

# 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:** Troy Vargas

**Scripture Reading:** Jay Polk

**Communion:**

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Virgil Cook
- Side: Dennis Furin
- Side: Kenny Wilkerson

**Sermon:** David West

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Lathrop

**Usher:** Ben Blaylock

### Today's Service

- 209
- 27
- Opening Prayer
- **Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15: 12-19**
- 152 (Communion)
- 612
- **Sermon: What If Jesus Had Never Been Born**
- 295 (Invitation)
- Closing Prayer

### Prayer Requests

- **Austin Bruce** – Knee surgery recovery
- **Elva Shade** – Upcoming tests
- **Suzy Wilkerson** – Surgery recovery
- **Paul Eldridge** – Back in rehab
- **Donna Brown** – In rehab
- **Randy Blaylock**
- **Perry Dawkins**, Trudi Dawkins' Son
- **Yvonne Parker**
- **Tom Lester**
- **Iwana Smith**
- **Kathy Eldridge**
- **Debra Urbin** – Doris Booth's Daughter
- **Jerry Gialdella** – Tom Lester's Cousin

### Event Calendar

- December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Get Together
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – Ladies' Bible Class, 7 PM

### Upcoming Birthdays

January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Liz Vargas

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Pat Furin

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Pat Miller

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Robin Cusimano

### Announcements

- **The New Year's Eve Get Together will be held at the building from 2 – 5 PM.** Please bring finger food and your favorite board games. There will be parlor games and prizes, so wear comfortable shoes. Contact Peggy Stubblefield for more information.
- **The 2017 Communion Preparation and Trash Removal Roster** is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks to all who volunteered to perform this duty.
- **January Service Roster** is on the table in the foyer. Please review and provide inputs to Jimmy Wilson.
- A **January** sign-up sheet for **Off-Site Communion** duty is on the table in the foyer. Please sign up if you can provide this service.
- There will be a **Men's Business Meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM**, at the church building. If anyone has an agenda item they would like the men to discuss, then please provide your input to Roger Weaver.

### Today's Bible Question

Which of the following names means the "anointed"?

- A. Christ
- B. Messiah
- C. Prince
- D. A & B

## **FESTIVITY**

“A feast is made for laughter” (The Book of Ecclesiastes).

ONE OF THE THINGS WE ENJOY MOST ABOUT THIS SEASON IS ITS FESTIVITY. The special gatherings, the tinge of excitement, and, of course, the much-anticipated meals come together in a way that is quite wonderful. And the food is of more than incidental importance. In its most basic sense, “festivity” means “feasting,” and so a festive occasion without food would be a contradiction in terms. But the food is not so much the main ingredient of festivity as it is the catalyst. What we enjoy most of all is what comes from the feasting. Samuel Pepys sensed this when he said, “Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody.” It’s the human element, the congeniality, that makes a feast “festive.”

We seem to have a built-in need for occasional festivity. Even though too much feasting would not be good for us, it may be that many of us suffer from too little. Our ordinary lives and the routine of our work need to be punctuated by festivities. Now and then we need — we really do need — to enjoy some mirth and merriment. As someone has said, “A life with no festivity is like a long road with no inns.”

Some seasons of the year involve holidays that are festive almost by definition. These times come with the turning of the calendar pages whether we make plans for them or not. But other festivities do have to be planned, and there is great wisdom in giving these arrangements some priority. Lives in which no festivities are planned are not “spontaneous.” They are dull and tiresome . . . and very often fruitless.

The idea of festivity happens to have an interesting companion, and that is the concept of welcome. To say that others are “welcome” is to say, quite literally, “It is well

that you have come!” And is this not the major part of any festivity? It’s the welcome presence of other persons who share our delight that turns a humdrum event into a festivity.

So as we feast during this season (however humble our fare may be), let us not be ashamed to enjoy the festive meals that bring us together at the table. But let us also learn the value of having festive hearts. Let us be a people who know the meaning of *welcome!* — a folk whose merry hearts are able to enjoy a feast year-round.

“Small cheer and great welcome make a merry feast” (William Shakespeare).

**Gary Henry – Wordpoints.Com**

### **Answer to Today’s Bible Question**

Answer: D

Christ and Messiah are both derived from the Greek word “Christos”.

*Wishing you a very*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
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