

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,
at the last trump...we shall be changed" 1
Corinthians 15:52

"We...shall be caught up...to meet the Lord in
the air: and so shall we ever be with the
Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:17

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



Death, Life, "Putting Off," and Rapture

September is a month full of commemorations. There are seven family birthdays, including my 80th. On the 17th will be the first anniversary of June's departure for Heaven. But the date I am anticipating most is the 25th. That's the day Rosh Hashana, the Jewish Feast of Trumpets, begins. I do not make predictions about the year, the day, or the hour Jesus will return but as many of you know, I do believe He will return during the celebration of this two-day harvest-time feast. What if this **is** the year He will fulfill this feast? It would behoove us (behooves means: to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for) to make sure of our right relationship with Jesus.

As Benita went through some donations one day she found a small piece of paper, badly damaged by silverfish. She read it and passed it on to me. Considering we are now living in the last of the last days, with death all around us, I think it appropriate to share it with you:

Putting Off

The idea of most sinners is to be saved before they die. They are going to have a little more time for fun, or sin. If a sinner could only realize it, it is a pleasure to be a Christian instead of a burden. The Christians that seem burdened by living for Christ are not happy Christians because they do not

have the right attitude.

I wish I had been a worker for the Lord longer than I have. I feel I have wasted more happiness "putting off" than anything else. I use to think how awful it would be to know you were near death's door. It has not been so bad, for I have known for almost a year that I did not have a chance to get well except Christ see a need for me and prolong life. I never worry about death. I think about the family quite a bit. After suffering for four years I think of it more like I used to think about going to bed to rest after a day of hard work.

Death is a lot like a night's rest to the Christian. The main difference is that the Christian feels he will awake in happiness that lasts forever. When you awake in the morning you do not have any idea what will happen that day.

The Christian worker is the happy Christian. I wish I had been the working Christian so I could have been a happier Christian. My main trouble has been "putting off." — (Written by Selma Faye Lawrence while she was sick and knew that she had but a few weeks to live. She wrote it about five weeks before she passed away.)

I pray none of you will be guilty of putting off the opportunity to receive the life-changing gift

God offers in and through Jesus Christ. Once we see Him coming in the air it will be too late for anyone who has not previously surrendered their lives to Him. I am sure you are familiar with the saying, "Don't put off until tomorrow, what you can do today." Isaiah 49:8 is quoted by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." We have no promise that tomorrow will come for us.

News from Nacogdoches

We never know what to expect from a day's events. We may have no new people checking in or we may check in ten or more at a time. One rather unusual request for us to shelter someone came in mid-August when Texas State Troopers brought nine people to us. They had stopped a van for speeding near Garrison and found it stuffed with "undocumented immigrants." We were surprised that they were brought here rather than being taken to jail, but we agreed to house them even though they did not speak English and we did not speak their language (Spanish, I think). (By the way, the driver was arrested and charged with nine counts of human smuggling.) Not long after the nine arrived here another vehicle arrived and they all "dove" into it and made a hasty getaway. We think they were fearful of being apprehended. We felt badly that we do not speak Spanish and could not

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Nacogdoches Stats — July, 2022

July Residents:	97
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,605
Meals Served:	4,876
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	393

Livingston Stats — July, 2022

July Residents:	21
Nights' Lodging Provided:	360
Meals Served:	1,106
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	390

Lufkin Stats — July, 2022

July Residents:	42
Nights' Lodging Provided:	556
Meals Served:	1,766



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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share the Gospel with them. We were even out of Spanish Bibles, but I have ordered a supply so this will not happen again. We can at least open it for someone and point to a Scripture, like John Chapter 1 or John 3:16.

On a perhaps more mundane note, we were not able to plant a garden this year so we had no produce of our own to enjoy with our meals so we have been delighted with the donations of fresh produce from people's gardens.

Lines from Livingston

In Livingston, Martin, Benita, and I were invited to speak to the Rotary Club of Livingston. They treated us to a delicious meal at Camp Cho Yeh and have blessed us with funds to install some much needed air conditioning in

our main building. The women's dorm is already air conditioned, the main office is air conditioned, and the church, Mission on the Hill, is air conditioned. We are now looking forward to being cooler at meal times and during our evening Bible studies.

Last but Not Least

We are so very grateful for each person who prays for our staff and guests; for those of you who contribute financially (our electric bill in Nacogdoches last month was close to \$3,000.00); for each volunteer, whether you come and feed us, or teach a Bible study, or work in our Christian Help Centers. We appreciate the donations of aluminum cans and other scrap metal items; and the donations of clothing and household items. **Thank 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

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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