

THE GONZALES MESSENGER

Gonzales Church of Christ

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024



Visitors

Properly Placed Assurances

Paul, in his address to the Areopagus, spoke of the need for all men to repent and that a day has been appointed for judgment; those statements came with the assurance or proof in the resurrection of the Christ ([Acts 17:30-31](#)). We overlook the gift of having an assurance from God. We want assurances when it comes to things we buy or promises made. With God, these assurances are a blessing.

We can come to realize this assurance as Christians. It is produced by faith as we "draw near with a true heart in full assurance" ([Heb. 10:22](#)). It is made complete in hope. "Show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end" ([Heb. 6:11](#)). It is confirmed by love. "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him" ([1 John 3:18-19](#)). It is the effect of righteousness. "And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever" ([Isa. 32:17](#)). It is made abundant in an understanding of the Gospel, "that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ" ([Col. 2:2](#)).

We are not just given assurances about judgment. God has made assurances about many things. We have the promise of our election ([1 Thess. 1:4](#)), our redemption ([Job 19:25](#)), our adoption ([1 John 3:2](#)), our salvation ([Isa. 12:2](#)), of eternal life ([1 John 5:13](#)), the great love of God ([Rom. 8:38-39](#)), union with God and Christ ([Eph. 5:30](#)), peace with God ([Rom. 5:1](#)), the preservation of God ([2 Tim. 1:12](#)), answered prayer ([1 John 3:22](#)), comfort in affliction ([Psa. 73:26](#)), support in death ([Psa. 23:4](#)), resurrection ([Psa. 17:15](#)), and a crown of life ([Jas. 1:12](#)). We can rely on these promises "without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" ([Heb. 10:23](#)).

There have been others who relied on the divine assurances of God. David spoke of his assurance that God was guiding him to glory ([Psa. 73:24-26](#)). Paul was confident in God's deliverance and preservation during his trials. "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen" ([2 Tim. 4:18](#)). Every saint should strive to arrive at this assurance to make your calling and election sure ([2 Pet. 1:10-11](#)). We should do all we can to "hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end" ([Heb. 3:14](#)). "Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward" ([Heb. 10:35](#)). Rest and take comfort in the assurances the God has granted to us. *Josh Blackmer*

Lessons for this week:

Sunday:

Bible Class: Parables of Jesus: The Sower/The Unforgiving Servant

AM Worship Service: The Character of Joseph

PM Worship Service: Are you Ready to Change?

Wednesday:

Bible Class: The Book of Esther

Visit Us!

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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Tim Schmidt
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Ministers:

James Eaves
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Attendance:

01/28	02/04
AM:112	AM:129
PM:80	PM:85
Wed:82	Wed:71

Contribution:

\$6,648	\$10,282
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Mark Your Calendars:

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

February 18th-Youth Mentor Class: Meeting directly after lunch which will be provided.

February 23rd-Game Night-Friday night 7pm @ the building join in on the fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite family friendly games and most delicious finger food.

February 24th-Coffee Social-join us at the building @9am for coffee, fellowship, and a devo.

March 3rd-7th-Spring Gospel Meeting-Brother Larry Acuff will be preaching a Gospel Meeting on the topic of Christ Our Center. There will be a sign up sheet to feed our guest and his wife on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week:

- 11th Chris Meek
- 12th Bobbie Lovett
- 12th Joel Watson Jr
- 14th Ronald Jones
- 15th Wayne Pace

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Privileged to Serve 02-11-2024

AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Brendan Babin
Lord’s Table.....	Tim Schmidt
AV Room.....	Kyles
Announcements.....	Patrick Adkins
Security	Tracy Boone
AM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Ben Vallery
Scripture.....	Bent Mouille
Closing Prayer.....	Jerry Deslatte
PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Brett Coats
Closing Prayer.....	Dave Brady
Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Cayden Moore
Devotional.....	Ben Vallery
Closing Prayer.....	Jerry Deslatte

Privileged to Serve 02-18-2024

AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Joel Watson Jr
Lord’s Table.....	Ron DeShazo
AV Room.....	Amanda
Announcements.....	Patrick Adkins
Security	Brett Coats
AM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Darren Kyle
Scripture.....	Peyton Adkins
Closing Prayer.....	Cooper Groger
PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Tracy Boone
Closing Prayer.....	Burton Duplessis Sr.
Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Peyton Adkins
Devotional.....	Bryan Cook
Closing Prayer.....	Fred Dudley

Prayer Requests can be made using this QR code. You may also text prayer requests to Patrick Adkins (225-205-7109) or add them to the LIGHTPOST app.

