

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, February 10, 2019

Give Us The Tools

It was February 9, 1941. The speaker had a distinctly upper class English accent, his syntax old-fashioned. You could see the stocky, bulldog determination in his stance and hear the growl of his voice. The man he addressed was the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Winston Churchill was the speaker. His country faced its most perilous hour; NAZI Germany threatened to overwhelm Europe, and Britain, and Churchill stood almost entirely alone in the effort to stop them. They needed the help of the United States. But Churchill was a proud man. He knew his people were up to the task of defending their shores. What he needed from the United States was the benefit of its vast natural resources, and the talent and industry of her people. If Roosevelt would allow the nation to build armaments and provide supplies, Britain could do their part. What, Roosevelt asked, could America do to help? "Here is the answer which I will give to President Roosevelt," Churchill declared, "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job."

Ephesians 4:11-16 speaks of the need to "equip the saints" for ministry. So what does it mean to "equip the saints"? How do we go about this important task? The word "equip" (or "prepare") comes from *katartidzo* – "to mend, restore, prepare or supply" (DBAG 417). Scholar J.B. Phillips explains: "His gifts were made so that Christians might be *properly equipped* for their service, that the whole body might be built up." Today's English Version renders it this way: "He did this to *prepare* all God's people for the work of Christian service, to build up the body of Christ." The NRSV says it this way: "To *equip* the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

To understand this rich concept, note the following:

- * Soldiers who fight for their country need to have the right equipment, weapons, and the training necessary to use them all.
- * A skilled surgeon needs not only the instruments of surgery, but also the sterile environment in which to do the operation.
- * The master carpenter needs his tools all laid out in front of him, ready to create something special.

Each of these people need the tools and the training to use those tools and the emotional maturity to use the tools properly. Look at the congregation of which you are a part. Where will it be in twenty years time? Will it still be standing strongly for Christ and his word? Will the next generation have been provided with a solid foundation by those of us who are here now, a safe, Christ-like family in which to grow and be strong: How will this happen? The answer lies within us, our willingness to build, to serve, to teach.

Life is tough; if we are to survive, and even thrive in our spiritual lives, we are going to have to be equipped for the task. I am convinced that many churches and many Christians find their efforts hampered because they do not have the tools to do the job. Are the saints in your congregation equipped? Are you? Do you want to be better? Are you willing to be given the tools, to be told how to use them, to train yourself in their use?

By Stan Mitchell

What Are You Building?

- We're in the middle of a building project. What are we building and why?
- Are we building to impress someone? (Gen. 11:4)
- Israel built a tabernacle to maintain God's presence among them...
- David and Solomon intended to honor God by building Him a house...
- Ezra and Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple to restore Israel's worship...
- Nehemiah helped Israel rebuild the walls of protection around Jerusalem...
- Solomon says, and he would know, "Unless the Lord builds the house..." (Ps. 127:1)
- Did the carpenter's Son know about building? (Mt. 7:24; 16:18; 21:42; Mk. 13:2)
- Can Paul help us transfer learning from physical to spiritual? (1 Cor. 3:9-10; 8:1; 10:23:
 - 14:4-5, 12, 26; Eph. 4:12, 16, 29)
- Who is really the ultimate builder? (Heb. 3:3-4; 11:10)
- What does Peter call us? Living what? (1 Pt. 2:5)
- Have we counted the cost? (Lk. 14:25-43)
- So will you take advantage of the opportunity to reinvest! (Mt. 25:14-30)
- Are we building up the church building or building up the church?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Fletcher broke her leg and is in Hillcrest Hospital room 1547. She will go to therapy next week.

Sherlynn Erwin, Felicia Scott's boss, now has stage 4 lung cancer and has started chemo. She is taking it one day at a time and will not return to work.

Shela Havard is in the hospital in Austin. **Susan Cogliati**, Gale Cogliati's sister in law, is having some health problems.

Tricia Nehring is going to have an x-ray & MRI on her thyroid and brain soon.

Richard & Denise Ellis, David & Kim Ellis brother and sister in law, have improved since moving to Abilene. They are both on Dialysis.

Kenneth Thompson, Kristin & David Rowin's brother in law, has stopped treatment for cancer.

PRAY FOR

Larry Havard Sr, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Lottie Washington, Jackie Walker, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant (broken ankle) Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, Warren Garland, James Lewis, Anna Mullins, Ed St Claire, Danny Paschal, Evar Johnson, David Banda, David Anderson, Bea Stewart, Sherlynn Erwin, 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, Joey Primeaux, Larry Scott, Madeleine Anderson, Larry Lykins, Wanda Knutson, Rick Keeton.

The Atrium of Bellmead

Betty Johnson, Ruby & Billy Evans.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Chester Pogue (13) James Woodlock (14) Joe Saucedo Jr (19) Peyton Winget (19) Paisley Helpert (20) Melva Smallwood (23) Nelson Moore (24) John Nelson (25) Xavier Evans (29) Shirley & James Woodlock (23)

OTHER NEWS

Men's training class will be today at 5:15 to 5:45.

Wednesday night meal is Brisket & Chicken starting at 5:30. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

The **pack n play** in the foyer is to put baby gifts in for baby Moore. There is a list of what they need on the pack n play.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 10th Men's training class from 5:15 to 5:45.

February 24th Men's training class.

March 9th wedding shower for Kandace Fedro from 3 – 5 at Dovie Burrows.

March 10th change time. Spring forward.

March 23rd Stronger Marriages workshop.

March 31st Pot Luck after morning worship.

March 31st singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:30..

March 31st No Evening Services.

April 28th Pot Luck after morning worship

April 28th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1.

April 28th No evening services.

May 24th FAC reserved for the Fedro's.

May 26th Pot Luck after morning worship.

May 26th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:30.

May 26th No evening services.

May 29th singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 7pm.

June 14 & 15 FAC reserved for the Bancales. August 3rd FAC reserved for Kenny Willis. December 2nd through 7th garage sale work days and garage sale.

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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:

103 – He Has Made Me Glad 452 – Standing on the Promises

Prayer: Johnny Henderson

Song Order:

736 – To Christ Be True 366 – By Christ Redeemed

Scripture:

Luke 24: 1 - 12

Communion:

Nelson Moore Charlie Scott Matt Winget Eric Wharton

Song Order:

612 – His Yoke is Easy
1014 Jesus Loves Me
Children go to the front of the auditorium

Song Order:

538 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Sermon by Chris Wheat "What Are You Building?"

Invitation Song

837 – I Need Thee Every Hour

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Closing Prayer: David Ellis

	Week of Feb 3	Monthly Average
Bible Class	<u>58</u>	<u>48</u>
AM Worship	<u>93</u>	<u>104</u>
PM Worship	<u>o</u>	<u>43</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>
Contribution	<u>\$2,417</u>	<u>\$4,525</u>

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



The highest reward for man's toil is not what he "gets for it," but what he "becomes by it."