

# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board – July 16, 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:** David West

**Opening Prayer:** Troy Vargas

**Scripture Reading:** Virgil Cook

**Communion:**

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Ken Lathrop
- Side: McMorris Tater
- Side: Austin Bruce

**Closing Prayer:** Jimmy Wilson

**Usher:** Roger Weaver

**Communion Prep July:** Wilson

### Today's Service

Song- #4

Song- #61

Song- #630

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22: 6-17

Song- "Come Share The Lord" (Screen)

Communion

Song- #489

Sermon: The "Other" Beatitudes"

Song- #317

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
- Jack Hood, Robin Cusimano's Father
- Suzanne Gore, David West's Sister
- Buddy Williams, Fran Goode's Brother
- Jennifer Rogan, Virgil and Char Cook's Daughter
- Jacques Lasage, the Lathrop's Friend

### Event Calendar

August 14<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Bible Study- 7PM

### Upcoming Birthdays

July 18<sup>th</sup>- Jerry Sirmans

July 20<sup>th</sup>- Maggie McDonald

July 24<sup>th</sup>- Caesar Lopez

July 25<sup>th</sup>- Peggy Stubblefield

July 27<sup>th</sup>- Virgil Cook

### Announcements

Yvonne Parker had her shoulder surgery and is now in rehab.

Fran Good had a recent MRI and the results were clear. She is feeling better.

Maggie McDonald has requested we keep her cousin's son, Adrian in our prayers. Adrian was diagnosed with a brain tumor and will have surgery to release pressure.

Keep all who are traveling in your prayers.

### Today's Bible Quiz

This brave Israelite woman became Queen of Persia and used her influence to protect her people, the Jews

- Rachel
- Naomi
- Esther
- Ruth

# We Promised We'd Reach Forward

**"I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).**

SAVING FAITH INVOLVES THREE THINGS: CREDESCENCE IN THE TRUTH, CONFIDENCE IN GOD, AND CONSTANCY IN OUR COMMITMENT. We must finish what we started when we confessed our faith and were baptized **into Christ, and we will be lost if we can't say what Paul said at the end of his life: *I have kept the faith.***

Reaching forward is an important idea, **and most people would say it's a good thing to do.** But I hear some folks talking about it as if it were optional. It is, however, anything but optional. When we obeyed the gospel, we *committed* ourselves to reaching forward. We made what amounted to a public promise to strive for heaven the rest of our lives. And if we **ever quit doing that, we've broken** the most important promise we ever made. But the promise to keep the faith and to keep reaching forward is like other promises in that it often ends up being harder to keep than we thought it would be at the time we made it. Even if we **carefully "count the cost," we can't know** all of what the future may entail. So our commitment to keep the faith is the signing of an open-ended contract: we must keep the faith . . . *no matter what.* In the Scriptures, there is a steady emphasis on what we would call **"following through."** Hear Paul, for example, urging the Corinthians to do as they said they would about the contribution for the needy saints in **Jerusalem: "You also must complete the** doing of it; that as there was a readiness

to desire it, so there also may be a **completion out of what you have"** (2 Corinthians 8:11).

If we take God seriously, keeping our commitment to Him is going to involve some surprises. Some of these may be pleasant, but others will be difficult. (Imagine Abraham's surprise the morning he got up and heard the Lord say, "I want you to sacrifice your son.") But if the only promises we keep are the easy ones, what kind of character is that? When David asked, "Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?" (Psalm 15:1), one of the answers was: "He who swears to his own hurt and does not change" (v.4). If you don't know what that means, then try this translation: "He who stands by his pledge at any cost" (Jerusalem Bible).

**"Dependability: fulfilling what I agreed to do even though it requires unexpected sacrifices" (Bill Gothard).**

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

## Today's Bible Quiz Answer

- o **Esther (Esther 7:3)**



*Faith*  
is not believing that God  
can, it's knowing that He will