

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

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**Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL Report



Are You In the Word and Living by the Truth?

God's Word, the Bible, has all the information we need to live a successful and joyful life. After all, the majestic, all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present being who created all we see, including mankind, has given us an "Operation Manual for Humanity." Whenever someone would donate a vehicle to GODTEL back when Bro. June was alive, he would purchase an "Owner's Manual" so he would know how to fix the problems the vehicle had so it would be useful. He did not just "do the best he could" and make repairs the way he wanted to. Success was, and is, achieved by following the "Manufacturer's" instructions.

The Bible has been compared to a treasure map leading to an eternal, imperishable, and glorious wealth of being and surroundings. It is the ultimate "Answer Book" and contains answers to all of life's most important questions. Some of those are, "Where did I come from?" "Why am I here?" "Where am I going?" or, "What happens when I die?"

I fear many people have chosen answers to those questions in ways that do not include our indebtedness to The Creator, Who is also our Savior, Shepherd, Advocate, and Judge. God is Truth and His Word is Truth. Truth is factual and does not change to accommodate mankind's opinions, no matter how "humane," popular or sincere.

There is ample evidence that Jesus Christ lived, was put to death on a Roman cross, was buried, and returned to life. So, Who was He? Was He the Lord of Heaven as He claimed to be? Was He a lunatic Who merely believed He was God? Or, Was He a liar?

One of His faithful disciples, John, wrote the following declaration in Chapter 1 of His account of the life of Jesus: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John had walked with Jesus for three years and was convinced that He was God, the Creator. In Chapter 14, John declares that Jesus went to Heaven to prepare a place for those who make the choice to believe what the Bible says about Him, and that He will return to take all true believers to that perfect place He has prepared for us.

Jesus came, not to create a religion, but to develop relationships with the humans He created. He did not just give us a set of rules to live by and command-

ments to be adhered to in order to be pleasing to Him. He came to give us real and abundant life and to fill our hearts with love, peace, and the power to love others. When we choose to submit to His authority over every aspect of our lives, He changes us from the inside and we find our desires changing. It was a wonderful and great surprise to me when I realized that was happening in my life.

The reason GODTEL exists is to tell these truths to everyone who comes to one of our three homeless shelters. The shelter, food, and clothing we provide is secondary. I suppose we could call those things our bait, used to "catch men" for our Lord. Please pray that we will be faithful in sharing the truths of Scripture and that our guests will have ears to hear and a heart to respond.

COVID Strikes Again

Early in September several of the residents at our Nacogdoches mission became infected with COVID with the number growing to 14. At this writing, we have only six active cases. We have intensified our efforts to sanitize all surfaces, we offer Vitamins C & D and Zinc to all, we instruct everyone to wash their hands often and thoroughly, we require everyone to wear masks (even though there seems to be evidence they do no good in preventing the spread of COVID. They do limit the spray that blasts forth

GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — August, 2023

August Residents:	107
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,796
Meals Served:	5,439
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	691

Livingston Stats — August, 2023

August Residents:	17
Nights' Lodging Provided:	302
Meals Served:	934
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	529

Lufkin Stats — August, 2023

August Residents:	56
Nights' Lodging Provided:	665
Meals Served:	2,184



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 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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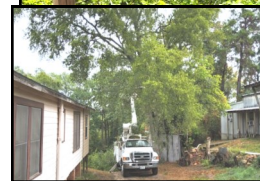
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when someone sneezes.), and we have a special section where the sick must sit at mealtimes and during our twice-daily Bible studies, so they are away from the others. Any new arrivals are informed of the situation prior to intake. And we pray. The Lufkin mission has three cases of COVID, but, praise the Lord, everyone at the Livingston mission is healthy.

More Tree Troubles—Livingston

Every one at the Livingston mission is healthy, but our trees apparently are not. They keep having problems. Our very handy handyman, Terry, noticed a large crack in a very large branch of a tree at the back of my office. If it fell, it was threatening to do damage to a porch and possibly to the small travel trailer where we house a mother and child. As

soon as I was told, we called our handy, dandy tree guy (his name is Dandy), who quickly came and took the branch down.



Well, The Feast of Trumpets has come and gone and we are still here. That means we may have at least another year to work for the Lord, or He may come today. Until He does come, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

— 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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