

Worship Time

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Singing

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More Beatitudes of Jesus? (Mt. 5:1-12)

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Closing Prayer

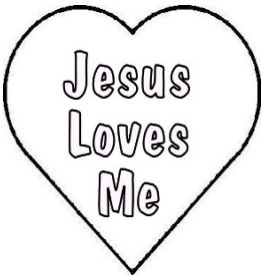
For the Record	November 29	November Average
Bible Class	N/A	N/A
AM Worship	59	64
PM Worship	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	16	24
Contribution	\$2680	\$3313

Northside Leadership

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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

Wednesday (10:00am)





Northside church of Christ

2500 Parrish St, Waco, TX 76705

Building a community of Faith, Hope, and Love!

Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Wednesday Devotional & Prayer - 6:30pm

Worship Livestream & Bible videos shared weekly

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December 6, 2020

Angry at God

As a young man C.S. Lewis was angry at God. His mother had died when he was still a boy; he had been sent to a boarding school, which in the long and undistinguished history of English education was "horrid." Then he had fought in World War I, in the filth and mud of the trenches of France.

How, he angrily wondered, could a good God allow such pain and suffering? How could a powerful God not do something to stop such suffering?

The angry young man became an atheist.

The question of a good God and the reality of suffering is a challenging one for any person of faith. The biblical book of Job seems entirely dedicated to the question. David, in numerous laments, wonders whether God is acting in a just and righteous manner. Jesus' plaintive cry from the cross, an echo of the same question asked by the Psalmist is the cry of many puzzled, frustrated humans: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1).

I grew up and did mission work in southern Africa. I have seen plenty of evidence that this is a cruel and harsh world. Most of the suffering I observed, interestingly, had been caused by human beings; war, dictatorship, lawlessness, all contributed to the suffering of the ordinary citizen. In a world where humans get to choose to serve God or serve themselves, many humans choose badly. At least at some level, it needs to be said, the suffering we witness in our sad, tired world is caused by ourselves, not by God.

But of course the question still remains: If that is so, then why does God not simply force all humans to choose well. If there was no more sin and cruelty in the world, that would eliminate war, oppression and suffering.

These are not simple questions, of course, but one thing is clear: an existence in which humans are controlled so completely by God that they *always* choose well would be a very different world from the one in which we live. Being forced to choose the good is, by definition, not a choice. Being forced to love God is, as you can see, is not genuine love.

The next time you observe (or experience) something and you say, "I wish that had not happened," remind yourself that God is saying exactly the same thing. God's love is steady and undying; his heart breaks, I assure you, far more deeply than our limited hearts do, at suffering in our world.

I always think of the shortest verse in our English Bibles: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35).

Beloved, be assured of this: he still does.

Lewis' began the long journey back to faith in God when a thought came to him unbidden: "How can I be angry at a God," he wondered, "whom I do not believe exists?" (*Surprised by Joy*, 115).

We cannot count on getting our way all the time; not even God gets his way all the time. We can, however, count on his love. In hard times that may not seem like much, but I believe it is enough.

By Stan Mitchell

More Beatitudes of Jesus?

Introduction:

A. The Meaning of “Blessed” (Jn. 10:10; Pr. 13:15)

B. The Other Beatitudes of Jesus? (Mt. 5:1-12)

Discussion:

1. *Blessed are the Unashamed* (Mt. 11:4-6; 13:54-57; Mk. 9:24; Lk. 9:26; John 6:60; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:23; Galatians 5:11)

2. *Blessed are the Receptive* (Ps. 119:97; Mt. 13:10-17)

3. *Blessed are the Keepers* (Lk. 1:41-42; 11:27-28; Jn. 13:17)

4. *Blessed are the Givers* (Jn. 20:30-31; 21; 25; Acts 20:35)

5. *Blessed are the Believers* (Mt. 16:18; John 20:29; Gal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:1)

Lessons?

Please download the app on phone or tablet, log in via computer, or access a printable version @northsidewaco.org. Printed copies available by request. See Chris Wheat assistance!



Bible Trivia

Answer: Who was the first farmer? Cain (Genesis 4:22)
Question: Who was the first polygamist in the Bible?



Worship services are Live-Streaming on [YouTube.com](#)! Also accessible @[northsidewaco.org](#) or [Facebook](#)!

News & Prayer Requests

Please note that **Billy & Ruby Evans** have moved rooms at the Atrium (806). Their new phone number is in our Instant Church Directory (620-2682).
Sadly, **Ruby** now has COVID and has been quarantined from Billy. Please offer extra prayers!
Please pray for Aubrey Minchew’s niece, **Bonnelle Latham** who lost her husband, Jess, this week. She’s also dealing with a COVID diagnosis.
Please pray for **Lana Wollard Richardson**, Joyce Minchew’s niece, who has COVID as well.
Please pray for Ginia Long’s friend, **Donna Cast**, who has COVID and is in the hospital.
*Please check our **regular prayer list** (separate document) and give updates to Chris Wheat.*

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

December Anniversaries

Josh Mayfield (6)	Larry Havard Jr (8)
Charlotte Fedro (10)	“Mac” McMillan (11)
Kandace Barrett (15)	Michael Summers (15)
Madilyne Ibañez (19)	Jill Borland (20)

December Anniversaries

Chris & Melanie Wheat (12)
Mary & Reggie Olson (20)

Upcoming Activities!

Thank you for praising God with us today!
Remember, no Bible class or evening worship.

We plan to resume **Sunday Morning Bible Classes January 10**. If you’d like to help with that process please see Chris Wheat. Thanks!

*This Wednesday we will meet at **6:30pm** for Devotional, News, and Family Prayer Time!*

Ladies Class will meet at the church building this Wednesday at 10:00am.

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

You can find Bible study videos on [Facebook](#) Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00pm.

Please check [Facebook](#) & [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, or speak on a Wednesday night, please contact Chris Wheat!

Online Encouragement is very helpful. Please check website and Facebook for prayer needs...

Encouragement cards, texts, and phone calls are great ways to check on church family!

Dates to Remember

December 9	Ladies Class (10:00am)
	Wednesday Devotion (6:30pm)
January 10	Resuming Sunday morning Bible class!