

Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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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: Roger Weaver

Scripture Reading: Ben Blaylock

Communion:

- Lead: Ken Lathrop
- Assisting: Austin Bruce
- Side: Dennis Furin
- Side: Kenny Wilkerson

Closing Prayer: Jerry Sirmans

Usher: Ken Lathrop

Sermon: Vernon Means

Today's Song Service

- 119
- 607
- 154 (Communion)
- 626 (Sermon)
- 322 (Invitation)

Announcements

- A **Holiday Potluck Luncheon** will be held immediately after today's service. Everyone is invited.
- **Wednesday night** we will be showing episode two of the documentary series "**Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine**". This week's episode: "**The Great Missionary**".
- The **December Service Schedule** is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please let Jimmy Wilson know if you have any changes.
- The **2016 Communion Preparation and Trash Removal sign-up sheet** is on the table in the foyer. Please sign up if you can perform this duty.

Continuing Prayer List

- Genny Naugle Susan Dinsmore
- Toby Scavotto David Marion
- Corrine Jacobsen Deb Taylor
- Gwen Means Tillie Johnson
- Ann Clark Tom Forrester
- Wyona Howard Erma Barr
- Craig Cannaday Jackie Cannaday
- Maggie McDonald and Maggie's Mother

Prayer Requests

- **McMorris Tater** – Recovering from leg injury
- **Yvonne Parker** – Recovering from surgery
- **Tom Lester** – Ongoing health issues
- **Suzy Wilkerson** – Back pain
- **Iwana Smith** – Ongoing health issues
- **Brenda Summers** – Artery blockage treatment
- **Logan Brown** – Under treatment for Cancer
- **Patsy Lusk** – Under treatment for Cancer
- **Buddy Williams** – Fran Goode's brother; health issues

Event Calendar

December 6th – Holiday Potluck Luncheon

December 7th – Ladies' Bible Class, 7 PM

December Birthdays

December 6th – Fran Goode

December 8th – Dennis Furin

December 11th – Sarah Warr

December 14th – Nita Wilson

December 14th – Suzy Wilkerson

December 23rd – Doris Booth

**NO GOD
NO PEACE.
KNOW GOD
KNOW PEACE**

"My son, do not forget my law; but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you". Proverbs 3:1-2

Discipleship and Self Denial

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me’” (Matthew 16:24).

SELF-DENIAL IS A DIFFICULT DISCIPLINE, TO BE SURE, BUT IT IS ONE OF LIFE’S MOST IMPORTANT VIRTUES. If we wish to become disciples in any serious sense, then we must learn to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Christ.

One reason that we find self-denial so difficult is that it goes against the grain of our culture. The social environment in which we live is increasingly dominated by self-affirmation rather than self-denial. This ethic comes through loud and clear in the lyrics of our popular music. For example, a hit by one of the most powerful pop stars of the past decade tells us, “You’ve got to do what you’ve got to do.” Another song, this one even by an artist known for his spirituality, says, “You’ve got to do it in your own way.” What is wrong with this philosophy? It is certainly true that when tough personal decisions have to be made, we have to have the courage to act on our own convictions. When we’ve analyzed a decision from every angle and considered the advice of others, the time comes when we have to make up our own minds. Integrity requires that we do what we believe is right, even if this conflicts with the collective judgment of everybody we know.

But the philosophy of self-affirmation advocates far more than the simple following of conscience. Instead, when we’re told that “you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do,” it’s understood that what we’ve “got to do” is whatever we want to do. One of the scariest statements I have ever heard illustrates this ethic. The remark came from a very up-to-date friend who said with evident satisfaction, “It feels so good at this point in my life finally to have the courage to do what I want to do and not what anybody else says I ought to do.” In our culture, “want” trumps “ought” every time.

As “self-actualized” people, then, it is hard for us to learn self-denial. We do not find it easy to yield to God when what we want is on a collision course with His standards of what is right. Yet self-denial is what we must learn. Somehow we must recover the old-fashioned virtue of *sacrifice*

— the willingness to let go of everything except that which most greatly glorifies God.

“We tend to be devoted, not to Jesus Christ, but to the things which allow us more spiritual freedom than total surrender to Him would allow” (Oswald Chambers).

Word Points by Gary Henry Wordpoints.Com

Today’s Bible Question

Which Old Testament Prophet prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem?

- A. Isaiah
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Micah
- D. Joel

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“Most of us fall in love and get engaged,
but nobody ever gets married. Cold feet!”

Answer to Today’s Bible Question

Answer C: Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:6