# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board — December 3, 2017

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**Welcome to our Visitors.** You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitors 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: Jay Polk

Communion:

Lead: Ken Lathrop
Assisting: Austin Bruce
Side: Christian Jenkins
Side: McMorris Tater
Closing Prayer: Jerry Sirmans

Usher: Ken Lathrop
Communion Prep- Wilkerson

#### **Today's Service**

Song- # 402 Song- # 390 Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:5-17

Song- # 183 Communion Song- # 620

Sermon: "The Best Question Ever"

Song- # 325 Announcements Closing Prayer

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Elva Shade
- Suzv Wilkerson
- Paul Eldridge
- Donna Brown
- Tom Lester
- Iwana Smith
- 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- Energy/ Knee
- Yvonne Parker
- Fran Goode

Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Wednesday: 7 PM Bible Class

#### **Event Calendar**

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Bible Class-7pm
December 17<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon
following morning worship service.
January 6<sup>th</sup>-New Year's Eve Party @Church
Building 2:30-5:30pm
January 20<sup>th</sup>- Super Saturday Supper @ Kobe's
near Alafaya. RSVP- Peggy Stubblefield

### **Upcoming Birthday**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>- Vickie West
December 6<sup>th</sup>- Fran Goode
December 8<sup>th</sup>- Dennis Furin
December 11<sup>th</sup>- Sarah Warr
December 14<sup>th</sup>- Suzie Wilkerson
December 14<sup>th</sup>- Nita Wilson
December 18<sup>th</sup>- Pam Lester
December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Doris Booth

### **Announcements**

Angelo and Robin Cusimano are traveling this week. Keep them and others who are traveling in your prayers.

Please update the Church Directory, Email List information and sign up for 2018 Communion Prep and trash removal on the table in the foyer.

Jimmy Wilson will begin a video class on the "Parables of Jesus" in the Wednesday Night Bible Class beginning next week. Please plan to attend.

#### Today's Bible Quiz

Mary wrapped her baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because

- a) it had been prophesied
- b) there was no room for them in the inn
- c) they were too poor to stay in the inn
- d) the three wise men were coming to the manger

## The Open Way

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

JESUS CHRIST CLAIMED TO BE THE WAY+THROUGH WHICH WE CAN COME TO GOD. As beings who are alienated from God by our own rebellion, the where+of our present condition is separated by a great distance from the where+of fellowship with God. But a way+is a path or an opening that allows passage, and it is the astounding claim of Jesus Christ to be the opening that allows the passage of sinful human beings to God. Without Him, no such passage would be possible. We would be those waving no hope and without God in the world+(Ephesians 2:12).

There is no dodging the fact that the claim of Jesus is a radical claim. It is radical in several ways. First, it is exclusive. %am the way, the truth, and the life,+is what Jesus said. %No one comes to the Father except through Me.+ Either this claim is true or it is not. If it is not, then Jesus is forever disqualified from being a % reat moral teacher.+If His central claim is false, then we should simply disregard Him as a liar and have no more to do with Him. Second, Jesusqclaim is radical in that it confronts us with the fact that we are not already with+the Father. This is strong medicine. We are cut off from God despite the very best of our own systems of philosophy and moral endeavor. In Jesusgteaching, there is no sugarcoating of the truth about either the human condition or the impossibility of fixing that condition ourselves.

But third, Jesus claimed that He Himself was the way to God. This is far more than the % astruction+of a religious teacher. Jesus did not simply say that He *taught* the way to God. He claimed to *be* the way. The nature of our problem was such that it could not be rectified by another, more advanced set of religious teachings. Instead, it took the vicarious death of a perfect Personal Being to bridge the gap between our sinfulness and

Gods justice. Having offered Himself as that sacrifice, Jesus Christ has become the way to God. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit+(1 Peter 3:18). Wesus Christ set a window in the tiny dark dungeon of the ego in which we all languish, letting in a light, providing a vista, and offering a way of release from the servitude of the flesh and the fury of the will+(Malcom Muggeridge).

Gary Henry . WordPoints.com

## Today's Bible Quiz Answer(s)

b) there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2: 7)

Micah 5:2-3

#### The Coming Messiah

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,

Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,

Yet out of you shall come forth to Me

The One to be Ruler in Israel,

Whose goings forth are from of old,

From everlasting."

**NKJV** 

