

## Worship Time

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Singing**

103 - He Has Made Me Glad

202 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Prayer**

**Singing**

490 - It Is Well With My Soul

337 - Hallelujah, What A Savior

**Scripture Reading**

1 Timothy 2:3-6

**Communion**

**Singing**

31 - Be Still and Know

587 - Sing and Be Happy

**Lesson from God's Word**

Rare Happiness? (Matthew 5:1-12)

**Song of Encouragement**

860 - There Is A Habitation

**Closing Prayer**

<u>For the Record</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August Average</u>
Bible Class	N/A	N/A
AM Worship	66	60
PM Worship	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	N/A	N/A
Contribution	\$2146	\$3195

## **Northside Leadership**

### Elders

Phil Bancale  
Chris Borland  
Nelson Moore  
Charlie Scott  
Eric Wharton

### Deacons

Randy Eubank  
Karl Helpert  
Joe Saucedo

### Minister

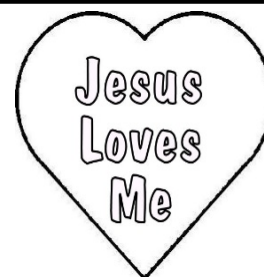
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### Worship Leader

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## **Children's Bible Time**

Please look for videos on our [Facebook page!](#)



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## **Ladies Bible Class**

Topic: Esther  
(postponed)



# Northside church of Christ

2500 Parrish St, Waco, TX 76705

**Building a community of Faith, Hope, and Love!**

Sunday Morning Worship in the Auditorium - 10:30am

Worship Livestream and Scripture videos shared weekly

@[northsidewaco.org](http://northsidewaco.org) and [Facebook](#)

**August 30, 2020**

## The Happiness Formula

In 1776, a special document, prepared and signed by 56 revolutionaries, spearheaded tremendous change and laid a strong foundation for our country, the United States of America. This Declaration of Independence contains an oft quoted maxim in the second sentence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." The danger of these words is that when we take them for granted we assume that this sense of *happiness* is a God-given right, an American's destiny. The reality is that we're not nearly as happy as we want or even claim to be. Why is that?

Many things can be sold on the strength of the *promise* of happiness, and we have typically been gullible enough to buy them, the toothpaste, the gadget, the car and more. However, even in our state of affluence, technology, and convenience happiness is even more elusive! The suicide rate is horrendous. The number of people receiving professional treatment for depression is in the millions. The search for virtual pleasure online could be the most addictive diversion of our generation. We humans still seek and expect happiness, but we have no idea where to find it (**Ecclesiastes 1:14**). We cannot create or find happiness on our own; it is absolutely a gift from God!

True happiness is found in being a child of God! Sadly, we often find ourselves in the other category (**John 8:44**). The good news (Gospel) is, we can be born again (**John 3:3-5**). When we experience this new birth we can live to honor our new Father! Happiness is not only to know I'm God's child, but also to know that He loves me. It's to know I can call on Him at any moment, to know He's eager to listen and bless His children. It makes us deeply happy to know He loves us more than any earthly father possibly could!

The saddest part about our lack of happiness is that it's unnecessary! We have the luxury and daily opportunity to choose life (**Deuteronomy 30:19-20**). God has placed this power within every single human being. We can choose to pursue a happiness not based on external circumstance but on internal, eternal joy in Christ! Jesus explains this happy state in detail in what we tend to call the Beatitudes (**Matthew 5:1-12**). A study of these unique verses would be most beneficial to anyone who desires the happiness that only God can provide. Will you pursue it with your self-evident equality, life, and freedom?

*Thoughts from Chris Wheat*

# Rare Happiness?

Introduction (Ecclesiastes 1:14; 2:3-8)

- A Sinful Search? (Ps. 144:15; 146:5; Pr. 16:20; Phil. 4:4)

- A Futile Life...

- Happiness Worth Seeking! (Mt. 5:1-12; 1 Jn. 1:7)

- Important Clarifications...

- The Source of Happiness! (Rom. 1:16)

Lessons? (Jn. 7:46)

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We can also print a copy for you. Please ask Chris Wheat for assistance!



## Bible Trivia

Answer: Who told the first lie? The serpent (Gen. 3:4)

Question: Who was the first priest mentioned in scripture?



Worship services are Live-Streaming

on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)! Also accessible @[northsidewaco.org](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org)!

### News & Prayer Requests

**Ernest Turman** is now in a rehab facility at the hospital to continue his recovery from pneumonia. Please pray for the two surviving daughters of the **Bellmead family** caught in the fire this week. Please pray for our **leadership** as they guide us and determine the possibility of meeting together on Wednesdays in the near future.

### Our Shut-ins

**The Atrium of Bellmead** — Ruby & Billy Evans  
**Wesley Woods** — Dolores Davis  
**Homebound** — Larry Havard Sr, Shela Havard, Larry Lykins, Arthur Mae Maloy

### August Birthdays

Chris Borland (30)

### September Birthdays

Andrew King (1)                      Eric Wharton (1)  
Pearl Garza (2)                      Sammi Jo Whisenhunt (6)  
Doris Dickerson (13)                      Steven Markwardt (13)  
John Sánchez (15)                      Felicia Scott (18)  
Dan Michalek (19)                      Larry Lykins (25)  
Mary Ann Littrell (26)                      Randy Eubank (27)  
Carolyn "Kay" Commander (28)  
Josiah & Justyce Meyer (28)                      Matt Winget (30)

### September Anniversaries

Daniel & Aimee Summers (19)

### Upcoming Activities!

Lake Shore Drive church's **Singing Night** is today at 5:00pm and you're welcome to join!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**Remember**, no Bible class or evening worship.

If you miss **live-stream** worship service don't worry. The video will be available after the stream finishes.

Find **Public Scripture Reading** videos on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org) Sundays & Wednesdays at 6pm.

We've made some organizational **adjustments** to our worship service so please be ready to adapt with us as patiently as possible. Thank you!

Please check [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org) & [northsidewaco.org](http://northsidewaco.org) for **social distance guidelines**. Thank you for cooperating as we transition one step at a time.

**Opportunity:** men of the congregation who want to record a video lesson please contact Chris Wheat!

**Online Encouragement** can be very helpful...

Please check our website and Facebook for prayer needs, and study opportunities.

**Encouragement** cards, texts, and phone calls are an excellent way to check in on your brothers and sisters at this time. Contact us for addresses.

### Dates to Remember

**October 3**                      FAC reserved

**November 26**                      **Thanksgiving**

**December 12**                      Church Christmas Party

**December 19**                      FAC reserved (Borland 10am – 4pm)

**December 24**                      FAC reserved (Bancale 5-9pm)