

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, September 8, 2019

One Hand Clappin

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Beware the sound of one hand clapping"? The idea is that if you only hear one side of something, you haven't heard anything at all. Proverbs 18:17 agrees: "The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him."

We should also beware of "one-verse preaching."

The Bible is a big book, in case you haven't noticed. It always makes me a little bit nervous when someone picks one verse out of the Bible and holds it up as the "trump card" against all other verses. We need to be people who declare the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). One of the places we sometimes fall into one-verse preaching is with the idea of judging. Most people immediately have a knee-jerk reaction: "Judge not that you be not judged!" (Matthew 7:1, Luke 6:37)

That's not all the Bible has to say. There are plenty of other seemingly negative references to judging:

- John 5:22 "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son."
- 1 Corinthians 10:29 "For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience?"
- Colossians 2:16-18 "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you...Let no one disqualify vou."
- James 4:11-12 "But who are you to judge your neighbor?"
- Romans 14-15 talk about dealing with disputable matters.

A pivot verse that sits on both the "pro-" and "con-" side of judging is John 7:24 "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Here's the other hand clapping: passage that explains how Christians *must* judge!

- 1 Corinthians 5:3 "For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing."
- 1 Corinthians 6:1-6 "Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?"
- 1 Corinthians 10:15 "Judge for yourselves what I say..." (1 Corinthians 11:13)

When you put both lists together, you see that Christians are not supposed to be haughty faultfinders who look down their noses at other sinners. Christians are supposed to be able to discern between good and bad, right and wrong, and even help hold each other accountable towards maturation and growth. So, whenever you hear "one-verse preaching" – look for the second verse and you'll get a fuller sense of God's Word.

Healing a Rift in the Family

Text: (1 John 3:10-18)

Introduction: (1 John 3:10)

- Sometimes the most breathtaking acts of unkindness and hate are done by Christians.
- The reason their actions are so boldly vicious, and so crippling, is:
 - a) The shock that this cheap shot came from a churchgoer, ostensibly a child of God.
 - b) The fact that he or she is convinced that they are justified in doing so.

1. Love and Hate in the Church (1 John 3:11-15)

- Cain's hateful attitude led to murder. He took a life. (3:12)
- Jesus' love led to life. He gave his life! (3:16)
- The Holy Spirit gives us an insight into Cain's motivation (Proverbs 16:2).
- Love is an expression of the transforming power of God at work in the believer (3:14).
- Hatred is *embryonic* murder! (3:15)
- John and Jesus draw a straight line between hatred and murder (Matthew 5:21-22).

2. Jesus Sacrifice: The Definition, and the Motivation for Love (1 John 3:16)

- Interestingly, this verse says, in essence, the same thing as **John 3:16!**
- In contrast to Cain, Jesus action brings life to the community (Ephesians 4:32).
- Why should we be kind and compassionate? Why should we forgive each other?
- So what is our motive for being loving? (John 13:34-35)

3. Love is Known by the Action it Prompts (1 John 3:18)

- Does this mean we're not obliged to speak words of compassion and kindness?
- Our love must go beyond expressions, sentiments, and kind words.
- Sometimes we are in danger of mere religious rhetoric, empty words.
- Our love is known by the action that it prompts!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brenda Anderson is doing better Joyce Buckner will have a cat scan. Christian & Harrison Moore have been sick.

William Mitchell, Chris Wheat's Uncle, is doing well after 15 hour surgery. The people in the path of the hurricane.

PRAY FOR

>Jeff Nehring, Dillon Vansush, Nancy Fletcher, Cotton & Charlotte Lindloff; Arthur Mae Maloy; Shela Havard, Larry Havard Sr, Jackie Walker, Mark Hardwick, Maudine Reed, Diana Grant, Garland Haverkamp, Kelli Volcik, Darlene Chatman, James Lewis, 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, Rick Keeton, Molly Cassady, Megan Jones, Riley Robinson, Guy Clemmons Jr, Kyle Crum, Molly Cassidy, Vance Stone, Dwan Pickens.

OUR SHUT-INS

The Atrium of Bellmead Ruby & Billy Evans
Royal Manor Dolores Davis
St Catherines Cotton Lindloff
Home Larry Havard Sr.

<u>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Doris Dickerson (13) Steven Markwardt (13) John Sanchez (15) Felicia Scott (18) Larry Lykins (25) Randy Eubank (27) Carolyn Commander (28) Josiah & Justyc Meyer (28) Matt Wingett (30) Daniel & Aimee Summers (19)

OTHER NEWS

Today there will be a meeting at 4:30 for a Ladies Day update.

Today the Men's Training Class will begin at 5:15.

Wednesday Night Meal will be Mexican Chicken & Chalupa starting at 5:30.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

September 14th Ladies Day at Hood Street Church of Christ at 8:45 to 12. September 21st FAC reserved September 22nd men's training class at 5:15.

September 28th we will be having a Ladies Day here.

September 29th potluck after morning worship.

September 29th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 1:15. No evening services.

October 13th men's training class at 5:15.

October 27th potluck after morning worship.

October 27th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead.

October 27th no evening services.

October 30th Singing at The Atrium of Bellmead at 7pm with area congregations.

November 2nd FAC reserved for a Men's Day. **November 27**th area wide Thanksgiving service here at 7pm.

November 28th Thanksgiving Day.

November 28th FAC reserved for Markwardts.

December 2nd thru 4th garage sale work-days.

December 5th through 7th garage sale.

December 14th Christmas Party at 6pm.

December 21st FAC reserved for the Ellis's.

December 25th, FAC reserved for Markwardts.

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

Songs

Prayer: David Ellis

Songs

Communion:

Nelson Moore Eric Wharton Chris Burns Karl Helpert

Songs

1014 - Jesus Loves Me

Children go to the front of the auditorium

Songs

Sermon by Chris Wheat

"Healing a Rift in the Family"

Invitation Song

(Opportunity for response to the message)

Prayer: Joe Sauceco

	Week of Sept 1	Monthly Average
Bible Class	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>
AM Worship	<u>98</u>	<u>113</u>
PM Worship	<u>35</u>	<u>27</u>
Wednesday PM	<u>62</u>	<u>59</u>
Contribution	\$3,34 <u>5</u>	\$2,587

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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Ladies Bible Class meets At 10 am on Wednesday.

Words of Wisdom

In a world of bravado and compromise, the Word of God is an oasis of sanity and joy.