

### Worship Time

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Singing**

159 - You Are My God

218 - Blessed Jesus

**Prayer**

**Singing**

477 - Near to the Heart of God

359 - I Love The Lord

**Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-5

**Communion**

**Singing**

117 - God Is The Fountain Whence

479 - Peace, Perfect Peace

**Lesson from God's Word**

Peaceful Happiness? (Mt. 5:9)

**Song of Encouragement**

643 - Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

**Closing Prayer**

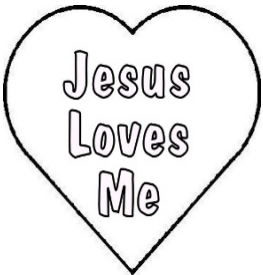
For the Record	November 8	November Average
Bible Class	N/A	N/A
AM Worship	69	65
PM Worship	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	26	28
Contribution	\$5195	\$3740

### Northside Leadership

<b>Elders</b> Phil Bancale Chris Borland Nelson Moore Charlie Scott Eric Wharton	<b>Deacons</b> Randy Eubank Karl Helpert Joe Saucedo
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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

Wednesdays @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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**November 15, 2020**

### What Happened To "Reasonable"?

*Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication... Philippians 4:5-6*

We were living in Zimbabwe during the 1992 United States election cycle. I remember vividly the day, just after elections had passed, that our church groundskeeper asked us, "Is your family back in America safe?" We were a little puzzled, and he went on to explain: "Your country just had elections; is your family safe?" Elections in many places throughout Africa, you see, are often preceded and followed by violence as people are threatened and intimidated to support a certain candidate or party. And, as you might imagine, loss of life during such times is as inevitable as the sunrise. We assured our friend and brother that our families were safe, and we hastened to explain that elections in our country were not accompanied by violence and intimidation, that people were free to vote their convictions, and that everyone would peacefully accept the results.

I'm writing this on Election Day, twenty-eight years and seven election cycles later, and I wonder (as do many people) if our assurances and confidence expressed so many years ago are now mere shadows, dust in the wind, dreams of a bygone era. I find myself trying to discern what has changed to bring us to a point where business and government buildings in some places are being shuttered and barricades are being set up in anticipation of violence erupting at the announcement of results. The truth is that many things have changed in the decades of my lifetime, but most significant has been the change in peoples' attitudes toward God, his word, and Christian standards of thought and behavior.

Paul wrote to the Philippian church about "reasonableness" in his first-century letter. We don't really need a dictionary to help us understand what it means to be reasonable; we just know that a reasonable person is someone who listens, doesn't jump to conclusions, is inclined to fair treatment of others, has a balanced approach to life. The Greek word Paul used can also be translated "gentleness" as it is in the NIV, or "considerate" as in the NLT. The lexicons offer words like *yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant* to suggest an approach to life in which one is **"not insisting on every right of letter of law or custom"** (BAGD Lexicon).

We clearly live now in a "post-Christian" age in which standards of behavior are not determined by appeal to scripture. It's no surprise, then, to find that the world is no longer a reasonable place, no longer a place where "kindness" and "consideration" form the bases for most human interactions (if, indeed, they ever really did). What is most distressing today, though, is the extent to which this "post-Christian" approach to life has found its way into the fabric of church life and affects Christian-to-Christian interaction.

We are polarized within our churches by the same issues that divide our nation, our culture. Partisanship and "party spirit" have found their way into the body, leading otherwise-right-thinking Christians to distance themselves from and distrust their own brothers and sisters who see things differently. Insistence on "my point of view" being the "accepted point of view" by all within my circle will, eventually, limit the size of my circle and my ability to interact with other Christians for purposes of support, fellowship, teaching and, frankly, spiritual growth.

(Continued inside...)

I pray that we wake up tomorrow, or any morning of the days ahead when the outcome of this election may be settled, to a peaceful and calm environment. If we do, it will happen because Christians take the lead in expressing the attitude of Christ, gentleness and tolerance, first toward one another and then toward those in the world around us. If we don't, it will still be our responsibility to treat one another and all those in the world around us with reasonableness – even while we walk in an unkind and unreasonable world. Let your reasonableness be known...

*Bobby Wheat*

## Peaceful Happiness? (Mt. 5:9)

### Introduction (Is. 48:22; Ps. 29:11)


- **Peace?** (Jn. 14:27)

- **Multidimensional Peace?** (Rom. 5:1-10; 2 Cor. 5:18-19; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; Eph. 2:13-16; 4:3; Col. 1:18-22; Heb. 12:14)

- **A Peacemaker's Reward?** (Mt. 5:43-45; Rom. 15:13; 16:20; Heb. 13:20)

#### Lessons?

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




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### Bible Trivia

Answer: Who built the first Jerusalem Temple? Solomon (1 Kings 6)

Question: Who planted the first garden?



## Worship services are Live-Streaming on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)! Also accessible @[northsidewaco.org](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org)!

### News & Prayer Requests

**Bracen Guerin** (Rhonda Sánchez's daycare class) is still in McLane's in Temple but he's continuing treatments and improving. Thanks for praying!

**Paul Straka**, Karl Helpert's cousin, needs renewed prayers. He's starting stronger chemo in Dallas.

**Grover Summers** has his second Cataract surgery tomorrow. The first one was successful.

Please pray for **Aimee Summers** as she will have her neck surgery this Wednesday (November 18).

**Erin Mora** (Carla Pogue's granddaughter) had successful surgery on her knee, removing a cyst.

**Pearl Garza** is resuming chemotherapy treatments. Please pray for her and Charlotte on this journey.

**Steve Moore** had a PET scan showing no cancer! He's continuing to rehab at home.

### 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

### November Birthdays

Kayla Moore (16)	Eliana Juandiego (16)
James Sturdivant (22)	Dovie Burrow (23)
Lukas Summers (23)	Daniel Summers (24)
David Kirk (29)	Robyn Wheat (29)
Connor King (30)	

### November Anniversaries

Nancy & James Sturdivant (25)

Pat & Mac McMillan (27)

## Upcoming Activities!

Thank you for praising God with us today!

**Remember**, no Bible class or evening worship.

**Ladies Class** continues this Wednesday at the church building (10:00am)!

*\*Wednesday Devotionals have resumed! Please join us in the auditorium this week at 6:30pm! \**

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](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org) Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00pm.

Please check [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco.org) & [northsidewaco.org](https://www.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

<b>November 18</b>	Ladies Class (10:00am) Wednesday Devotion (6:30pm)
<b>November 25</b>	Thanksgiving Devotional at Lake Shore Drive (7pm)
<b>December 12</b>	Church Christmas Party
<b>December 19</b>	FAC reserved (Borland 10:00am – 4:00pm)