

THE GONZALES MESSENGER

Gonzales Church of Christ

JANUARY 14TH, 2024



Sharing The “Good News”

If a research scientist were to discover a cure for cancer, we would expect the discovery to be shared with the world. Basic ethics requires that good news not be kept secret.

For example, after years of research, Jonas Salk years discovered a cure for polio and developed a vaccine that effectively protected people from the polio virus. When news of the discovery was made public on April 12, 1955, Salk was hailed as a miracle worker.

When the king of Syria laid siege to the city of Samaria, the food supply was cut off. Four men with leprosy, deciding it would be preferable to die at the hands of the Syrians than to starve, went to surrender to the enemy (2 Kings 7:3-4. But when they came to the camp, they found it deserted (2 Kings 7:5). The army had fled in the night (2 Kings 7:6-7).

As the men filled themselves with the food that was left (2 Kings 7:8), they were tempted to remain silent about the good news. But then the memory of Samaria with its famished inhabitants came back to them. “We are not doing right,” they told each other (2 Kings 7:9). They became evangelists in a sense — the bearer of good news.

Personal evangelism comes down to this fact — one spiritually starved person telling another spiritually starved person where to find spiritual food. As Christians, we are the bearers of “good news” (Acts 13:32 ESV) because we have discovered that salvation is found in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12). It is a breakdown of basic integrity to keep this truth to ourselves.

If we have found the cure for a guilty conscience (1 Peter 3:21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 1:9) — if we have found the spiritual food [bread] of life (John 6:32-40; John 6:47-51; John 6:57-58; cf. 2 Timothy 1:10; John 14:6), we are obligated to share it with others (cf. Romans 16:25-26; Ephesians 3:1-6; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16). *Mike Riley*

Lessons for this week:

Sunday:

Bible Class: Justin Hopkins: The Manna Project

AM Worship Service: Guest Speaker: Justin Hopkins

PM Worship Service: Lots of Choices

Wednesday:

Bible Class: The Book of Esther

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Service Times:

Sunday:

Bible class 9am
AM Worship Service 10 am
PM Worship Service 1 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Class 7 pm

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Daniel Jaramillo

Attendance:

12/31	01/07
AM:104	AM:141
PM:76	PM:85
Wed:	Wed:86

Contribution:

\$6875	\$8810
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Mark Your Calendars:

January 14th-Youth Mentor, boys and girls are welcome for lunch, but only the boys will have a class

February 10th-Youth Valentine Activity-More details to come.

February 13th-Sweet Taters-Tuesday@ 10am. This will be a brunch for Valentine. See the Arrowoods for any information.

January 2024-It is time to turn in dates for 2024 activities. If your activity date is not in soon you may lose the date. Please email dates to James Eaves.

Communion Arrangement: For January: Lauren Eaves

Birthdays This Week:

17th Teagan Boone

Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations , baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirt, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”

Anniversaries This Week:

15th Ron & Charlotte DeShazo

Privileged to Serve 01-14-202	Privileged to Serve 01-21-2024
AM & PM Assembly	AM & PM Assembly
Song Leader..... Brendan Babin	Song Leader..... Jerry Deslatte
Lord’s Table..... Blake Adkins	Lord’s Table..... Tracy Boone
AV Room..... Patrick Adkins	AV Room..... David Esmon
Announcements..... Jerry Deslatte	Announcements..... Jerry Deslatte
Security Brent Stephens	Security Brett Coats
AM Assembly	AM Assembly
Opening Prayer..... Justin Lofton	Opening Prayer..... Tim Schmidt
Scripture..... Jack Talkington	Scripture..... Dave Brady
Closing Prayer..... Wayne Pace	Closing Prayer..... Brent Mouille
PM Assembly	PM Assembly
Opening Prayer..... Cayden Moore	Opening Prayer..... Joel Watson Jr
Closing Prayer..... Shane Bryant	Closing Prayer..... Chris Ryan
Wed Assembly	Wed Assembly
Song Leader..... Peyton Adkins	Song Leader..... Deshawn Moore
Devotional..... Joel Watson	Devotional..... Ayden Adkins
Closing Prayer..... Burt Duplessis Jr	Closing Prayer..... Burt Duplessis, Sr

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