

# 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.

### Serving Today

**Song Leader:** Jimmy Wilson

**Opening Prayer:** David West

**Scripture Reading:** Austin Bruce

**Communion:**

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Ben Blaylock
- Side: Dennis Furin
- Side: Kenny Wilkerson

**Sermon:** David West

**Closing Prayer:** Jimmy Wilson

**Usher:** Roger Weaver

### Today's Service

- 556
- 73
- Opening Prayer
- **Scripture Reading: Philemon 8-11**
- 175 (Communion)
- 662
- **Sermon: How to Ask a Favor: The Art of Holy Persuasion**
- 276 (Invitation)
- Closing Prayer

### Announcements

- **Church Family & Friends Day is next Saturday.** Information on this event is located on the table in the foyer.

**Please enter your information in the sign-up sheet today if you plan to attend.**

Contact Yvonne Parker if you have questions or need more details.

### 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
- Buddy Williams Brenda Summers

### Prayer Requests

- **Jerry Gialdella**, Tom Lester's Cousin – Very ill. Hospitalized in TN.
- **Elva Shade** – Recovering from surgery
- **Sally Westover's Son**, Jeff – Recovering from stroke
- **Yvonne Parker** – Recovering from surgery
- **McMorris Tater** – Recovering from leg injury
- **Tom Lester** – Ongoing health issues
- **Suzy Wilkerson** – Ongoing back pain
- **Iwana Smith** – Ongoing health issues
- **Joe Weathers** – Friend of the Lester's. Under treatment for recurring cancer

### Event Calendar

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Church Family & Friends Fun Day @ the Parker's Ranch

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class, 7PM

### Upcoming Birthdays

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Tom Lester

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Tater McMorris

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Ken Lathrop

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Michael Westmeyer

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Kenny Wilkerson

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** – Potluck Luncheon



## MOVED BY GRATITUDE TO SEEK AND SERVE

“And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ So he said, ‘Teacher, say it.’ ‘There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?’” (Luke 7:40-42).

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS IS A POWERFUL FORCE THAT MOVES US IN THE DIRECTION OF TRUTH AND GOODNESS. To the extent that we're aware of the magnitude of our sins and the love that had to be shown by God to make their forgiveness possible, we will be motivated both to seek Him and to serve Him. If our motivation toward God is not what it should be, here is the key to progress: *we must increase our love by increasing our gratitude.*

Paul spoke of the “constraining” or “compelling” effect of Christ's love for us. “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2 Corinthians 5:14,15). And the love of Christ is that which compels us even before we've been forgiven of our sins. It is our recognition of His love and our joyous anticipation of gratitude to Him that move us to respond to the gospel in the first place.

It is important to remember the proper order of these things. God's love comes first, and then our gratitude and love. If we're not careful, we may lapse into thinking that God confers forgiveness upon us because we are those who love Him. However, just the opposite is true. “Love is not the cause of forgiveness. Forgiveness causes love. The more we are forgiven, the more we love” (William Tyndale). John said simply, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us” (1 John 4:10). “We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

In general, gratitude comes from a sense of our emptiness and need. If we're proud and self-sufficient, and if we suppose that there is little about us to be forgiven, then there will be little gratitude in us — and consequently little love, little seeking of God, and little in the way of

service to Him. Without the power of gratitude, we fight a losing battle.

“A true Christian is a man who never for a moment forgets what God has done for him in Christ, and whose whole comportment and whole activity have their root in the sentiment of gratitude” (John Baillie).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

### Today's Bible Question

In Psalms, the Psalmist says we should enter into God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with which of the following?

- A. Praise
- B. Humility
- C. Humbleness
- D. Gratitude

“True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future, not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears but to rest satisfied with what we have, which is sufficient, for he that is so wants nothing. The greatest blessings of mankind are within us and within our reach. A wise man is content with his lot, whatever it may be, without wishing for what he has not.”

— Seneca



### Answer to Today's Bible Question

Answer: A  
Psalms 100:4