

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, July 8, 2018

## **Rainbows and Promises**

The Bible says "I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." (Genesis 9:15). What do you think of when you see a rainbow? That amazing, refractory wonder of light can dazzle the intellect for hours. The rainbow has been co-opted for symbolic use by many organizations, groups, cultures. Some with harmless intent and others with somewhat nefarious purpose.

God uses that rainbow to remind us of one of His most important promises. He will never again remove the life of the planet by flood. Can you imagine what it took to convince Himself to undertake that kind of action in the first place? My children build toy block towers and destroy them without a thought. Cities rezone and tear down ancient buildings to make way for improvements with little emotion. No reconstruction can compare with what God chose to do. He took his creation apart and started all over again. I've seen artists destroy what I thought to be a masterpiece because it didn't quite fit their vision, but the reason God's masterpiece is different is the element of free will He implanted in human beings. That essential variable meant the whole thing could come crashing down at any point in time. It was not a flaw, but an intentional algorithm.

Why would He give a promise to people for whom He did not care? Why would He reboot the system if He did not think that He could keep His promise? He knew before the foundations were laid that this "paradise" would topple, and He would need to send a savior to humanity. Only through that variable of free will can His beautiful creation respond with true love toward their savior and creator. Think about the patience and wisdom of a God like that. How patient is He? He's willing to wait until sin ravages His creation once again, as long as possible, so that He can save as many as possible through the cleansing flood of Jesus blood (2 Peter 3:8-10). When you see a rainbow next time, think of the Cross and the promise of love and salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16). When Noah and his family were saved through the ark, He built an altar and worshiped God gratefully. When we think about what we're being saved from, let's stop and offer thankful prayers of gratitude to the Father who loves us so much.

Thoughts from Chris Wheat

## **The Destructiveness of Sin**

# Introduction • The most \_\_\_\_\_ force of all time entered through the Garden of Eden. • The world's problems can be traced back to \_\_\_\_\_\_ act of disobedience. What is sin? (1 John 3:4) \_\_\_\_\_- - breaking God's law. \_\_\_\_\_ language comes into play - we miss the target or fall short. A sin of omission? (James 4:17) We miss the mark when we do something God has \_\_\_\_\_\_. We miss that same mark when we neglect doing something God How does sin make you feel? (Hebrews 11:24-25) Does sin have any \_\_\_\_\_\_? Does it feel good? How does that euphoria last? Who sinned? (Romans 3:23) How many \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned, broken God law? Every human being has the same \_\_\_\_\_\_ to solve; no one is exempt. **Who didn't? (Hebrews 4:14-15)** If there was more than one sinless person we would question the \_\_\_\_\_\_. He's uniquely suited to the task of priest and What does sin \_\_\_\_\_\_? (Isaiah 59:1-2) Can we \_\_\_\_\_ sin with morality? (Acts 10 & 11) Who is your master? (Romans 6:16-18; John 8:34, 44) • Do you want to be a \_\_\_\_\_? If you have to be a slave... what kind of \_\_\_\_\_ do you want? The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Romans 5:12-15; 6:23) An everlasting fire is prepared for...? (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10-15; 21:8) What is the price of \_\_\_\_\_\_? (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) Conclusion Sin separates us from our creator and enslaves us to \_\_\_\_\_\_. • We have only one hope; there is only one \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem...

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Melanie Wheat** is having lower back pain. **Whitney Jonas**, Chris Borland's sister, will have foot surgery soon.

**Reginald**, Lillian Bancale's cousin's husband, passed away Wednesday morning. He's been battling Bone Cancer for 11 years. **Jerry,** friend of Michael Summers, is in the hospital and will have his leg amputated soon.

Larry Lykins will have a stint installed soon.
Jana, will be traveling to lowa to celebrate dads birthday and brothers' wedding.
Boys soccer team in Thailand are trapped in a cave. They are working to get them out safely.

#### **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.

### **OUR SHUT-INS**

**The Atrium of Bellmead** Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans **Brazos** Eugenia Olson **JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** 

Bethany Michalek (10) Betty Sue Mason (13) Zeke Borland (16) Caitlin Markwardt (19) Lillian Bancale (20) Gale Cogliati (22) David Ellis (22) Lynn Pearson (23) Tricia Nehring (24) Corey Michalek (27) Phil Bancale (30) Carmen Moore (30) Beth Summers (30) Belinda Acock (31)

Joe & Sandi Saucedo (22)

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Wednesday night meal** will be Brisket at 5:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the table.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 14th FAC reserved for Kenny Willis.

July 21st FAC reserved for Bancale's.

July 24th Youth devotional at 6pm.

**July 29**th Pot luck after morning worship.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

July 29th No evening services.

July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> New Road Church of Christ VBS 6:30pm. Flyer on board in foyer. Registration form in on the table.

**August 4**<sup>th</sup> FAC reserved for Kenny Willis. **August 26**<sup>th</sup> Pot luck after morning worship.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1pm.

August 26th No evening services.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day.

**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. **October 28<sup>th</sup>** pot luck after morning worship.

October 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 10:30 Assembly

### Welcome

## Song Order:

162 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 163 – His Name is Wonderful 167 - Hosanna

**Prayer: Johnny Henderson** 

#### Song Order:

480 – Blessed Assurance 374 – There is A Fountain Filled with Blood

## Scripture:

Matthew 27:32 - 44

#### Communion:

Nelson Moore Phil Bancale

Truman Burrow Charlie Scott

## Song Order:

453 – Love Lifted Me 1014 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Children go to the front of the auditorium.

#### Song Order:

501 – Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

**Sermon by Chris Wheat** 

"The Destructiveness of Sin"

Invitation Song

490 - It Is Well with My Soul

(Opportunity for responses to the message)

**Closing Prayer: Grover Summers** 

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

	Week of July 1	Monthly Average
	July 1	Average
Bible Class	<u>48</u>	<u>57</u>
AM Worship	<u>98</u>	<u>96</u>
PM Worship	<u>36</u>	<u>23</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>31</u>	<u>51</u>
Contribution	\$3,028	<u>\$2,404</u>

Northside Leadership		
<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	
Phil Bancale	Randy Eubank	
Chris Borland	Karl Helpert	
Aubrey Minchew	Joe Saucedo	
Nelson Moore		
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Chris Wheat	Chris Borland	
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Words of Wisdom



Commitment to God means believing He is who He says He is, and acting on that faith as you strive to be Godly.