

When the last trump shall
sound ... and so shall His
Children ever be with the Lord.

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Nacogdoches &
Livingston

GODTEL Report



Here, There, or in the Air?

Feast of Trumpets

This newsletter will be mailed out on either September 30th or October 1st. The Jewish feast of Rash Hashanah, or, Feast of Trumpets, begins at sundown on October 2nd this year and ends at sundown on October 4th. Since I had much rather be with Jesus in Heaven than down here on planet Earth (although I am very thankful that He is with me here), I am hoping this will be/was the year God fulfills this feast.

For anyone left behind when that day arrives, I pray you will refuse to take the "mark" on/in your hand or forehead. Beg God for mercy and salvation. Physical death is a far better alternative to an eternal spiritual death.

Memories

Every now and then, I get a call from Randy Robison who was one of our first "summer missionaries." He and several other college students spent time at GODTEL and helped us with several Vacation Bible Schools we held in various parks around Nacogdoches.

Randy was thinking about those days and how the third anniversary of June's "graduation to Heaven" was approaching, so he called to check on me. What wonderful memories we shared as he (who has a much better memory than I do) mentioned names and happenings from the late 1980's.

Nacogdoches

We are still housing and feeding between 55-60 people per day at the Nacogdoches shelter.

One of our women residents has been here a little over five months and has finally been able to save her money and find a suitable apartment to move into as soon as renovations are complete. She wrote a letter of thanks and I decided to share it with you:

Dear Ms. Nancy/GODTEL Ministries:

I would like to extend my humble gratitude for your ministry of Jesus Christ's love and salvation these past 5 months, including the shelter, food, clothing, and the daily Jesus-focused Words and lifestyle incorporated in your directives and guidelines to follow while residing here!

I am also very thankful for the many churches, organizations, and individuals who volunteer and give financial gifts in order for GODTEL to continue to help the poor and homeless...

In conclusion, my thanksgivings and supplications unto Jesus Christ for providing all my needs in a time in my life of brokenness because GODTEL and the innumerable volunteers from organizations, people, and churches have been following Jesus' Words to assist others during those time of need. May the Lord Bless you all

*and keep you all and your families
in His Love and Shalom!*

*Most humbly,
S.D.D.*

Second Time Around

A large family came to stay at the Nacogdoches GODTEL during the "Big Freeze"/"Snowmageddon" in February of 2021. We were recently able to help one of those family members again. She wrote us this note:

My name is C. S.

I am from a small town in southeast Texas, about an hour and a half from Nacogdoches. I left home August 23 with only my car and God's Word to carry with me in what I knew would be a difficult time. My goal was to come back and pick back up on my classes at SFA, but due to an outstanding balance I could not, which left me without a place to live. For the first few days I lived out of my car, praying that God would give me some sort of resolve. As I sat in prayer, God placed GODTEL on my heart. Although I was familiar with GODTEL from previous years when my family and I had come seeking shelter from a storm, I was still hesitant to obey God because I had never been in this situation before; I was ashamed (but she came). During my time here, I was reminded of God's grace and that His mercies are renewed daily. I met some

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Nacogdoches Stats — August, 2024

August Residents:	112
Nights' Lodging Provided:	2,018
Meals Served:	6,148
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	572

Livingston Stats — August, 2024

August Residents:	29
Nights' Lodging Provided:	433
Meals Served:	1,319
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	374

Lufkin Stats — August, 2024

August Residents:	75
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,045
Meals Served:	3,218



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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wonderful people that shared a mutual love for God. The staff was very welcoming as well. In spite of my short stay here, GODTEL has left a life-long impression. I thank God for each and every person there!



This young lady works nights at WalMart and only stayed with us for a week and a half before getting an apartment. It was our joy to help her and we pray that her schooling at SFA will work out.

Livingston

We have launched into some badly-needed repairs to various buildings at the Livingston mission, including a new roof on my office that was damaged by a fallen tree.

Rotted siding on women's dorm.



Repairs are underway!

Until eternity, or next month, whichever comes first. — 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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