

## Worship Time

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Singing**

116 - God Will Make A Way

61 - Be Exalted, O Lord

**Prayer**

**Singing**

453 - Love Lifted Me

375 - Oh the Depths and the Riches

**Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 1:18-21

**Communion**

**Singing**

590 - Jesus Is All The World To Me

606 - Remind Me Dear Lord

**Lesson from God's Word**

*Suffering Happiness?* (Mt. 5:10-12)

**Song of Encouragement**

786 - Take My Hand Precious Lord

**Closing Prayer**

<u>For the Record</u>	<u>November 15</u>	<u>November Average</u>
Bible Class	N/A	N/A
AM Worship	59	63
PM Worship	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	22	26
Contribution	\$3495	\$3708

## **Northside Leadership**

**Elders**

Phil Bancale  
Chris Borland  
Nelson Moore  
Charlie Scott  
Eric Wharton

**Deacons**

Randy Eubank  
Karl Helpert  
Joe Saucedo

**Minister**

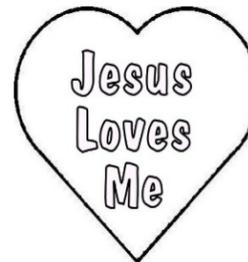
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## **Children's Bible Time**

Please look for videos on our [Facebook page!](#)



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## **Ladies Bible Class**

Topic: Esther  
Next class... December 2



# **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**

@[northsidewaco.org](http://northsidewaco.org) & [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco)

**November 22, 2020**

## **Gratitude and Altitude**

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2).

Why do we live in a world that is so ungrateful, so indifferent? Why do moms do so much for their kids - meals, a clean house, clean clothes - and rarely get thanked? Why do dads pull 65 hour weeks, bringing home food and shelter, but rarely get thanked? Why are law enforcement officials resented, rather than thanked for protecting the innocent? Why do church leaders - elders, teachers etc. - work so hard and receive as a norm criticism rather than gratitude? Why do we breathe free air, enjoy the bounty of our land, expect answers to prayer, and count on forgiveness, but rarely thank God?

It's an old cliché: “We must develop the attitude of gratitude.” Well, I have a new one. “We must develop the *altitude* of gratitude!” Yes - I said “altitude,” as in “above sea level,” “Rocky Mountain high,” “Ladies and Gentlemen, today we will be cruising at about 30,000 feet.”

Altitude and gratitude!

On January 13, 1997, adventurer Steve Fossett climbed into the cockpit of a hot air balloon in St. Louis, MO, and rose into the sky with the intention of becoming the first man to circle the globe in a balloon. After three days he had crossed the Atlantic and was flying at 24,500 feet eastward over Africa.

The prevailing wind was carrying him on a direct course for Libyan air space. This presented a problem, because Libya had not granted him permission to use its air space, and he could very well be shot down. A second problem was that hot air balloons do not have a means to turn themselves around - no rudder or wings!

So what could he do?

The only way to direct the balloon away from danger was to change altitude, and hope that he met a cross wind, either lower than where he was currently flying, or higher. First he dropped his balloon several thousand feet, but the direction of the wind did not change. Then he raised the altitude of the balloon several thousand feet above his former altitude, and caught a cross current moving south east, thus allowing him to fly south of the rogue nation.

By raising his altitude, he had been saved. A person changes altitude by changing attitude!

Our problem, I suspect, is that we don't raise our altitude - we don't think of things above. If we raised our thoughts and desires upward toward God, rather than downward toward the earth, we might be more grateful!

*By Stan Mitchell*

# Suffering Happiness?

## Introduction (Mt. 5:10-12)

- **Persecution?** (Mk. 16:15; Jn. 3:19; 15:18-21; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; Gal. 1:8-9; 1 Th. 5:14; 1 Pt. 4:3-4)

- **Clarification?**

- **The Savior's Example?** (Mt. 27:39-44; Jn. 10:20; Acts 4:1-22; 5:17-42; 7:54-60; 8:1)

- **Modern Persecution?** (Lk. 6:26; 2 Tim. 3:12)

- **Joyful Persecution?** (Mt. 10:28; Js. 1:2-4; Rom. 8:18)

- **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!



## Bible Trivia

Answer: Who planted the first garden? God! (Gen. 2:8)

Question: Who was the first metal craftsman?



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

### News & Prayer Requests

**Bracen Geurin** (Rhonda Sánchez's daycare class) is now home but he's continuing therapy and follow up. Thanks for praying!

**Aimee Summers** is recovering from her neck surgery. Please continue your prayers for her.

**Pearl Garza** is home recovering from her fall as well as her first treatment last week. Thanks for praying!

**Jonathan and Kayla Willis** have been dealing with COVID but are improving. **Bubba Willis** is recovering from his knee surgery last week. Please keep praying for the Willis clan.

Big **Joe Saucedo** had a heart procedure Wednesday and is recovering at home now.

Please pray for the health and safety of those traveling this week. God bless!

### 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

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.

We plan to resume **Sunday Morning Bible Classes January 10**. If you'd like to help with that process please see Chris Wheat. Thanks!

\*This Wednesday we will not meet at Northside but we encourage you to attend the **Thanksgiving Devotional at Lake Shore Drive church of Christ** in person or on their Facebook page live-stream.

Lake Shore follows similar social distance guidelines to Northside. Thanks for cooperating! \*

**Ladies Class** will not meet this Wednesday.

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) Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00pm.

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

**November 25** Thanksgiving Devotional at Lake Shore Drive (7pm)

**December 12** Church Christmas Party

**December 19** FAC reserved (Borland