

# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board – December 17, 2017

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Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
Wednesday: 7 PM Bible Class

**Welcome to our Visitors.** You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card and let us know if you have any questions about our congregation. We hope to see you again soon.

### Serving Today

**Song Leader:** Jimmy Wilson  
**Opening Prayer:** Ken Lathrop  
**Scripture Reading:** Austin Bruce  
**Communion:**  
– Lead: Jerry Sirmans  
– Assisting: Jay Polk  
– Side: McMorris Tater  
– Side: Christian Jenkins  
**Closing Prayer:** Roger Weaver  
**Usher:** Ken Lathrop  
**Communion Prep:** Wilkerson

### Today's Service

Song- # 117  
Song- # 105  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading: Phillippians 2: 5-11  
Song- # 170  
Communion  
Song- # 636  
Sermon: Paradoxes In The Life of Christ  
Song- # 324  
Announcements  
Closing Prayer

### Prayer Requests

- Elva Shade
- Suzy Wilkerson
- Paul Eldridge
- Donna Brown
- Tom Lester
- Iwana Smith
- Perry Dawkins, Trudi Dawkins' Son
- Jack Hood, Robin Cusimano's Father
- Suzanne Gore, David West's Sister
- Buddy Williams, Fran Goode's Brother
- Jennifer Rogan, The Cook's Daughter
- Kim Blaylock
- Joan Lup- Energy/ Knee
- Yvonne Parker
- Fran Goode

### Event Calendar

**TODAY- Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon following morning worship service.**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>-New Year's Eve Party @Church Building 2:30-5:30pm**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Bible Class- 7pm**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>- Super Saturday Supper @ Kobe's near Alafaya. RSVP- Peggy Stubblefield**

### Upcoming Birthday

**December 18<sup>th</sup>- Pam Lester**  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Doris Booth**

### Announcements

Bro. Michael E. Brooks, Minister of Missions and Evangelism for Bangladesh-Nepal Missions will be making a presentation to our congregation on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm about his work. His work is a ministry of the Highland Park Church of Christ in Muscle Shoals, AL. Mike and his wife visited our church last year in the spring as they have family in this area. See latest Mission Report on Bulletin Board.

The annual Boyd Scholarship Dinner and Quilt Auction at the Mt. Dora Christian Academy is scheduled for February 24, 2018. If you are interested in submitting a handmade quilt for auction, please notify Roger Weaver as notification as to participation in the auction is needed by the Academy by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Today's Bible Quiz

The wise men, because they saw in the East the star of Him who had been born King of the Jews, came to

- a) Jerusalem
- b) Bethlehem
- c) Nazareth
- d) Capernaum

# Ask, Seek, Knock

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened+(Matthew 7:7,8).

WE HAVE GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT THOSE WHO TRULY DESIRE HIM WILL HAVE THEIR DESIRE FULFILLED. If we ask, it will be given to us. If we seek, we will find. And if we knock, the door will be opened to us. Yet these are not casual activities that we can take care of in our spare time. They are based on something more than a mere whim concerning God's importance, and they require more than a passing interest in things of a spiritual nature.

Asking, seeking, and knocking are the outgrowths of *loving* God. Only strong, steadfast love has the persistence necessary to push through the obstacles that confront us. It is love that asks, that seeks, that knocks, that finds, and that is faithful to what it finds+(Augustine of Hippo). It is not enough to ask once or twice, to seek now and then, and to knock a time or two. Jesus's statement instructs us to keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking. It is only love that will keep us doing these things.

But not only do these things require love; they also require *humility*. The older we grow, the less willing we are to ask for what we need. Perhaps men have a harder time asking for help than women do, but certainly adults find it harder than children do. It is the most natural thing in the world for a child to *ask*, and that is one way in which we must become *as little children*+(Matthew 18:3) if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven. If it is pride that keeps us from asking because asking gives the appearance of weakness or need, that is a pride that we must repent of.

The fact is, we *are* weak and we *are* needy; there is no use trying to cover up this truth. We are created beings who are dependent on our Creator, and there is no significant greatness we can achieve without His help. Therefore, Jesus said, *Whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the*

kingdom of heaven+(Matthew 18:4). To be sure, our needs are already known to our Heavenly Father before we ask Him. But He wants us to have the humility to recognize those needs ourselves and ask for His help. The deeper our gratitude for His grace, the more faithfully we will ask and seek and knock.

Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the kingdom+(Charles Haddon Spurgeon). Gary Henry . WordPoints.com

## Today's Bible Quiz Answer(s)

a) Jerusalem (Matthew 2: 1-2)

Jer 31:31-34

**"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."**

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