

THE GONZALES MESSENGER

Gonzales Church of Christ

MARCH 10TH, 2024



The Church in a Ship

The Roman Emperor, Caesar, was once sailing with his armed men on a campaign against Greece. They encountered a severe storm and fears were great. Caesar attempted to calm the fears of the sailors by reminding them with these words:

“Remember you carry Caesar and his fortunes.”

Paul reminded us that we have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7). Vessels often carry precious cargo. Occasionally we read of treasures retrieved from the wreckage of ships sunk many years ago.

We remember when Peter, James, John, Matthew, Bartholomew and the rest of the apostles sailed the Sea of Galilee. Peter, Andrew, James and John knew that sea well. They knew the danger of storms and most likely had lost friends caught in storms there.

Such a storm came, but this time Jesus was sailing with these men. Mark called it a “great storm” (Mark 4:37) and yet Jesus was asleep. The disciples cried, “Master carest thou not that we perish?” (Mark 4:38). Not for a moment do we believe the storm caught Jesus unawares. He always knew where He was and what was happening around Him.

Someone asked, “What if that ship had sunk?” But such could never have happened, for Jesus said to the sea: “Peace be still. And the wind ceased and there was great calm” (Mark 4:39).

If Jesus is in the ship wherein I sail, it will never sink. Yes, there will be storms and when I see only the storm, it is frightful and threatening. When waves crash over the bow, winds rip down sails and oars and rudder are useless, it is time and past time to remember that Jesus is sailing with us. He is asleep in the midst of the storm, but is totally aware of the winds and the waves.

Sail with Jesus, and when the storms come, as they surely will, you will ride out the storm and reach yonder shore safely. I dare not sail alone. To do so is to invite eternal disaster.

Jesus can still any storm. *Mike Riley*

Lessons for this week:

Sunday:

Bible Class: The Parable of the Talents

AM Worship Service: Hard Hearts

PM Worship Service: Fishers of Men

Wednesday:

Bible Class: The Book of Esther

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1225 S. Purpera Ave.
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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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Ministers:

James Eaves
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Attendance:

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| 03/03 | 03/10 |
| AM:139 | AM:132 |
| PM:99 | PM:100 |
| Wed:96 | Wed:110 |

Contribution:

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Mark Your Calendars:

March 17th Mentor Class– Lunch will be provided for students and teachers, only boys will have class.

March 22nd-Area Wide Spring Singing– It’s time for our Area Wide Spring Singing! We will begin at 7pm and continue until 9pm. See Jerry Deslatte for more details.

April 6th Youth Day!-More details provided soon.

April 12th Sweet Taters Lunch-Lunch will be at Middendorf’s Restaurant @11am. Jim and Marjo are the hosts this month.

April 13th Ladies Day–Saturday 9am until 1pm @ the building. Theme: The Joys that Await Me, Guest speaker: Dena Holloman.

The Gospel Meeting was wonderful and we are so grateful to all who made it possible. The attendance by our members and guests was uplifting and so encouraging.

3/04 82
3/05 87
3/06 110
3/07 102

Scripture Reading:

Romans 11:25

Birthdays This Week:

- 15th Darren Kyle
- 15th Sebastian Lopez
- 16th Patrice Teer

Anniversaries:

- 15th Brent & Karen Stephens

Privileged to Serve 03-10-2024

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| AM & PM Assembly | |
| Song Leader..... | Jerry Deslatte |
| Lord’s Table..... | Tracy Boone |
| AV Room..... | Patrick Adkins |
| Announcements..... | Ben Vallery |
| Security | Brent Stephens |
| AM Assembly | |
| Opening Prayer..... | Harold Douget |
| Scripture..... | Cayden Moore |
| Closing Prayer..... | Ron DeShazo |
| PM Assembly | |
| Opening Prayer..... | Brendan Babin |
| Closing Prayer..... | Blake Adkins |
| Wed Assembly | |
| Song Leader..... | Ayden Adkins |
| Devotional..... | Joel Watson Jr |
| Closing Prayer..... | Justin Lofton |

Privileged to Serve 03-17-2024

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| AM & PM Assembly | |
| Song Leader..... | Blake Adkins |
| Lord’s Table..... | Patrick Adkins |
| AV Room..... | David Esmon |
| Announcements..... | Ben Vallery |
| Security | Brett Coats |
| AM Assembly | |
| Opening Prayer..... | Shane Bryant |
| Scripture..... | Peyton Adkins |
| Closing Prayer..... | Burt Duplessis Jr |
| PM Assembly | |
| Opening Prayer..... | Peyton Adkins |
| Closing Prayer..... | Tracy Boone |
| Wed Assembly | |
| Song Leader..... | Deshawn Moore |
| Devotional..... | Ethan Adkins |
| Closing Prayer..... | Harold Douget |

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