 9th Christmas party (pot Luck) at 6pm.

December 31st New Years Eve game night after evening worship. Bring finger foods.

January 1st FAC reserved for Dolores Davis.

January 12th - 14th Winterfest in Arlington, TX.

January 13th FAC reserved for Lana Richardson.

February 4th Pot Luck after morning worship. No evening services.

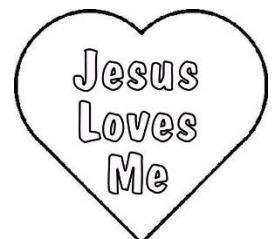
February 14th - 18th Marriage Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN.

February 16th -18th Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN.

April 5th - 7th FAC reserved for garage sale.

April 21st FAC reserved to Eastern Star (Donald Holland)

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:

102 – Great Is the Lord Almighty
837 – I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayer: Aubrey Minchew

Song Order:

227 – On Zions Glorious Summit
62 – I Exalt thee
364 – Come Share The Lord

Communion:

Camp Neff	Randy Eubank
Truman Burrow	Nelson Moore

Song Order:

38 – Awesome God
“Jesus Loves Me”

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

287 – There Is A Redeemer

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“You Must Be Born Again” (John 3)

(Outline on second page of bulletin)

Invitation Song

945 – Kneel At The Cross

(Opportunity for responses to the message)

Closing Prayer: Grover Summers

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

	<u>Week of Nov 19</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>
AM Worship	<u>99</u>	<u>96</u>
PM Worship	<u>47</u>	<u>32</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>39</u>	<u>49</u>
Contribution	<u>\$2852</u>	<u>\$3321</u>

Northside Leadership

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Words of Wisdom



Don't be discouraged;
it's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.