



# 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, September 9, 2018

## Fantasy and Reality

Have you ever watched a home renovation on HGTV and wondered how the spokesperson could look as crisp as the crease in a sergeant major's uniform? If any of us mere mortals attempted the same thing we would be covered in sweat, sawdust and grime. Yet there he is smiling into the camera, fresh as a daisy.

This is the difference between fantasy and reality. Preaching is distinctly an exercise in the latter. Doing "church" is a lot like house renovation. The fantasy is that working with people is all sweetness and light; The reality is that working with people, real, problem-plagued human beings, is messy.

I once heard a discouraged preacher say, "I'm tired of holding people's hands."

I am a preacher. I understand his frustrations.

But working with the church requires hands on work. Babies in Christ are messy. Members of many decades remain nonetheless immature. Criticisms always look bigger than expressions of gratitude. But the work must be done. Renovating people's hearts is too important for quitting.

Those who lead may carry out responsibilities thanklessly. Criticisms abound, solutions and offers to assist are rare. Church members make mistakes, even commit sin.

But renovations can only occur in the chaos, dust and noise of construction, and growing churches cannot be built without grit and deep determination. Behind our sunny spokesperson with the beautiful smile are workmen with callouses on their hands. Service is Christianity in blue collar clothing. Anyone can demolish; it takes hard work and skill to build, and considerable sweat. Now that's reality.

"From now on therefore we regard no one according to the flesh," Paul declared (**2 Corinthians 5:16**). There is an old teacher saying: "I reach into the future: I teach." Well, I reach into eternity. I preach. It's worthwhile work. The reality is that the results are eternal. Heaven is also a reality, and it surpasses fantasy considerably.

By the way, the hard work does not go unnoticed; the Lord himself sees it all (**2 Peter 3:12**).

By Stan Mitchell

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## In Spirit and Truth: Teaching

### Introduction

- We can pray like the New Testament church!
- Can we teach like Jesus, the apostles, and the early church members?

### The Source (Matthew 28:18-20)

- Who gave Jesus authority and what is His \_\_\_\_\_?
- Should we teach before or after baptism? Who is \_\_\_\_\_ to be taught?

### The Teachers (Acts 8:1-4)

- Who did the preaching/proclaiming? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did they preach/proclaim, specifically? \_\_\_\_\_

### The Readiness (1 Peter 3:13-17)

- We should be ready to give an answer to whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- What kind of answer is it? \_\_\_\_\_
- What tone does God want in this defense? (**Proverbs 15:1**) \_\_\_\_\_

### The Maturity (Hebrews 5:12)

- Why were some not able to teach? \_\_\_\_\_
- What kind of spiritual food do you \_\_\_\_\_? (**Hebrews 6:1**)
- Is teaching a \_\_\_\_\_ and heavy undertaking? (**James 3:1**)

### The Accuracy (1 Timothy 4:1-4)

- Why would some people depart from the faith? \_\_\_\_\_
- What kind of teaching do you want to hear? \_\_\_\_\_

### The Content (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

- We must preach the... \_\_\_\_\_! (**Acts 20:27**)
- Why preach and teach the word? \_\_\_\_\_

### Conclusion

- If there is “\_\_\_\_\_” teaching then there is “\_\_\_\_\_” teaching (**Titus 2:1**).
- We can't teach what we don't know...

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Martha Trevino** will have to have back surgery soon.

**Cheri Payne's** mother has been released to start her chemo on Tuesday.

**Cheri Payne's** son Henry has a virus and UTI.

**Danny Paschal** fell and broke his hip last week. He is in rehab at St Catherines.

**Joe Dixon**, Charlie Scott's uncle, is having internal bleeding and his heart is weak.

**Ernest Turman** has symptoms of pneumonia.

**Mike Murphy**, friend of Pearl Garza, has cancer.

## 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 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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Doris Dickerson (13<sup>th</sup>) Steven Markwardt (13<sup>th</sup>) Felicia Scott (18<sup>th</sup>) Donna StClair (20<sup>th</sup>) Larry Lykins (25<sup>th</sup>) Randy Eubank (27<sup>th</sup>) Carolyn Commander (28<sup>th</sup>) Josiah & Justyc (28<sup>th</sup>) Matt &

## OTHER NEWS

**Pictures** with William starts today after morning worship services.

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer for you to schedule having your picture taken.

**Youth devotional** will be Tuesday at 6pm.

**Wednesday night meal** is barbecue chicken & sausage at 5:30. Sign-up sheet on table in the foyer.

**Next Sunday** is the Elders & Deacons meeting.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** area wide youth devotional at Lake Shore Drive Church of Christ at 6pm.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Back to School Bash at the Burrow's. Eating starts at 6. Come at 5 to play games & fellowship.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for the Summers.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** Pot luck after morning worship.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** No evening services.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for Meyers twins 3 year old birthday party.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** FAC reserved for Nancy Fletcher.

**October 28<sup>th</sup>** Pot luck after morning services.

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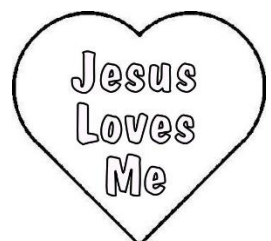
**November 4<sup>th</sup>** change time. (fall back)

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** area wide Thanksgiving services at New Road Church of Christ at 7pm.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** FAC reserved to Markwardts.

**November 26<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>** garage sale work days.

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: Grover Summers

Song Order:

### Scripture:

Mark 8: 34 - 38

### Communion:

Nelson Moore      Joe Saucedo

Matt Winget      Charlie Scott

Song Order:

1014 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

Song Order:

Sermon by Chris Wheat

"In Spirit and Truth: Teaching"

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 Sept 2</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Bible Class	<u>48</u>	<u>59</u>
AM Worship	<u>91</u>	<u>105</u>
PM Worship	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>55</u>	<u>58</u>
Contribution	<u>\$3,296</u>	<u>\$3,265</u>

### Northside Leadership

#### Elders

Phil Bancale

Chris Borland

Aubrey Minchew

Nelson Moore

#### Deacons

Randy Eubank

Karl Helpert

Joe Saucedo

#### Minister

Chris Wheat

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#### Worship Leader

Chris Borland

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**Words of Wisdom**



Nothing ever really sets human nature free but  
self-control.