

# THE GONZALES MESSENGER

## Gonzales Church of Christ

MARCH 24TH, 2024



Visitors

### Will You Enter the Promised Land?

From the time that Israel arrived at Mount Sinai, God started making promises to them that He repeated for the next 40 years. Many of those promises centered around the land that was promised to Abraham and how God was going to give it to Israel. Regarding the vile, sinful inhabitants of the land, God time after time promised Israel, "I will...drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you...I will drive them out from before you...For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you" (Ex. 23: 27-31). A year later, God promised, "I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite" (Ex. 33: 2). Forty years later, the Lord still promised, "The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you...He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites" (Deut. 7: 22; Josh. 3: 10).

So, why is it, when we turn to read about the conquest of the land that we repeatedly read statements like the following? "The children of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maachathites...the children of Judah could not drive them out...they did not drive out the Canaanites...they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland...Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites...Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants...Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites...Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants...Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants...Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants..." (Josh. 13: 13; 15: 63; 16: 10; Judg. 1: 19-36).

What happened? Why didn't God keep His promise and drive out all of these inhabitants as He said He would? God specifically said, "I will never break My covenant with you" (Judg. 2: 1). Read that again. Throughout the forty years leading up to the conquest of Canaan, God had repeatedly warned Israel, "You shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land" (Judg. 2: 2; cf. Ex. 23: 32; 34: 12-17; Deut. 7: 2). Keep reading Judges 2: 2 where God says, "But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?"

God's promises are always conditional. He promised over and over to drive out the evil inhabitants of the land, but those promises were conditioned upon Israel completely driving those inhabitants out and not being led astray from the Lord by them (Ex. 23: 32-33; 34: 12-17; Deut. 4: 23-31). When Israel violated the covenant, God was not obligated to fulfill His promises. Think about that for us today. God has promised salvation and eternal life to us repeatedly, yet those promises are conditioned upon our obedience (Heb. 5: 8-9; Matt. 7: 21-23). May God help us to learn from Israel and obey our God, so that we can possess our Promised Land in heaven.~David Sproule

#### Lessons for this week:

#### **Sunday:**

**Bible Class: The One True Church**

**AM Worship Service: Why Blood?**

**PM Worship Service: A Negative Attitude Will Destroy the Lord's Church**

#### **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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Tracy Boone  
Harold Douget  
Tim Schmidt  
Ben Vallery

#### **Ministers:**

James Eaves  
Daniel Jaramillo

#### **Attendance:**

03/17	03/24
AM:135	AM:132
PM:107	PM:83
Wed:79	Wed:89

#### **Contribution:**

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# Mark Your Calendars:

**March 30th Coffee Social**-9am at the building, come for the coffee and stay for the fellowship.

**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.

## Anniversaries:

31st Brendan & Caitlyn Babin

## Birthdays This Week:

24th Tara Eddy

## Scripture Reading:

**Hebrews 9:22** Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

### Privileged to Serve 03-24-2024

#### AM & PM Assembly

Song Leader.....	Chris Ryan
Lord's Table.....	Jerry Deslatte
AV Room.....	David Esmon
Announcements.....	Ben Vallery
Security	Tracy Boone

#### AM Assembly

Opening Prayer.....	Wayne Pace
Scripture.....	Joel Watson Jr
Closing Prayer.....	Brent Mouille

#### PM Assembly

Opening Prayer.....	Justin Lofton
Closing Prayer.....	Joel Watson Jr

#### Wed Assembly

Song Leader.....	Ethan Adkins
Devotional.....	Tim Schmidt
Closing Prayer.....	Patrick Adkins

### 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

**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.

