Worship Time

Welcome & Announcements

Singing

10 - A Mighty Fortress

In Christ Alone

Prayer

Singing

464 - Because He Lives

538 - My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8:5-6; Hebrews 2:5-9

Communion

Singing

874 - Walking Alone At Eve

497 - Whispering Hope

Lesson from God's Word

Hope…

Song of Encouragement

517 - Heaven Came Down

Closing Prayer

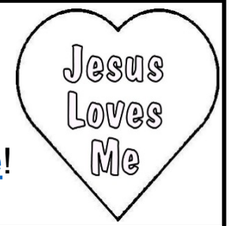
For the Record	May 9	May Average
Bible Class	58	55
AM Worship	88	87
PM Worship	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	35	30
Contribution	$3162	$3229

Northside Leadership

Elders	Deacons
Phil Bancale Chris Borland Nelson Moore Charlie Scott Eric Wharton	Randy Eubank Joe Saucedo
Minister	**Worship Leader**
Chris Wheat 806-216-0342	Chris Borland 254-495-5508

Children's Bible Time

Please look for videos on our Facebook page!



Please share news and updates via text, email, Facebook or phone by Friday.

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Ladies Bible Class

Book: It's A Red Letter Day (Debbie Dupuy)
Wednesday (10:00am)

Northside church of Christ

2500 Parrish St, Waco, TX 76705

Building a community of Faith, Hope, and Love!

Sunday Bible Classes (all ages) - 9:30am

Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Wednesday Devotional & Prayer - 6:30pm

Live-streaming weekly on YouTube & northsidewaco.org

May 16, 2021

Eager Expectation

Luke 2:22-38

There are few things more difficult in this life than waiting for the Lord. It sounds appealing to be one of the people of Israel that Moses led out of 400 years of Egyptian slavery, surrounded by signs and wonders. But who would really want to be part of the generations of slaves between the years, say, 200-250? It would mean that neither you nor your great grandparents had ever known freedom, nor would you or your great grandchildren. Yet it was crucial that the chain of faith remain unbroken and that Israel keep telling and retelling the stories of God's faithfulness and hoping in the Lord, who would not leave them there forever.

Yet somehow, long awaited expectations are doubly as sweet when they are fulfilled. If you reared your children to be Christians, the day couldn't get here soon enough for them to finally decide to name Jesus as Lord in baptism. If it hasn't happened for you yet, it is undoubtedly part of your daily prayers and your heart's most eager yearnings.

Luke's Gospel records the stories of two very sweet older people that Mary and Joseph encounter when they bring Jesus to the Temple for his dedication. Simeon has been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he sees the Messiah. Anna is married for just seven years and then widowed until the age of eighty-six. One can only imagine how many days, months, and years they have prayed, wondering when God was going to give them a new blessing. It's easy to pray when we see our prayers being answered but much harder to keep praying when we cannot know what God is doing.

Being people of hope means that we continue on steadfastly with eager expectation that God will make a way where there is no other way. Simeon never quit wait- ing for and expecting the hope of Israel to come. And what would he tell you on that day, after he holds the Lord of all creation in his own hands? "Don't give up, and don't quit hoping. It's worth it."

Mark Adams, Kings Crossing church of Christ, Corpus Christi, TX

Hope…

Understanding Hope

- Old Testament Hebrew — "to wait" or "to hope."

- New Testament Greek — confident expectation and anticipation of a good outcome.

The Nature of Hope (Jer. 29:10-14; Job 13:15; 19:1-12; Lk. 24:13-27; Acts 23:6-10, Rom. 8:18-25; 1 Cor. 13:13)

Proclaiming Our Hope

- Perception of hardship shapes hope…

- Hope can be tarnished over time…

- What is your hope built upon?

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 for assistance!

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Bible Trivia

Answer: What king of Israel was murdered while he was drunk? Elah (1 Kings 16:8-10)

Question: What king of Salem was also priest of the Most High God?

News & Prayer Requests

We'd like to honor some graduates today!

Chris Burns — TSTC

Lexi Fedro — China Spring High School
Johnathan Ibañez — Midway High School

Ryson Maddox — West High School

Katy Willis — West High School

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **singing** yesterday. What a true blessing!

Cheri Payne is awaiting results of a biopsy last week. Please pray alongside her for good results.

Please continue prayers for **Doris Dickerson** as does physical therapy and waits for knee surgery.

David Rowin's dad, **John**, had knee replacement surgery last week. Please pray for his recovery.

Please resume prayers for **Hayden Stephens** who will have spinal surgery very soon.

Please check our prayer list (separate sheet) for prayer needs and send Chris Wheat **updates**!

Our Shut-ins

The Atrium of Bellmead — Ruby & Billy Evans

Wesley Woods — Dolores Davis

Homebound — Pearl Garza, Shela Havard, Larry Lykins, Arthur Mae Maloy

May Birthdays

Aubrey Minchew (18)
Truman Burrow (28)
Onica Newell (29)
Steve Moore (21)
Ginny Sánchez (29)
Kristin Fedro (29)

May Anniversaries

Bill & Belinda Acock (21)

Upcoming Activities!

Thank you for worshipping God and studying with us today! **Remember**, no evening worship.

Marriage study will meet Saturday, **May 22 @** 5:00pm. See Matt & Cherie Winget with questions.

New Road church's **Youth Rally** for 2nd-12th grade is Saturday, **June 26 (9am-3pm)**. Let's register online, and pray for this event!

We're so thankful for our **Sunday Bible Classes!** Please join us every week at **9:30am**!

This Wednesday we will meet at **6:30pm** for devotional, news, and focused prayer time!

Ladies Class at the church building, Wednesdays (10am). Book: It's A Red Letter Day (Debbie Dupuy)

Please check Facebook & northsidewaco.org for **social distance guidelines**. Thank you for cooperating with us each step of the way.

Online Encouragement is available. Please check the website and Facebook for prayer needs.

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

Dates to Remember

May 19	Wednesday Devotion **(6:30pm)**
	Ladies Class **(10:00am)**
May 23	Bible classes **(9:30am)**
	Worship **(10:30am)**
	Marriage Study **(4:00pm)**
June 26	New Road Youth Rally!