# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board March 17th, 2019

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**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: Ken Lathrop Scripture Reading: Jay Polk Communion:

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Ben Blaylock
- Side: Kenny Wilkerson
- Side: Virgil Cook

Closing Prayer: Angelo Cusimano Usher: Roger Weaver Communion Prep-: March-Lester

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

Song – 434 Song – 601 Opening Prayer Scripture Reading: Revelation 1: 9-20 Song – 158 Communion Song – 229 Sermon: Seven Letters From Jesus (part 1) Song – 146 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
- Buddy Williams, Fran Goode's Brother
- Jennifer Rogan, The Cook's Daughter
- Rick Walker
- Kim Blaylock
- Brenda Hood, Robin Cusimano's Mother

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

#### Event Calendar

Mar 31<sup>st</sup>- Potluck Luncheon immediately following the worship service' Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Bible Class- 7pm

#### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Mar 25<sup>th</sup>- Sandy Lathrop

#### **Announcements**

Jennifer Toohey and her parents, James and Frieda Asbury desire to be recognized as members of TCOC. If you have not already met this family, please take the opportunity get to know them. It is always a blessing to welcome those who want to worship and serve God with our church family.

**Ida Hooper-Mills** requests prayers for her son, **Twain,** who was to have heart surgery last week in NC. Keep both in your thoughts and prayers.

**Trudi Dawkins** continues to recover from hip surgery. She is at the Tuskawilla Rehab Center at 1024 Willa Springs Dr., in Winter Springs. Visitors Welcome after 2pm.

#### Today's Bible Quiz

#### As the famine years continued in Egypt, Joseph, acting for Pharaoh, distributed the grain he had hoarded in the good years

- a) as payment in kind for labor on public works projects
- b) in return for Egyptians' money, then their cattle, then their lands and themselves
- c) free of charge, but rationed according to individual needs
- d) through a lottery system

## Ashes and Anguish

"And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you. And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 4:27-29).

#### THERE IS A CERTAIN HOPELESSNESS THAT OFTEN PRECEDES THE HOPE THAT CAN BE FOUND IN GOD. Until we've been driven to despair concerning our own "gods, the work of men's hands," we are hardly ready to appreciate the God who is truly God.

As long as we remain "here" in the realm where life seems to be working tolerably well, we'll probably do very little seeking of God. Selfconfidence keeps us from looking for anything outside of ourselves. But hopes built on selfconfidence have a way of crumbling, and the time comes when we have to go over "there" to a realm where nothing we can do has any hope of securing our <u>survival</u>. "From there," Moses said, "you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul." The sooner we go from "here" to "there," the sooner we'll seek God with all our hearts and all our souls.

Some people have the wisdom and humility to see for themselves the truth of Solomon's conclusion: "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind. What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be numbered" (Ecclesiastes 1:14,15). Most of us, however, have to have help. We have to be broken by circumstances painful enough to destroy our proud dream of self-sufficiency. We have to be *driven* to despair — the impossible hopes of human self-rule have to be torn from our grasp.

The good things that await us in God are things that require trust. To the extent we're not willing to let go of the created things we've been clinging to, we're not ready to receive what the Creator has for us. If it takes ashes and anguish to destroy our worldly hopes, then these are not bad things. Exactly what it is that should follow our despair may be a matter of disagreement, but the philosopher is our friend who forces us to look, without blinking, at the utter hopelessness of naked human existence. "Life begins on the other side of despair" (Jean Paul Sartre). Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

#### Today's Bible Quiz Answer

### b) in return for Egyptians' money, then their cattle, then their lands and themselves

Gen 47:13-26

Now there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine. 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 So when the money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the money has failed."

16 Then Joseph said, "Give your livestock, and I will give you bread for your livestock, if the money is gone." 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with bread in exchange for all their livestock that year.

18 When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands. 19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants of Pharaoh; give us seed, that we may live and not die, that the land may not be desolate."

20 Then Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the Egyptians sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. So the land became Pharaoh's. 21 And as for the people, he moved them into the cities, from one end of the borders of Egypt to the other end. 22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had rations allotted to them by Pharaoh, and they ate their rations which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. 24 And it shall come to pass in the harvest that you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

25 So they said, "You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants." 26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the land of the priests only, which did not become Pharaoh's. NKJV