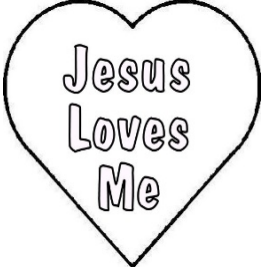



| <u>Worship Time</u> <i>Welcome & Announcements</i> <i>Singing</i> 60 - He Is Exalted 539 - Higher Ground <i>Prayer</i> <i>Singing</i> 988 - I'll Be Listening 415 - Each Step I Take <i>Scripture Reading</i> Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:27-29 <i>Communion</i> <i>Singing</i> 948 - I Am Resolved 979 - I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger <i>Lesson from God's Word</i> <i>Follow the Path of Best Existence...</i> <i>Song of Encouragement</i> 852 - When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder <i>Closing Prayer</i> | <u>For the Record</u> | <u>September 26</u> | <u>September Average</u> |
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| | Bible Class | 62 | 57 |
| | AM Worship | 97 | 86 |
| | PM Worship | 34 | 26 |
| | Wednesday | 50 | 46 |
| | Contribution | \$3907 | \$3679 |
| | Northside Leadership | | |
| | <u>Elders</u> Phil Bancale Chris Borland Nelson Moore Charlie Scott Eric Wharton | <u>Deacons</u> Randy Eubank David Rowin Joe Saucedo Matthew Winget | |
| | <u>Minister</u> Chris Wheat 806-216-0342 | <u>Worship Leader</u> Chris Borland 254-495-5508 | |
| | <u>Children's Bible Time</u> Please look for videos on our Facebook page!  | | |
| | Please share news and updates via text, email, Facebook or phone. nchurchchrist@hotmail.com Office Phone: (254) 799-1595 Please visit our website www.northsidewaco.org Wi-Fi: John3161 | | |
| | <u>Ladies Bible Class</u> Book: Exploits of David Wednesday at the church building (10:00am) | | |



Northside church of Christ

2500 Parrish St, Waco, TX 76705

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

Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Sunday Service Projects - 5:00pm

Wednesday Meal, Devotional, & Prayer - 5:30pm

Live-streaming weekly on [YouTube](#) & northsidewaco.org

October 3, 2021

Consumerism for Churches

It is usually the task of a preacher or elder to approach former church members and see why they left. Usually they complain that they “got nothing out of that church,” or “I wasn’t being fed at that church.”

There are good reasons, it should be noted, for leaving a congregation. A failure to teach God’s word is one. But I wonder if these protesters didn’t enter the church on a false premise.

Did they really enter the church because they hoped to be served and pandered to? The Teacher spoke of “denying” self, “taking up a cross,” and “following” him (Matthew 26:24). Does that sound like we came to be served, or serve? The Teacher further declared that the “leader” among us would be the “one who serves” (Luke 22:26).

So I have just one question: In your congregation, are you a contributor or a consumer? Are you a giver or a taker? I urge you to put away the shopping cart and pick up a broom. The church doesn’t exist to meet your needs. You are a part of the church that exists to meet the needs of the others.

As theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

Instead we act as if joining a church is a call to be pampered. The church is not a spiritual spa, it is spiritual space to serve.

Please, please do not treat the church for which Christ died as if it was a boutique in a shopping mall, one where we slip in, get what we want out of it, then move on. If the church is not friendly, speak to people around you. If people need to be visited, begin to look them up. If the education needs to improve, volunteer to teach!

By the way, when all of us are serving, we will find that we are being served.

