

THE GONZALES MESSENGER

Gonzales Church of Christ

MARCH 31ST, 2024



Spiritual Characteristics of the Lord's Church

In Revelation 2:1-29 and Revelation 3:1-22, Christ "commends" some congregations and "condemns" others. A consideration of these commendations and condemnations lead us to the conclusion that our Lord desires the following spiritual characteristics of His church:

- The church is to be obedient to His word (Matthew 7:21; Romans 2:13; James 1:22; 1 John 3:7).
- The church is to be energetic (Acts 8:4; Acts 20:20; Titus 2:14).
- The church is to endure against opposition (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10).
- The church is to be sound in doctrine (1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9).
- The church is to be tireless in their labor for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).
- The church is to be courageous even to the point of death (Revelation 2:10 – NIV).
- The church is to be loving in disposition (Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 2:17).
- The church is to exhibit righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17; cf. 2 Corinthians 1:4; Gal. 5:22; Ephesians 5:9 – KJV).
- The church is to be confident, always trusting in God (1 Timothy 4:10).
- The church is to serve the needs of others (1 John 3:17-18).
- The church is to grow spiritually and numerically (2 Peter 3:18; Acts 2:41; Acts 4:4).
- The church is to be pure and penitent (Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 John 1:9).
- The church is to refuse to tolerate false teaching (Gal. 1:6-9).
- The church is to discipline wayward members (1 Corinthians 5:1-13).
- The church is to be zealous and stable (Titus 2:14; James 1:5-8).
- The church is to practice self-evaluation (2 Corinthians 13:5).
- The church is to have Christ as an abiding presence (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5).

The Lord expected these spiritual characteristics to exist not only in the 1st Century church, but expects them to exist in the 21st Century church as well. ~Mike Riley

Lessons for this week:

Sunday:

Bible Class: The One True Church

AM Worship Service: A Habit We Need

PM Worship Service: Hiding the Word in Our Hearts

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:

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Attendance:

03/24	03/31
AM:132	AM:127
PM:83	PM:86
Wed:89	Wed:74

Contribution:

\$7011	\$6799
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Mark Your Calendars:

April 6th Youth Day!- Will be held here at the building. All ages invited. 10am to 3pm and lunch will be provided.

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.

April 19th-Game Night-The game night will be at the building starting at 7pm.

April 21st-Mentor Class-Class will begin directly after lunch.

April 27th-Ladies Tea-Will be at the building beginning at 10am on Saturday.

Birthdays This Week:

1st Blake Babin
1st Jason Jerusalem
3rd Shea Cotton

Scripture Reading:

James 1:21 Therefore put away all
filthiness and rampant wickedness
and receive with meekness the im-
planted word, which is able to save
your souls.

Anniversaries:

31st Brendan & Caitlyn Babilen

Privileged to Serve 03-31-2024

AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Brendan Babin
Lord's Table.....	Joel Watson Jr
AV Room.....	Kyles
Announcements.....	Ben Vallery
Security	Mack Meek
AM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	DeWayne Humbles
Scripture.....	Burton Duplessis, Sr
Closing Prayer.....	Jim Arrowood
PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Brent Mouille
Closing Prayer.....	Peyton Adkins
Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Peyton Adkins
Devotional.....	Blake Adkins
Closing Prayer.....	Ron DeShazo

Privileged to Serve 04-07-2024

AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Joel Watson Jr
Lord's Table.....	Bryan Cook
AV Room.....	Kyles
Announcements.....	Patrick Adkins
Security	Brent Stephens
AM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Dave Brady
Scripture.....	Ethan Adkins
Closing Prayer.....	Brett Coats
PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Burt Duplessis Jr
Closing Prayer.....	Mike Krieger
Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Cayden Moore
Devotional.....	Ayden Adkins
Closing Prayer.....	David Esmon

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