



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 12, 2018

Covenant Signs

The Bible says, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth" (**Genesis 9:17**). Why does a covenant need a sign? A covenant is a contract, an agreement, a commitment, a pledge, a bond, a deal, an arrangement, an understanding. Hebrew covenants were usually accompanied by special sacrifices, words of promise or oath, and signs. The ceremony often involved cutting animal in two and both parties passing between the pieces of flesh (**Genesis 15:9-10**). Signs were physical memorials or markers to commemorate the treaty so both parties could point to its inception with firm details and witnesses.

God himself initiates covenants! Did He have to treat with His creation? All the usual elements were present after the flood: the sacrifice of all mankind except Noah's family, the promise never to flood the world again, and the rainbow sign in the sky as memorial. The cleansing image of this ritual is also intriguing; Noah and his family passed through the cutting away of all flesh, the dividing of good and evil, and God was with them. Who could possibly forget an experience like that? How could God's people ever let wickedness become so rampant? It didn't take Noah all that long to fall back into old habits (**Genesis 9:20-27**). It wasn't very long before human hubris reached dangerous heights yet again (**Genesis 11:1-9**). That's why covenants need signs, large, flashing, neon, billboards with sound effects amplified!

We need clear reminders of our pledges! We also need someone to hold us accountable to those agreements, witnesses to remind us of our commitments! I hope you don't enter into any covenant lightly, especially if it is a spiritual one. Count the cost of such an undertaking (**Luke 14:25-33**). When you enter a pact with God you can be sure there's a sign pointing you back to your choice in bold and subtle ways. Christians have a weekly reminder of the sign of our covenant in the Lord's supper (**1 Corinthians 11:25**). Noah's floodwaters correspond to the floodwaters of baptism, saving through the pledge of our consciences in union with God. It's a beautiful sign of the most important covenant of life. When you see these signs remember your agreement with God, and the sacrifice He made for you.

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

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Divine Designations for Church Members

Introduction

- The New Testament describes the _____ in many different ways.
- Can we also maintain God's intended uniqueness on an _____ level?

Disciples/Christians (Acts 11:26)

- Disciples are learners, _____, or apprentices...
- Christians didn't call themselves by that name but they had a _____.

Slaves/Servants (Galatians 1:10; Romans 6:16-18)

- As servants, whose approval we seek? Who do we want to please? _____
- Christians in Rome were once slaves of sin: whom did they obey? _____

Citizens (Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:19-20)

- Our heavenly passports will have an _____ stamp in them...
- Citizens have blessings and privileges but they don't make the _____.

Saints (Ephesians 1:1)

- Saints are sanctified, made holy, by the _____ of Jesus!
- Saints are set apart by _____ to do His will, dedicated to Christ.

Priests (1 Peter 2:5, 9)

- Old Testament priests offered sacrifices for the _____ in the Lord's house.
- Now we offer _____ sacrifices, worship & service (**Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 6:10**).

Other Biblical Designations

Brothers and _____ (**James 1:2**)

Chosen _____ (**1 Peter 1:1-2**)

Co-Heirs with _____ (**Romans 8:17**)

Living _____ being built into a spiritual house (**1 Peter 2:5**)

Conclusion

- Let's use _____ designations for Christ's church and people (**Col. 3:17**)
- God-given names have _____ meaning! (**Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:9-11**)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pearl Garza is home from the hospital.

Betty Sue Mason is going to have to do therapy before surgery on her knee.

Teresa Snyder, daughter of Phil & Lillian's neighbor, there is a tumor between her brain and skull that is draining fluid into her spinal column.

Debbie Hagan, friend of David Ellis, is on hospice care.

Sarah, friend of Cherie Winget, 7 month old son's soft spot closed and he won't grow any more.

Tim Jander, prosthesis broke.

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 Rasberry, Gene & Bobbie Southerland, Horace Litton, Jane & Sam Munn, Jackson Pratkan, Charlotte Griffin, Lorene Allen, Tyrann 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

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

Wednesday night meal at 5:30. Mexican Stack. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

There is a new church directory on the table.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 29th FAC reserved for the Summers.

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.

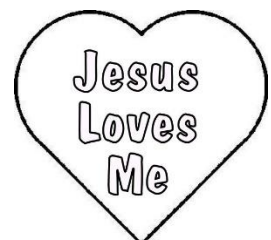
October 28th Pot Luck after morning worship.

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

October 28th No evening Services.

November 4th day light savings. (fall backwards).

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:

Prayer: David Ellis

Song Order:

Scripture:

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Communion:

Charlie Scott Nelson Moore

Matt Winget Karl Helpert

Song Order:

1014 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

Sermon by Chris Wheat

"Divine Designations for Church Members"

Invitation Song

(Opportunity for responses to the message)

Closing Prayer: Aubrey Minchew

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

	<u>Week of July 29</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>
AM Worship	<u>107</u>	<u>106</u>
PM Worship	<u>50</u>	<u>24</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>56</u>	<u>46</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,390</u>	<u>\$3,162</u>

Northside Leadership

Elders

Phil Bancale

Chris Borland

Aubrey Minchew

Nelson Moore

Deacons

Randy Eubank

Karl Helpert

Joe Saucedo

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Words of Wisdom



God promises to give us our daily bread. He doesn't guarantee it will be buttered.