Stan Mitchell

Follow the Path of Best Existence

God’s design and its perfection; we can see God’s wisdom and his willingness to provide the best for all… Psalm 19:1-4

God’s path is best; the transfer is that if we could follow the path designed by God, our lives would be the path of best existence

We can choose our own path; Satan told Eve that she could be like God… Genesis 3:5

The idea that somehow our limited finite minds can design a path that is just as perfect as God’s… Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23

The Holy Spirit is given to us to assist us, guide us and comfort us. The spirit dwells within us and as we grow spiritually; we are able to see better the path designed for us… 1 John 4:13; John 14:17; Romans 8:13-16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Embracing the holy spirit will actually help us turn our desires away from ourselves… Galatians 5:16-17, 25; 2 Timothy 1:13

It is not available as a factory installation, but it must be upgraded by the manufacturer…

We still and always will have the opportunity to choose… 1 Corinthians 10:13

If all of the planets, moons and other celestial beings are perfect following God’s design, then the transfer is that we too can experience the best life here and eternity if we humbly submit to God’s will and follow the path more diligently.

Detouring from God’s path can lead to some disastrous circumstances… (Eric Wharton)

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!



Bible Trivia

Answer: What king of Tyre sent cedar logs and craftsmen to King David? Hiram (2 Samuel 5:11)

Question: What prophet envisioned the Lord gathering the kings of earth together and putting them in a pit?



News & Prayer Requests

Please continue prayers for Jeff & Tricia Nehring. He’s dealing with sever neck and shoulder pain.

Grover Summer’s cousin, Diane Newton, passed away suddenly on Wednesday. Please pray!

Please pray for Lynn Pearson. She’ll be on oxygen for a while to help with shortness of breath.

Please pray for Jonathon Willis, Kenny & Martha’s son. He’s recovering from ankle surgery.

Please pray for Steve Moore, that he will recover well after his knee repair surgery.

Please continue praying for Greg Cox’s sister. She’s in the hospital with blood clots.

Please pray for John Peitsmeyer’s mother, Donna, as she is under hospice care.

Please pray for Grady Swincoe, Kayla Moore’s uncle. They’re trying to ween him off the ventilator.

Homebound

Dolores Davis, Ruby & Billy Evans, Pearl Garza, Larry Lykins, Arthur Mae Maloy

October Birthdays

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| Wendy Markwardt (3) | Kenny Willis (3) |
| Liam Winget (7) | Lauren Helpert (9) |
| Zane Borland (10) | Arthur Mae Maloy (11) |
| Pat McMillan (11) | Paula Willis (12) |
| Kaison Mayfield (18) | Dawn Schulz (18) |
| Jerry Mitchell (19) | Michelle Saucedo (20) |
| Jordan Fedro (21) | Mary Lou Turman (22) |
| Aiden Dean (23) | Jackie Walker (24) |
| Alexis Fedro (31) | |

October Anniversaries

- Kenny & Martha Willis (3) Billy & Ruby Evans (14)
Tricia & Jeff Nehring (20)
John & Susan Peitsmeyer (20)

Upcoming Activities!

Sunday Service Projects: October 3 (5pm)

- Various organizing projects...
- Card writing & encouragement ministry...
- Kid’s activities etc...

Join in the good work with us! (Js. 1:22; Gal. 6:10)

Our Wednesday Meal on October 6 at 5:30pm is Pizza! Please sign up in the foyer or on Facebook!

Want to bring a dessert? Please sign up in foyer!

We’ll clean up together at 6:15pm and have our devotional time at 6:30pm in the auditorium!

New Road’s Ladies Day, with Christa Bryant speaking, is October 9 (9am-1pm).

We’ll have a trunk or treat style event after evening service, Wednesday, October 27!

There will also be a Fall Festival on Saturday, November 6! See Cherie Winget for details! (Planning meeting today at 3:30pm)

Dates to Remember

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| October 6 | Meal & Devotional (5:30pm) Ladies Class (10:00am) |
| October 9 | New Road Ladies Day |
| October 10 | Bible classes (9:30am) Worship (10:30am) Service Projects (5:00pm) |
| October 27 | Trunk or Treat! |
| November 6 | Fall Festival! |
| November 24 | Area Wide Thanksgiving Devo |