



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, August 4, 2019

Reality Check

Stan Mitchell, Ph.D.

I ran across a survey recently that polled American leaders in business, politics, and the media. They were asked what groups constituted the “greatest danger to democracy” today. Fourteen percent fretted about the dangers posed by racist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and neo Nazi’s. Interesting, you might say. But here’s the shocker.

Twenty four percent said that they viewed Evangelical Christianity as a threat to democracy!

Allow that to filter your thinking for a moment. Greater than power hungry politicians, greater than the attempts of the politically correct to dictate their views and vocabulary to the rest of us, greater than a one sided, eager to “educate” media, greater than those pathetic, hate filled skinheads. Bible believing, conservative churches are a greater threat to democracy than these! Don’t be afraid of media moguls who brainwash us with PC thinking, be afraid of a Gospel Preacher in a church Sunday morning; be afraid of churches that stand up for scripture.

A recent book even suggests that some prominent spokespersons for Christianity are “fascists”!

What are they saying? What does this tell us?

To begin with, this sort of thing is as silly as a late-night comedy show. Conservative church groups are simply *not* a threat to democracy and free thinking. Curbing their right to enter public discussion, robbing their ability to express themselves, tearing the Ten Commandments off court walls, removing the very name of God from our pledges and commitments – now *that* would be a threat to democracy!

What it tells us is that the world is still, and relentlessly, the implacable foe of what is right, and godly.

Why are we surprised? *Did we forget?*

Scripture provides a reality check on the attitude of society to Christianity. “Dear friends,” we are reminded, “do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you” (1 Peter 4:12).

The threat they feel is not to their democracy, but to their deviance from God’s will. Many objects so strongly that they will even remove our democratic right to take a stand!

The world has always hated us for that. Don’t be surprised.

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NOTES

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna Blahuta, friend of Lynn Pearson, will have stints put in her kidneys.

Georgia Browning, Holly Browning's oldest daughter, has been sick for a month. There will be testing done. May be Celiac Disease.

PRAY FOR

➤ Jeff Nehring, Dillon Vansush, Nancy Fletcher, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Larry Havard Sr, Jackie Walker, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant, Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, James Lewis, 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 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, Larry Lykins, Rick Keeton, Molly Cassady, Megan Jones, Riley Robinson, Guy Clemmons Jr, Kyle Crum, Molly Cassidy, Vance Stone, Dwan Pickens.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Ruby & Billy Evans

Royal Manor Dolores Davis

Lake Shore Village Martha Trevino

Home Larry Havard Sr.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Shirley Woodlock (4) Chris Wheat (8) Sandi Saucedo (13) Warren Somers (14) Dolores Davis (16) William Whisenhunt (16) Angela Carey (17) Crystal Evans (19) Julie Eubank (19) Ernest Turman (20) Nolan Rowin (21) Jennifer Ibanez (23) Carla Pogue (25) Mary Olson (29) Chris Borland (30) Grover & Darlene Summers (13) Betty & Warren Somers (14) Darla & Charlie Fedro (19) John & Ginny Sanchez (22) Nelson & Carmen Moore (24)

OTHER NEWS

Elders & Deacons meeting today at 5pm.

Wednesday Meal will be starting this Wednesday night. It will be Chicken & Beef Potpies.

Warrior Weekend is August 31st thru Sept 2nd.. Cost is \$85 per person.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

August 1st through 9th The Brissett's will be here.

August 7th Wednesday night meals at 5:30 begin.

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.

August 31st to Sept 2nd Warrior Weekend \$85 per person.

August 31st Acapella Fest at New Road Church of Christ at 6pm.

September 29th potluck after morning worship.

September 29th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead.

September 29th no evening services.

October 27th potluck after morning worship.

October 27th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead.

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

121 – Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Welcome

Songs:

227 – On Zion’s Glorious Summit
423 – Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Prayer: Phil Bancale

Songs:

705 – A Common Love

Scripture:

John 21: 1 - 14

Communion:

Charlie Scott Joe Saucedo
Matt Winget Kevin Moore

Songs:

807 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul
1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song:

810 – Listen to Our Hearts

Sermon by Deverney Brissett

“The Elect Lady and Her Children”
(2John 1:1-8)

Invitation Song:

469 – Faith Is the Victory

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Bill Acock

	<u>Week of</u> <u>July 28</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>60</u>	<u>59</u>
AM Worship	<u>111</u>	<u>107</u>
PM Worship	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
Contribution	<u>\$2,393</u>	<u>\$3,264</u>

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale
Chris Borland
Aubrey Minchew
Nelson Moore

Deacons

Randy Eubank
Karl Helpert
Joe Saucedo

Minister

Chris Wheat
806-216-0342

Worship Leader

Chris Borland
254-495-5508

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Ladies Bible Class meets
At 10 am on Wednesday.



Words of Wisdom

With God’s light surrounding you, his spirit directing you, and his presence within you, there is no challenge too great for you