

# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board – April, 30, 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:** Troy Vargas  
**Scripture Reading:** Ben Blaylock  
**Communion:**  
– Lead: Angelo Cusimano  
– Assisting: Austin Bruce  
– Side: McMorris Tater  
– Side: Dennis Furin  
**Closing Prayer:** Roger Weaver  
**Usher:** Roger Weaver  
**Communion Prep April:** Wilkerson

### Today's Service

Song- #230  
Song- #2  
**Opening Prayer**  
**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 8: 1-6  
Song-#161  
**Communion**  
Song- #249  
**Sermon: Christ is Better!**  
Song- #304  
**Announcements**  
**Closing Prayer**

### Prayer Requests

- Tom Barker, Pam Lester's Brother
- Elva Shade
- Suzy Wilkerson
- Paul Eldridge Room #117
- Donna Brown
- Tom Lester
- Iwana Smith
- Perry Dawkins, Trudi Dawkins' Son
- Marshall MCree
- Jack Hood, Robin Cusimano's Father
- Suzanne Gore, David West's Sister
- Buddy Williams, Fran Goode's Brother

### Event Calendar

May 8- Ladies Bible Study -7pm

### Upcoming Birthdays

April 29- Krista Vargas  
April 30- Kim Blaylock  
May 1- Karina Vargas  
May 4- Jaime Tater  
May 19- Tom Lester

### Announcements

**Jack Hood, Robin Cusimano's father**, is now recovering at home from his heart procedure last week. He is doing well.

**Kasie Parker and Corey Massord** will take their marriage vows **next Sunday, May 7, 2017**. The ceremony will be held at 12:00pm, here at the church building following our Morning Worship Service. **Bro. David West** will officiate the service. A reception will follow. The Church congregation is invited to attend.

### Today's Bible Quiz?

**In the Parable of the Sower, what did the seeds that fell by the way side represent?**

1. Those who do not understand the Word of God
2. Those that did not have the chance to hear the Word
3. Those who heard the Word and follow it, but shortly fell away
4. Those who heard the Word, and follow it

# The Simple Willingness to Acknowledge God

**“So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: “How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?”’” (Exodus 10:3).**

RARELY HAS ANYONE DEFIED GOD AS BLATANTLY AS PHARAOH DID WHEN HE REFUSED TO LET THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL LEAVE THE LAND OF EGYPT. His contempt for the God of Israel was open and arrogant. When requested by Moses and Aaron, at the command of God, to allow Israel to leave Egypt, Pharaoh replied bluntly, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go+(Exodus 5:1,2). And indeed he did not. Throughout nine of the worst disasters any Egyptian could imagine, Pharaoh refused to bow before the mighty God who brought these plagues upon him. It took a tenth plague, involving the death of his own firstborn son, to break his pride. And even then, as soon as the immediate crisis was over, he changed his mind and sent his army after Israel. The very least we can say about this man is that he was extraordinarily strong-willed. Anyone who can hold out in rebellion against God as long as he did is no ordinary rebel (Exodus 10:1,2).

But as shocking as Pharaoh’s rebellion was, a similar stubbornness is at the root of every person’s sin. When we disobey what we know to be God’s will, we are saying by our actions, “Not Thy will, but

mine be done.+Sin is always a refusal to acknowledge God. It is a declaration of our independence, a stiff-necked resistance to God’s sovereignty. And as long as we hold out in this resistance, God will be asking us, as He asked Pharaoh, “How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?+

The tempter’s argument is that we don’t *need* to humble ourselves. Adam and Eve found the “courage” to defy God only after being led to believe they could get away with it (Genesis 3:1-8). Satan had said, in effect, “Stand up and take care of yourselves. Don’t let God interfere with anything you want.+Once they imagined that such a rebellion could succeed, sin was not far behind. So from the beginning, sin has always disguised itself as strength. The only real strength in the world, however, is that which the devil denies: a simple willingness to acknowledge God. Independence is not strength but unrealized weakness and is the very essence of sin+(Oswald Chambers).

Gary Henry . WordPoints.com

## Answer’s to Today’s Bible Question

1. Those who do not understand the Word of God (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23)

A graphic with a yellow background and purple text that reads: “With GOD All Things Are Possible!”