

# THE GONZALES MESSENGER

## Gonzales Church of Christ

JANUARY 21ST, 2024



### Investing in the Future

There will always be things and subjects in which people will have no interest. And while some things may pique one's interest, they may choose to remain uninvested. To be uninvested in something or someone will likely mean the person will be unengaged, unattached, and uncommitted.

Sadly, some may choose to be uninvested in their relationship towards God. Perhaps they believe in God but are content to invest themselves no further. Such individuals can be self-reliant, self-sufficient and may be satisfied to remain idle and watch from a distance. They may attend church but are not intentional, they may be present but not engaged, and attending elsewhere or not at all are always options.

The Bible has a lot to say in Revelation 3:15-19 about being lackadaisical or lukewarm in one's relationship towards God. The Lord admonished the church in Laodicea for being lukewarm and called them to repent. "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' (verses 15-17).

Anyone invested in something they care deeply about will allocate a lot of time and effort to it. Being invested in one's faith and relationship towards God means one is not merely going with the flow and not merely watching from the sideline, but they are an active participant in the body of Christ. Their presence is intentional, and walking away is never an option.

Jesus spoke in Mathew 16:24-28 that "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Verses 24-26). May one's walk of faith in God be intentional and unwavering. *Terry Clark*

#### Lessons for this week:

##### **Sunday:**

**Bible Class: Parables of Jesus: Pharisee and the Publican**

**AM Worship Service: The Choice of Lot**

**PM Worship Service: The Faith of Abraham**

##### **Wednesday:**

**Bible Class: The Book of Esther**

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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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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:

01/07	01/14
AM:141	AM:137
PM:85	PM:90
Wed:86	Wed:74

#### Contribution:

\$8810	\$7098
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# Mark Your Calendars:

**February 10th**-Youth Valentine Activity-Begins Saturday the 10th @9am. All youth are welcome. See Nancy Esmon and Amanda Eaves for more details.

**February 13th-Sweet Taters**-Tuesday@ 10am. This will be a brunch for Valentine. See the Arrowoods for any information.

**January 2024**-It is time to turn in dates for 2024 activities. Please email dates to James Eaves.

**Communion Arrangement:** For January: Lauren Eaves

## Birthdays This Week:

22nd Sebastian Gonzalez

24th Justin Lofton

25th Rodolfo Nieto

## Anniversaries This Week:

23rd Isaac & Quetzalli Benitez

**Genesis 13:10-12** “And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (this was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

### Privileged to Serve 01-21-2024

#### AM & PM Assembly

Song Leader..... Jerry Deslatte

Lord’s Table..... Tracy Boone

AV Room..... David Esmon

Announcements..... Jerry Deslatte

Security Brett Coats

#### AM Assembly

Opening Prayer..... Tim Schmidt

Scripture..... Dave Brady

Closing Prayer..... Brent Mouille

#### PM Assembly

Opening Prayer..... Joel Watson Jr

Closing Prayer..... Chris Ryan

#### Wed Assembly

Song Leader..... Deshawn Moore

Devotional..... Joel Watson Jr

Closing Prayer..... Burt Duplessis, Sr

### Privileged to Serve 01-28-2024

#### AM & PM Assembly

Song Leader..... Blake Adkins

Lord’s Table..... Joel Watson Jr

AV Room..... David Esmon

Announcements..... Jerry Deslatte

Security Tracy Boone

#### AM Assembly

Opening Prayer..... Ben Vallery

Scripture..... Cayden Moore

Closing Prayer..... Peyton Adkins

#### PM Assembly

Opening Prayer..... Kyle LeBlanc

Closing Prayer..... Fred Dudley

#### Wed Assembly

Song Leader..... Ayden Adkins

Devotional..... Peyton Adkins

Closing Prayer..... Patrick Adkins

**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.

