

# THE GONZALES MESSENGER

## Gonzales Church of Christ

MARCH 17TH, 2024



Visitors

### Do Not Worry

At some point we may have thought about how the wicked can have so much. Why does it seem that those that live in complete disregard for God and His judgments can live in abundance and ease? We read passages that speak to the prosperity of the righteous and the wicked being cut off and wonder, "When will I prosper?" (Psa. 1:3-4). The remedy for this kind of thinking is mentioned three times in Psalm 37. "Do not fret because of evildoers" (Psa. 37:1). "Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way" (Psa. 37:7). "Do not fret; it leads only to evildoing" (Psa. 37:8). Verses 7-11 of this Psalm give us a glimpse into the overall message.

"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him" (Psa. 37:7a). "Rest" means to be silent and still, to take a time out. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psa. 46:10). We don't like waiting. We are no longer conditioned to wait. Waiting on the Lord is a big theme in the Old Testament. It is mentioned twice in this psalm (v. 7, 34). A patient waiting and confidence in the Lord is what is being encouraged. If we are not good at waiting, we are worse at being patient in waiting. Paul reminds us, "But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it" (Rom. 8:25). "Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way" (Psa. 37:7b). When someone says, "Don't worry about it," we normally respond with, "Oh, I'm glad you said that. I was about to worry there for a second." In this psalm, our worry is put into context. It is going to be worse for the wicked. We are instructed to "cease from anger" because one result of unbridled worry is anger. How many of you get angry watching the news? Things happen that we have no control over, and we wish it was different. It's the same for those that see the wicked prosper and worry about it. There is nothing we can do about it. That is God's work, not ours. "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity" (Eph 4:26-27). This is again why we are encouraged not to worry. "It leads only to evildoing" (Psa. 37:8b). Often we try to "fix" things, and it makes it worse. Abraham said, "Tell them you're my sister; they might kill me" (Gen. 12:13). Sarah said, "Have a child with my servant girl. What could possibly go wrong?" (Gen. 16:2).

In this psalm, we can take comfort in the contrast of the wicked and righteous. Evildoers will be cut off and will be no more. The righteous will inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. We must learn to rest in the Lord and patiently wait on Him. "Depart from evil and do good, So you will abide forever. For the LORD loves justice and does not forsake His godly ones; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off. The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever" (Psa. 37:27-29). *Josh Blackmer*

#### Lessons for this week:

##### Sunday:

**Bible Class: The Parable of the Talents**

**AM Worship Service: What Are You Waiting For?**

**PM Worship Service: The Supremacy of Jesus**

##### Wednesday:

**Bible Class: Prayer and Song Service**

#### Visit Us!

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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Harold Douget

Tim Schmidt  
Ben Vallery

#### Ministers:

James Eaves  
Daniel Jaramillo

#### Attendance:

03/10	03/17
AM:132	AM:135
PM:100	PM:107
Wed:110	Wed:79

#### Contribution:

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# Mark Your Calendars:

**March 17th Mentor Class**– Lunch will be provided for students and teachers, only boys will have class.

**March 22nd-Area Wide Spring Singing**– It’s time for our Area Wide Spring Singing! We will begin at 7pm and continue until 9pm. See Jerry Deslatte for more details.

**April 6th Youth Day!**-More details provided soon.

**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.

## Birthdays This Week:

18th Brendan Babin

21st Cindy Kyle

23rd Cayden Moore

## Scripture Reading:

**Acts 22:6-16**

### Privileged to Serve 03-17-2024

#### AM & PM Assembly

Song Leader..... Blake Adkins

Lord’s Table..... Patrick Adkins

AV Room..... David Esmon

Announcements..... Ben Vallery

Security Brett Coats

#### AM Assembly

Opening Prayer..... Shane Bryant

Scripture..... Peyton Adkins

Closing Prayer..... Burt Duplessis Jr

#### PM Assembly

Opening Prayer..... Peyton Adkins

Closing Prayer..... Tracy Boone

#### Wed Assembly

Song Leader..... Deshawn Moore

Devotional..... Ethan Adkins

Closing Prayer..... Harold Douget

### 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

**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.

