"The Day of the Lord will come as a thief…" 2 Peter 3:10

Christ's return will be sudden and, unannounced. Tragically, many are, and will be, unprepared.

September 2026

Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report

Tick Tock, Tick Tock, Tick Tock

The Jewish feast of Rosh Hashanah (the Feast of Trumpets) this year begins September 11th at sundown and ends at sundown on the 13th. This would be a perfect time for Jesus to return. Even if this is not God's appointed time, Jesus **will** return. The clock is ticking and we are much closer to His return than ever before. Come, Lord Jesus. Tick tock, tick tock...

Recently, our Livingston Mission manager, Benita Woodmansee was excitedly telling me about a family she had helped at our Christian Help Center. I asked her to write it down so I could put it in the newsletter. She did, and here it is:

God Delights in His Small Blessings

On Thursday, August 6th, a family with six children came into our Christian Help Center (CHC, where we freely distribute clothing, shoes, dishes, and miscellaneous household items to those in need) three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.)

The oldest of the children, a boy, was needing pants and shoes the most. We had just received some pants, so Erin, my helper, sorted through them and found four or five that would fit him. He was quite happy.

I asked him if there was anything else he needed and he said, "Shoes." There were none his size on the shoe shelf. He said he wore a size 12 and it was hard to find any without paying a lot for them. I went and looked in the things I put back to save, just for times like this. To my surprise (not God's) there was a pair of like-new size-12 tennis shoes. When I brought them out to the boy, his mouth dropped open and there was an expression of pure joy and amazement on his face, seeing that something so nice could be his. His dad was just as excited and amazed. We were able to provide clothing for the rest of the family, so everyone was taken care of. They were all very grateful and I was blessed.

When we are obedient, the Lord will bless us, for He delights in small blessings. As Zechariah 4:10 says, "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin."

It is truly a blessing to be a part of God's love for others through people and places like GODTEL. We are very thankful for the donors who provide the shoes, clothing, and other articles for us to give to those in need.

Thank you. — Benita, 8/7/26

Livingston

School days are in full swing and we are very thankful that the school-aged children at our Nacogdoches and Lufkin missions have had school supplies provided for them. The Lufkin shelter has families there with a total of seven children and the Nacogdoches GODTEL currently has seven as well. Our Livingston shelter has been able to provide not only clothing, including shoes, but some school supplies also for our CHC clients.

Nacogdoches

Sad news for us, but glad news for our former cook and handyman, Lance Lambert. He lost his fight against cancer, but he won entrance into Heaven through the forgiveness and new life provided by Jesus Christ. Our thanks to all of you who prayed for him and his family.

Speaking of cooks, some of you may remember when Joe Martinez was GODTEL's cook. When Joe was no longer able to perform his duties, he was able to move to an assisted living facility. His son, Chris, was able to move in with him and be his caregiver. When Joe died last year, Chris was required to move out and we welcomed him here. Well, we recently found out that he could cook as good as his dad (maybe even better) and it looks like we will be able to hire him as our full-time cook.

I am sure he would appreciate your prayers, as cooking for over 70 people three times a day is no easy task. Chris has been cooking for about two weeks now and we have had no complaints (and no

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Nacogdoches Stats — July, 2026	
July Residents:	93
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,834
Meals Served:	5,561
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	597

Livingston Stats — July, 2026	
July Residents:	17
Nights' Lodging Provided:	321
Meals Served:	1,035
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	396

Lufkin Stats — July, 2026	
July Residents:	53
Nights' Lodging Provided:	935
Meals Served:	2,969

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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one is losing weight).

And that reminds me of the days (early 1970's) when Mary Baker and I used to cook for our first shelter. It seemed like almost everyone passing by the open serving window would ask, "What's for lunch?" or "What's for dinner?" which could get a bit irritating. One day, I found a Beetle Bailey cartoon in which that question was asked of the army cook, "Cookie." His response was, "Food! Just food!" Then he went on to say, "I hate it when they try to pin me down!"

Random Thoughts

While Benita and I were doing the grocery shopping for GODTEL one day, I saw a couple pushing a grocery cart containing some food items and a small child. I watched as the child stood up in the cart. Her dad told her to sit down and it became obvious that she did not want to sit. He finally relented and let her continue to stand. It made me sad that she was disobedient and knowing that there was a certain amount of danger involved. I hope we all will listen to and obey our Heavenly Father when He tells us to love, be kind, be patient, go, stay, speak, remain silent, etc. He knows best and will reward our obedience. There is the greatest danger in disobedience.

My youngest son recently told his 5-year-old son, "Sometimes we do the right thing even though it will make us sad, because it is the right thing to do. And that is why life is hard." *(We truly are in a battle.)*

God's children are called to take up our cross daily… Every day we are to die to the desires of our wicked heart and our flesh, which we can only accomplish by the power of the Holy Spirit. Life on earth is not fair and it can be very hard, but it is not permanent, and doing the right thing is SO VERY worth it in eternity. We must keep our eyes on the prize set before us. Peace to you 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.

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