

# THE GONZALES MESSENGER

## Gonzales Church of Christ

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024



### Life and Death-A Choice

Mike Riley

Most of us have read about the infamous John Wilkes Booth who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. But have we ever read about Edwin Booth, John's eldest brother? Edwin Thomas Booth was a well-known American actor who one day was waiting at a Jersey City train station. All of a sudden, he saw a man slip and fall off the platform. Edwin quickly grabbed the man's collar and pulled him to safety — rescuing him from serious injury or death. Who was the man he saved? Abraham Lincoln's son Robert, a soldier in the Civil War.

Isn't it ironic that the man who saved Abraham Lincoln's son had a brother who would soon kill the president. One brother saved a life; the other brother took a life. One brother chose life; the other brother chose death.

In the Old Testament, the Lord gave His people a choice between life and death (Deuteronomy 30:15-20). They could love Him and obey His commands (Deuteronomy 30:16), or they could worship and serve other gods (Deuteronomy 30:17).

He told them: ***"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life"*** (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Today, we too have a choice between life and death. We can obey the conditions of salvation that Jesus has outlined in the New Testament and live with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:17; cf. John 17:24), or we can reject the salvation that Jesus offers and be in darkness forever without Him (Matthew 25:30; 2 Thessalonians 1:9). Dear reader, the choice is clear. Choose eternal life — the life that is found only for those "in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26-28 KJV).

#### Lessons for this week:

##### **Sunday:**

**Bible Class: Parables of Jesus: The Unforgiving Servant**

**AM Worship Service:**

**PM Worship Service:**

##### **Wednesday:**

**Bible Class: The Book of Esther**

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1225 S. Purpera Ave.  
Gonzales, LA 70737

#### **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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#### **Elders:**

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Michael Krieger  
James Eaves  
Roberto Benitez

#### **Deacons:**

Patrick Adkins  
Isaac Benitez  
Tracy Boone  
Harold Douget  
Tim Schmidt  
Ben Vallery

#### **Ministers:**

James Eaves  
Daniel Jaramillo

#### **Attendance:**

<b>02/04</b>	<b>02/11</b>
AM:129	AM:140
PM:85	PM:97
Wed:71	Wed:65

#### **Contribution:**

\$10,282	\$6804
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# Mark Your Calendars:

**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.

**February 25th-Youth bowling**– Please join us after services for a devotional followed by bowling at Premier Lanes. See Ben Vallery for details.

**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.

**March 3rd– Fellowship Meal**-We will have a fellowship meal at the beginning of our Gospel meeting. Bring your favorite Louisiana inspired dish.

## Birthdays This Week:

19th Natali Lopez

22nd Kyle LeBlanc



### Privileged to Serve 02-18-2024

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

### Privileged to Serve 02-25-2024

<b>AM &amp; PM Assembly</b>	
Song Leader.....	Kyle LeBlanc
Lord's Table.....	Dave Brady
AV Room.....	Amanda
Announcements.....	Patrick Adkins
Security	Tracy Boone
<b>AM Assembly</b>	
Opening Prayer.....	Deshawn Moore
Scripture.....	Tim Teer
Closing Prayer.....	Patrick Adkins
<b>PM Assembly</b>	
Opening Prayer.....	Brendan Babin
Closing Prayer.....	Lynwood Joseph
<b>Wed Assembly</b>	
Song Leader.....	Deshawn Moore
Devotional.....	Cayden Moore
Closing Prayer.....	Brent Mouille

**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.

