

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: Angelo Cusimano

Scripture Reading: Austin Bruce

Communion:

- Lead: Troy Vargas
- Assisting: Jay Polk
- Side: Kenny Wilkerson
- Side: Dennis Furin

Closing Prayer: Ken Lathrop

Usher: Roger Weaver

Communion Prep: Sept- Parker

Today's Service

Song – 367

Song – 363

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Song -188

Communion

Song – 384

Sermon: The Limits of Unity And Fellowship

Song – 324

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Prayer Requests

- Suzy Wilkerson
- Elva Shade
- Donna Brown
- Iwana Smith
- Yvonne Parker
- 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
- Cristine Jarrell, Sandy and Vickie's Mom
- Kasie and Corey Mefford

Event Calendar

Sept- 10th- **Ladies Bible Class- 7pm**

Upcoming Birthdays

Aug.29th – Sara Robey

Sept 3rd – Austin Bruce

Sept 3rd – Michael Parker Sr.

Sept 14th – Elva Shade

Sept 16th – Ben Smith

Sept 22nd – Erika Shade

Sept 28th – Gary Miller

Announcements

The Lathrop's are in South Carolina visiting with a family member that is experiencing various health issues. Keep them in your prayers.

Wednesday Night Bible Class is studying a video presentation of World Religions.

This week we will continue our study on Judaism. Class begins at 7pm. Please join us.

Today's Bible Quiz

Paul writes in I Corinthians "When I was a child" I

- a) spoke, thought, and acted as a child
- b) spoke, understood and thought as a child
- c) thought, understood, and acted as a child
- d) spoke, understood, and acted as a child

When We Realize What Mercy Means

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.
(Psalm 34:17,18)

MERCY IS A MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD CONCEPT. It is the central idea of the gospel of Christ, but even as important as it is, the idea of mercy is often misconstrued. What mercy means is that God is willing to do for us what *we do not deserve to have done*. But we tend to make two mistakes: we suppose (1) that God extends His mercy to those who deserve it and withholds it from those who don't, or (2) that after receiving God's forgiveness we are somehow more deserving in His sight than we were before.

It is wrong to think of the gospel of Christ as a means of earning back what we now wish we'd never thrown away. It is not an insurance plan for our pride. Neither is it an insurance plan for our sense of self-sufficiency and self-worth. What the gospel asks us to accept is the fact that having sinned, we are permanently and forever afterward *unworthy* of life in God. Our vessels are broken, and we can never, ever be what we were before we sinned. When Paul said, "I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (1 Corinthians 15:9), he was not using his tenses carelessly. The sins he referred to had truly been forgiven, but Paul was still unworthy to be called an apostle. The thing about the gospel that enraptured him was not the reinstatement of his self-esteem but the contemplation of a Mercy that received him despite his ongoing unworthiness. Paul had to obey the gospel to be forgiven (Acts 22:16), but having done so, he was still a person with a very sad story.

Are these words overly pessimistic? Are we denying the deep joy and the thirst-quenching fulfillment that await us in God? No, our point is simply that we need to be careful about what we expect from God. The joy that is available to us is not the happiness of restored pride, but the thrill of pure, undiluted *mercy*. And that is why the Lord

has never been sought by the self-righteous but only by the ragged and the ruined. "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."

Open thy gate of mercy, gracious God!
My soul flies through these wounds to seek out thee.

(William Shakespeare)

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

Today's Bible Quiz Answer

b: spoke, understood, and thought as a child (1 Corinthians 13: 11)

1 Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12) For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I am known. 13) and now abide faith, hope, love; but the greatest of these is love.

Most Stolen Book

- There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible. • The shortest verse in the English New Testament is "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). This was right before he raised Lazarus from the dead. • The Bible was written over a 1500-year span. • The Bible was originally written in three languages—the Old Testament in Hebrew and a little Aramaic; the New Testament in Greek. • The longest and shortest chapters of the Bible are both in Psalms, and just two chapters apart. The longest is Psalm 119 while the shortest is Psalm 117. • Read just a half hour a day and finish the Bible in one year. "Blessed is he that readeth" (Revelation 1: 3) HTH