



# GODTEL

## Report

*September 2024~Lufkin*

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”  
1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

The Olympics,  
2 Weddings and Jury Duty

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### EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-3

Day labor-1

Still working-11

The Mosaic Center-1

The Men’s Fieldhouse-2

Praise the Lord!

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Summer continued to heat up with temperatures hitting 100 and above. This is our second summer with air conditioning and we are most thankful.

Vanessa and Eric have been a couple for many years. They have been in and out of GODTEL. Their story has been shared a little the last few months. Eric attended the spring session of The Men’s Fieldhouse. Vanessa just started the fall session of The Mosaic Center. Good changes have been happening in their lives. To honor God, Vanessa and Eric desired to seal the deal and get married.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm, in our office, this couple repeated vows to each other in front of several witnesses. There

were a few tears and a lot of smiles when the final words were said. “Vanessa and Eric” came in the office and “Mr. & Mrs.” left the office. We request your prayers for them. Praise the Lord!

They have been friends eight years. They have experienced ups and downs in their friendship. Many folks, through the years, have thought they were married. On a Friday afternoon, in the office, Joseph and Christi took their friendship to a more intimate level. They are now Mr. and Mrs. Parrott.

Even though it was a small and cozy group of witnesses, friends and family have supported and rejoiced with Joseph and Christi in their marriage. Christi is making room for Joseph’s stuff in the apartment. Pray for all the new changes and adjustments.

Innocent or guilty, what is the verdict? I was summoned to appear for jury duty. I have been called several times through the years. And, once again, I was called to appear. So, bright and early, I was at the courthouse waiting to go into the courtroom. That day, two juries were to be se-

lected. The morning was filled with questions concerning the first case. After lunch it was time for the second case lawyers to ask questions. Both parties finally agreed on the jury selection. I was not chosen for either case.

I was glad to report. It truly is a privilege and responsibility to report and serve, if selected. (Oh! And by the way, the new exemption age is 75.)

For two weeks, the Summer Olympics filled our tv screens. Some watched. Some did not. We tuned in for the women’s basketball and the women’s gymnastics. That’s what you do when you have two granddaughters involved in those two sports. Emily watched and understood what was going on, after all her girls’ basketball team has won two championships in a row. It was celebration time when the US women’s team won.

Lauren goes to gymnastics. So Simone and the girls were the ones to watch. They, too, won several medals. Of course, the girls are back in school and their sport activities are not the most important thing in their lives. This

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### So You'll Know

August 2024  
1st-24 people  
31st-31 people  
Total helped-75 people  
Praise the Lord!



Martin Baker  
Executive Director

Bro. Martin Baker was one of the founders and is the Board President of God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc. d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

We are 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 area residents.

Martin is available to speak about GODTEL to your Church or civic group. Most days you may reach him at the Lufkin Mission.

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

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**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5&6**

grandma is thankful for healthy and active granddaughters.

We had tree guys come and cut down branches, keeping us safe from falling limbs and branches. Maintenance and repairs kept us busy, too.

Our guest cooks showed up with meals to thrill. Sloppy joes, chicken spaghetti, pork chops, tacos, a pot luck buffet, a tomato pasta dish and all were served with smiles.

A big welcome and thank you to Dylana. She came the first Saturday of August and blessed the residents with hair cuts. They were very thankful and had a new spring in their walk.

Another month passed with a full women's dorm. Seven of them

were children. Four of the women were working. And one woman, Vanessa, is attending The Mosaic Center.

We are enjoying our new stove. Destiny, Cassie and Vanessa have had fun "breaking in" the stove. Meals are cooked, but sweet treats are, also, being baked. Delicious! Keep it up, girls.

Sweet and faithful are you, our supporters. Come by and check out our new stove. Come by and congratulate the newlyweds. Come by and visit awhile.

Stay safe. Stay cool.

Stay with Jesus.

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker

**NEEDS:  
PRAYER**

**Tuna**