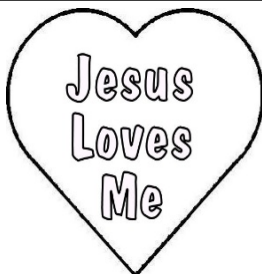



<u>Worship Time</u>	<u>For the Record</u>	<u>October 17</u>	<u>October Average</u>
<i>Welcome & Announcements</i>	Bible Class	47	43
<i>Singing</i>	AM Worship	80	72
560 - Living By Faith	PM Worship	10	9
808 - Abide With Me	Wednesday	45	44
<i>Prayer</i>	Contribution	\$2555	\$3130
<i>Singing</i>	Northside Leadership		
490 - It Is Well	<u>Elders</u> Phil Bancale Chris Borland Nelson Moore Charlie Scott Eric Wharton	<u>Deacons</u> Randy Eubank David Rowin Joe Saucedo Matthew Winget	
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	<u>Minister</u> Chris Wheat 806-216-0342	<u>Worship Leader</u> Chris Borland 254-495-5508	
Job 19:23-27; John 5:24-30	<u>Children's Bible Time</u> Please look for videos on our Facebook page! 		
<i>Communion</i>	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		
<i>Singing</i>	<u>Ladies Bible Class</u> Book: Exploits of David Wednesday at the church building (10:00am)		
463 - I Know Who Holds Tomorrow			
<i>Lesson from God's Word</i>			
Worry...			
<i>Song of Encouragement</i>			
912 - Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary			
<i>Closing Prayer</i>			



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 24, 2021

Giving Up Control

Hebrews 13:5-6

Joseph Stalin suffered from paralyzing fear. Power did not provide him with freedom from worry. He had several different bedrooms that he switched between for sleeping in order to fool any assassins. He drove with five different limousines with the windows covered by curtains. A special servant of his even protected Stalin's teabags to ensure that no one poisoned them. (1)

Peace and freedom from worry are not found in a sense of self-sufficiency. Our pursuit of "having things together," power, money, job security, etc. is a fruitless effort to achieve release from worry. So long as our efforts to find peace rely on us as the means of that, we will always be subject to disappointment and fear because none of our possessions, positions, or power are stable or guaranteed to last. True peace and security is found in accepting and embracing what little power we have so that we will give ourselves more fully to God's unfailing power and control.

If the ideal circumstances we try to create for ourselves in order to reach a point of no worry were actually effective, then men like Joseph Stalin with all his money, power, and influence would've been at ultimate peace. But if stories like his prove anything, it's that external circumstances are no match for the internal attitude of faith that produces perseverance even in the worst of circumstances.

It has often been said, "Safety consists not in the absence of danger but in the presence of God." This is in line with the words of Hebrews 13:5-6, which encourage us not to rely on money (which can stand for all other forms of false security we may seek) but rather on the fact that God will never leave or forsake us. Even in death, God will bring us home. The peace that Jesus offers most is ultimately based in the hope of Heaven. In Christ, because of eternal peace, we can have internal peace, in spite of any lack of external peace we may face.

Jeremy Hall, Bartlett Woods church of Christ, Arlington, TN

(1) Ian Grey, *Stalin* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1979) 476.

Worry...

What is Worry?

- Are humans the only ones that worry? (Mt. 6:26, 28)
- New Testament terms:
 - “to be anxious, to care for...”
 - “to disturb, trouble...”
 - “care, anxiety...”
 - “to be an object of care...”
 - “to be anxious beforehand...”
- Hebrew: “to hurt or to grieve...”

Is worry always bad?

- Worry over temporal matters is destructive... (Mt. 6:25-34)
- Is Martha condemned for worrying? (Lk. 10:41)
- Can worry be positive, even encouraging? (Phil. 2:19-28)
- What should we do when we’re worried? (1 Sam. 9:1-20)
- Paul presents a beautiful solution to our worries... (Phil. 4:4-7)

Why should I worry?

Object Lesson: We need a “worry” rock! (Phil. 4:6)

Preaching Thought: A beautiful circle of concern...

Quote: “Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Illustration: “I’m looking for someone to do my worrying for me.” (1 Pt. 5:7)

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Bible Trivia

Answer: What man, David’s oldest son, tried to make himself king of Israel? Adonijah (1 Kings 1:5-53)
Question: What wise king made an alliance with Egypt when he married the pharaoh’s daughter?



News & Prayer Requests

Please continue prayers for **Charlie and Darla Fedro** as he deals with a tumor and aneurism.
Please pray for Karl Helpert’s brother, **Kevin**, and niece, **Rynlee** as they recover after a car accident.
Please pray for **Phil Bancale** as he’s been in and out of the hospital this week with heart problems.
Please pray for Amy Ogle’s friend **Emma** who has been in the hospital with an irregular heartbeat.
Please pray for **Charlotte Taylor**’s recovery from surgery on her arm (Pearl Garza’s daughter).
Please continue prayers for Justin Dean’s mother, **Connie**, and her various health problems.
Please pray for our **missionaries**:
Deverney & Ruth Brissett in Jamaica
N.T. Kanagarathinam in India

Homebound

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

October Birthdays

Alexis Fedro (31)

November Birthdays

Kynleigh Brandt (1)	Bethany Wharton (4)
Rachel Wharton (5)	Billy Carey (5)
Grover Summers (6)	Britany Michalek (8)
Charlotte Lindloff (12)	John Rowin (14)
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

Todd & Cheri Payne (1)
Christina & Chris Burns (3)
James & Nancy Sturdivant (25)
Pat & Mac McMillan (27)

Upcoming Activities!

Sunday Service Projects: October 24 (5pm)

Join us to serve, write cards, make calls and encourage! (Js. 1:22; Gal. 6:10)

Our **Wednesday Meal** on **October 27** at **5:30pm** is **Freezer Clean-out!**

Please **sign up** in the foyer *or* on Facebook!

Please sign up in foyer to bring dessert!

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

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! Please check the foyer to sign up for booths!

Dates to Remember

October 27	Meal & Devotional (5:30pm) Ladies Class (10:00am) Trunk or Treat!
October 31	Bible classes (9:30am) Worship (10:30am) Service Projects (5:00pm)
November 6	Fall Festival!
November 7-14	Spauldings Marriage Seminar