

# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board January 13th, 2019

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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:** Austin Bruce

**Communion:**

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Ben Blaylock
- Side: Dennis Furin
- Side: McMorris Tater

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Lathrop

**Usher:** Roger Weaver

**Communion Prep-January:** Miller

### Today's Service

**Song** – 463

**Song** – 230

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 56

**Song** – 157

**Communion**

**Song** – 249

**Sermon:** "This I Know, God Is For Me"

**Song** – 305

**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
- Rick Walker
- Kim Blaylock
- Brenda Hood, Robin Cusimano's Mother

### Event Calendar

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Bible Class- 7pm**

### Upcoming Birthdays

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>- Pat Furin

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>- Robin Cusimano

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>- Pat Miller

### Announcements

The Mount Dora Christian Academy & Children's Home will hold their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Boyd Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Brackett Gymnasium. The event consists of a catered dinner and a quilt auction. This is a fund raising event. Donations will be solicited. Tickets are free. Our congregation headcount of attendees is due by Tuesday, January, 30, 2019. See Roger Weaver for tickets and further information.

It's that time again. If you need a tax letter of your 2018 church contributions, please request from Roger Weaver

### Today's Bible Quiz

Cain quarreled with Abel because

- a) Abel had been made a keeper of sheep, but Cain only a tiller of the ground
- b) Abel claimed a half-share in the property set aside for the sons
- c) Abel taunted Cain on his vicious habits
- d) The Lord accepted Abel's offering, but not Cain's

# Believing That God Is Real

“Nobody reaches God’s presence until he has learned to believe that He exists” (Hebrews 11:6 Knox).

FAITH IN GOD IS A CHOICE THAT WE MAKE BETWEEN TWO ALTERNATIVES.

The river of evidence for God’s reality runs strong and deep, but its current is not irresistible. Many people do swim against it, at least for a while.

Choosing to believe that God exists is a voluntary act of trust. We believe not because we think the reality of God is absolutely unequivocal, but because we judge the evidence to be greatly in its favor. After careful thought, faith puts its trust and confidence in a premise that is seen to be supported by the weight of the evidence. Faced with the ultimate fork in the road, faith understands that a decision must be made, and it responsibly chooses one alternative.

But the decision to believe isn’t merely the adoption of an intellectual position. It’s the courageous taking of a stand. Like all ideas, the idea of God has consequences, and faith dares to accept those consequences. It says: “I have considered the matter and am prepared to make my choice. What I have seen has taught me to trust this thing which I can’t see, the reality of God. I not only believe, but I am prepared to follow my faith wherever it leads.”

“Faith” is not inferior to “knowledge.” It is a certain *kind* of knowledge, one that makes available to us all the great truths that happen to be inaccessible to the “eyes” of physical sense. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). If we could know only what our own senses have experienced, how impoverished our minds would be! Most of life’s important realities have to do with things that are unseen, and it is by faith that we apprehend these truths.

The time is coming, however, when the reality of God will no longer be a matter of faith. It will be an overwhelming fact, impossible to deny and terrifying in its implications for those who have tried to deny it. “As I live, says the Lord,

every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God” (Romans 14:11). For now, though, faith is “the response of our spirits to the beckonings of the eternal” (George A. Buttrick). To believe is to embrace both worlds, the seen and the unseen, neither more real than the other.

“Faith is the subtle chain which binds us to the infinite” (Elizabeth O. Smith).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

## Today’s Bible Quiz Answer

**d) the Lord accepted Abel’s offering, but not Cain’s (Genesis 4: 3-5)**

3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

10 The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.