



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 5, 2018

Traditions

Teveye, the whimsical patriarch in the movie *Fiddler on the Roof* explains the definition of a tradition perfectly. Speaking of Jewish tradition in Tsarist Russia, he declares: "You may ask, how did his tradition get started?" Then he pauses before answering his own question: "I tell you why: I don't know."

Young people (I was young once, too) like to ask the question, "But why do we have to do it this way?" Those of us who are older have to do better than to simply say, "Tradition!"

The Lord had a great deal to say about traditions (**Mark 7:6-13**). His major concern seems to be the contrast between God's commands and the commands of men.

Many teach "as doctrines the commandments of men," he observed, adding that as a consequence, they rendered worship "vain" (**7:6,7**). He adds, "You leave the commandment of God," with the result that they "hold on to the tradition of men" (**7:8**). "You have a fine way of rejecting the command of God," he declares, "in order to establish your own traditions!" (**7:9**). Clenching his case he declares, "Thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down." (**7:13**).

The stronger human traditions persist, the weaker the word of God appears, at least in our own estimation. Some things to note about tradition:

- * Traditions are not harmful in and of themselves. They can even make sense when first instituted.
- * Some traditions might be useful, even greatly helpful, so long as we do not defend them as if they carry the force of biblical teaching.
- * Traditions, like barnacles on a boat, build up over time and usually when we are not aware of the danger.
- * It would be unwise to assume that while other fellowships are blinded by tradition that we suffer no such impairment. To assume we have no traditions is precisely to open up the possibility of collecting traditions.
- * Traditions should never push aside God's commands.
- * The key is to be able to distinguish between human tradition and God's word.
- * We must guard against confusing tradition (ours) with God's word.
- * The real problem comes when we treat our traditions on the same level as God's word.

It appears that the dilution of human thinking renders God's word completely ineffective. Human thinking muddies the waters; Divine thinking clarifies; human thinking deflects our attention, divine thinking corrects our vision. When a practice is biblical, unlike Teveye, we can say with confidence, "That's no tradition; God's word teaches that."

By Stan Mitchell

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Divine Designations for the Church

Introduction - Is it possible to _____ the church Jesus built in our time?

The Church (Colossians 1:18, 24)

- The original word for church means _____ or gathering.
- An assembly _____ by Christ, who worship Him and live for Him.

Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23)

- Christ is both the owner and _____ of the church.
- Like a _____, He sends impulses for different body parts to execute.

Kingdom of God (Acts 8:12)

- Why does _____ use that terminology? Why kingdoms?
- Israel was supposed to be a different kind of kingdom, no _____ king.

Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:18-19)

- This kingdom is so well protected even _____ is unable to defeat it!
- In this kingdom, everything we do on earth has heavenly _____.

Kingdom of the Son (Colossians 1:13-14)

- Who has _____ in the darkness? From whom have we been redeemed?
- We gain access to the _____ kingdom through Jesus forgiving our sins.

Church of God (Acts 20:28)

- To whom does the church belong? _____
- _____ paid the ransom price; He redeemed it for His own possession.

Church of Christ (Romans 16:16)

- If it is Christ's church how can it be _____ church? **(1 Corinthians 1:2)**
- They are good at _____, but how close are they? **(John 1:1, 14)**

Household/Family of God (1 Timothy 3:15)

- If we're _____ in God's family, do we feel safe and loved?
- Do we have to _____ a certain way to be accepted in this household?

Conclusions

- God's house, His rules. God's Kingdom, He is King. Jesus's Body, He is Head.

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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Lindloff family and friends at the passing of Mike Lindloff.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Betty Sue Mason went to the doctor Thursday to see about repairing her knee.

Teresa Snyder, daughter of Phil & Lillian's neighbor, has fluid in her head.

Terri Kilgo, cafeteria director at Gholson school, lost her son Calvin (22) in an accident.

PRAY FOR

➤James Lewis, Felicia Ann Lambert, Terry Wiggins, Ed St Claire, Danny Paschal, Ever Johnson, Larry Havard Sr. Joyce Ross, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington. David Banda, Ed Frields, David Anderson, Karen Freyer, Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, Karen McKenzie, Glenda Tynes, Kim Bond, Leo Kirkland, Emma Greenawalt, Eve Raspberry, 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, Mark Hardwick, Joey Primeaux, Gary McDaniel, Larry Scott, Madeleine Anderson, Ernest Sanchez, Larry Lykins.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Chris Wheat(8) Ruby DeRossett(12) Sandi Saucedo(13) Warren Somers(14) Dolores Davis(16) William Whisenhunt(16) Angela Carey(17) Larry Havard Sr.(17) Crystal Evans (19) Julie Euban (19) Ernest Turman (20) Jennifer Ibanez (23)Carla Pogue(25) Mary Olson (29)Chris Borland (30) Summers(13) Somers(14) Fedro(19) Moore(24)

OTHER NEWS

Youth Devotional Tuesday at 6pm in the FAC

Wednesday night meal at 5:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Jeff Nehring purchased 2 **grills** and is offering them for church functions or if anyone would like to borrow one for a function at your home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 7th Youth Devotional 6pm.

August 25th Acapella Fest at New Road Church of Christ at 7pm. Flyer on board in foyer.

August 26th Pot luck after morning worship.

August 26th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

August 26th No evening services.

September 3rd Labor Day. Office closed.

September 30th Pot luck after morning worship.

September 30th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

September 30th No evening services.

October 6th FAC reserved for Nancy Fletcher's 80th Birthday Party.

October 28th Pot Luck after morning worship.

October 28th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

October 28th No evening Services.

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:

797 – Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
 524 – I Know Whom I Have Believed
 113 – His Grace Reaches Me

Prayer: Phil Bancale

Song Order:

Overhead – Prince of Peace
 315 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Scripture:

Matthew 27: 62 - 66

Communion:

Charlie Scott Nelson Moore
 Randy Eubank Mike Olson

Song Order:

24 – Blessed Be the Name of the Lord
1014 - “Jesus Loves Me”

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

643 – Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

Sermon by Chris Wheat

“Divine Designations for the Church”

Invitation Song

948 – I Am Resolved

(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</u> <u>July 29</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>66</u>	<u>57</u>
AM Worship	<u>116</u>	<u>106</u>
PM Worship	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>50</u>	<u>46</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,683</u>	<u>\$3,162</u>

Northside Leadership

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Words of Wisdom



For what it is worth, remember: Amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic.