

"And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV)

**April 2024
Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL Report



Heaven Bound! ... Heaven Bound?

There is a woman staying with us that I would like to tell you about. We first met her at our Livingston mission when she was just a teenager. Years later, she cooked for GODTEL for awhile at our Nacogdoches mission where she met a man she married.

We did not hear from her for many, many years. We later found out that her marriage had ended and she had moved in with her dad.

She cared for her aging father for many years, but when it became necessary for him to be placed in a nursing home, she could not afford to continue living in the house he had occupied. As that was near one of our homeless shelters, she came to check in.

She has been very helpful with laundry chores and she washes the dishes after every meal because, as she says, "I love the bubbles."

When her father died last year, she was very saddened and grieved deeply. She brought his ashes to GODTEL and seemed to find comfort in having them near. Sadly, someone stole them along with some of her other possessions. She said, "It's like I lost my father twice."

I would appreciate your prayers in her behalf.

Death Comes Twice More

Our Nacogdoches Mission manager, Stephanie Silva, has recently

suffered the loss of her mom. Her mom had Parkinson's disease and had spent weeks being hospitalized, transferred to a nursing home, and then back to the hospital when she began having strokes. For the last four weeks of her life, Stephanie spent hours at the hospital with her, reading Scripture and seeking to comfort her however she could.

It is such a comfort to be assured that a departed loved one is in heaven with our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Many people had been praying for her mom and the family and Stephanie testifies that those prayers were (and continue to be) very effective. She praises God for the peace and comfort only He alone can supply to our grieving souls.

I can wholeheartedly attest to the amazing strength, peace and comfort God supplies to those who trust Him and keep their focus on Him (Isaiah 26:3), because God has supplied that for me since Bro. June went to heaven a little over two years ago.

Last week, I got the message that a dear cousin of mine had

fallen and hit his head causing brain bleed. The doctors predicted that he would not recover. He lived a little over 24 hours, before taking his flight to heaven. By the time you receive this, my two sisters and I will have attended his funeral in Spring, TX.

So, again I ask for prayers, this time for Byron's family.

I recently made the comment that death is certain (if we live long enough and Jesus does not return first). Death is not a problem for those who have truly been born again, whose lives have been changed by the saving power of God through faith in the shed blood and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For us, death is just a doorway to real life.

For those who reject God's offer of salvation and are determined to live their life on earth to please themselves, death is not just physically ceasing to inhabit planet earth, it is eternally dying, being tormented with regret, fire, darkness, uselessly bending the knee and declaring over and over that "Jesus Christ is Lord."

I sincerely hope and pray that all who read this will diligently seek God and make sure they are ready to stand before Him in judgment. If you are Heaven Bound, He tell you, "Well done!" If not, He will sadly, but firmly tell you to depart from Him.

Time is running out.

Praise the Lord!

Jesus paid the sin penalty we
Owe and cannot pay,
No way, no how,
and His Resurrection assures
Us of His power to save.

GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — February, 2024

February Residents:	89
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,331
Meals Served:	4,027
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	482

Livingston Stats — February, 2024

February Residents:	20
Nights' Lodging Provided:	385
Meals Served:	1,206
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	405

Lufkin Stats — February, 2024

February Residents:	73
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,135
Meals Served:	3,500



Martin Baker
Executive Director

Martin was a founder of and, since 1975 has been affiliated with, God's Open Door To Eternal Life d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Following the death of

Bro. June Gentry in September of 2021, GODTEL's Board of Directors unanimously voted to promote Martin from Vice President to President of the Board of Trustees and Executive Director of GODTEL.

GODTEL is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but we do not seek nor accept government funding of any kind. GODTEL operates three homeless shelters in East TX, located in Nacogdoches, Lufkin, and Livingston where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented daily in word (twice daily Bible classes & Christian counseling) and deed (shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities).

In Nacogdoches and Livingston GODTEL operates "Christian Help Centers" which freely provide clothing, furniture, and household items to the poor.

**"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."
Matthew 11:5**

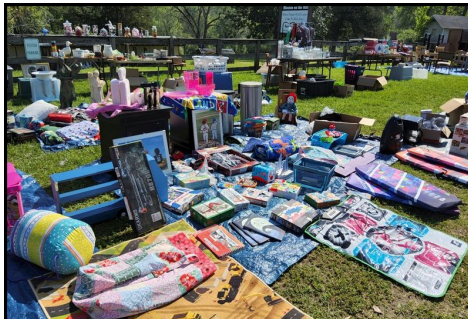
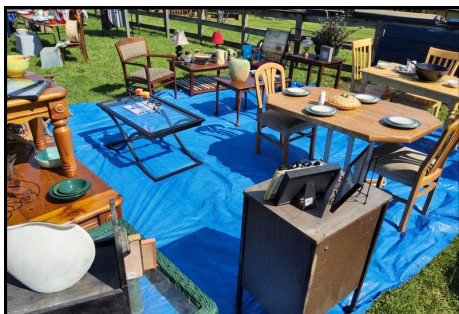
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Livingston Yard Sale

I hope those of you who live in the Livingston area are able to make it to one of our monthly yard sales. We offer many items at low prices. All proceeds go to house and feed the homeless. The following photos are of our most recent sale.



This Month's Insert

This month's newsletter insert tells the story of an incident in the life of GODTEL's CEO, Martin Baker, who at one time, was "A \$35.00 Christian."

Thank You All

We are very grateful to everyone who prays for and in other ways helps us care for the poor.

Until next time, may God guide and protect us all. — Nancy Gentry

For Your Information

Bro. June's sermons, music, and memorial service are available for viewing and listening to on YouTube. Just search for "June Gentry preaching" and you can hear the sermons he has preached at the missions.



His music CDs and helpful Christian literature, including the series on Faith by Manley Beasley are also available directly from GODTEL (Contact information is at the bottom of this page). Call, email, or write us.

Donate Your Scrap Metal

GODTEL accepts scrap metal donations, including old cars, lawn mowers, and appliances at each of our three locations.

(We will pick up vehicles when possible.)

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