## **WELCOME VISITOR!**

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

We are very glad you worshipped with us today. We would like a record of your visit, so please take a few minutes and fill in the information below, tear this part off, and drop it in the offering plate.

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showing us is that life can be experienced from two distinct points of view .... one who fears the Lord and one who does not (Ecclesiastes 7:16-18; Ecclesiastes 8:12-13).

As I read his words, I know that he has experienced what he is teaching. He isn't pulling any punches. He knows what these two choices mean in one's life and he is sharing his world view.

"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 1:14; Ecclesiastes 2:11,17,26; Ecclesiastes 4:4,16; Ecclesiastes 6:9) This word meaningless, means "vapor, breath, something transitory." It means something that eludes us and in actuality doesn't bring fulfillment.

He looks at different areas of life .... work, nature, the senses, history, etc. to see what they might teach about the meaning of life now while we are alive. Solomon was a realist — he knew and experienced life to the fullest.

## Now, let's look for a moment at work, or labor, as he puts it.

We spend most of our hours in some sort of work. Not all bad. We need to eat after all, and meaningful work can be fulfilling in our lives. Helping others brings a sense of deep satisfaction. Our Lord, often speaks of laboring in the vineyards or fields. However, at the end of the day, Solomon declares that working only to acquire wealth is as though we are chasing the wind! (Ecclesiastes 1:3; Ecclesiastes 5:16). Even if all of our efforts result in acquiring a fortune, what good is that to us? We have a few years of pleasure and then it's over (Ecclesiastes 5:9-15).

# Here are my three objectives for work:

I) We work to bring Glory to God.

"Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Paul here states the real purpose of our work. My, how can my washing the floors bring glory to God? Let me think about that! Do you have any ideas?

2) We work to gain a living.

"If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). This is God's plan; always was and always will be.

3) Work brings us opportunities for Christian witness.

Jesus said, "Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35).

This is definitely our work as Christians.

Take heart, dear reader and friend. Your labor will not be in vain (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

We labor to give glory to God (Ephesians 6:5-8; cf. Isaiah 43:7), helping others; building bridges for winning and discipling people for Him (Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 7:7-12; Gal. 6:6-10; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

# The GONZALES Messenger

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He was a brilliant man. Those who knew him well and those who only knew him by reputation said he had more than merely "raw" intelligence. He had been given a particular gift and of course it was from God (1 Kings 3:5-15).

He was handed the kingdom on a platter. His father had already defeated the principle opponents in the struggle for the land. Now he had to build the temple to God to secure the borders of the kingdom and keep the peace.

Of course I'm writing about Solomon. Because of God's gift of wisdom, he was considered to be the wisest of men (1 Kings 4:29-34; cf. 1 Kings 10:1-7). We don't really know when Solomon decided to write some his "books" or reflections on life. He wrote many of the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

For this study I will be reflecting on his writings in Ecclesiastes. In Hebrew this is called "Quoheleth".... which can be translated as "wise ways or one who speaks to an assembly." We can call it writing of the Preacher. He wants to teach us about life and a warning for those who forsake their faith. That's the job of a Preacher.

It is the realism of his words that is striking. They are brutally honest. What Solomon seems to be

## Our Weekly Scheduled

#### Sunday

Bible Class 9am AM Worship 10am PM Worship 1pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class

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## Attendance Record

Sunday AM-PM-Wed-

# **LESSON FOR THIS WEEK**

## **SUNDAY**

Bible Class: Luke 12 @ 6 pm (Live Stream only)

10 AM Sermon: What Do You Know About the Church

of Christ?

Scripture: Acts 17:1-9

1 PM: Sermon: What About Tomorrow?

## **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: Job @ 5 on YouTube (Livestream only)



# **Tune in!**

Saturdays 7:30 p.m. DirecTV-363/Dish-218

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This month Compassion Care Group #2.

# **OTHER ASSIGMENTS AND SCHEDULES**

July Communion: Joanne DeShazo July Ladies Committee (1)

Diane Brady, Charlotte DeShazo, Erica Babin, Amanda Eaves, Jean Brewer, JoAnne DeShazo, Kathy Devenport, Melanie Jerusalem, Celeste Val-

# **LIVE STREAMING**

We are now live streaming our worship services over the internet. You can find our channel on YouTube.com by searching "Gonzales church of Christ." If you have further questions see Tim or Patrick. (Note: this stream is meant to be an aid to those sick and shutin, not an alternative to attending services.)

Sermons are all recorded and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com
Search: Gonzales Church of Christ & Subscribe

# **Coming Activities & Events**

- \* **Teens Bible Classes:** Wednesday and Sunday @ 9 p.m. (Livestream only)
- \* Members: You should have the Bible Bowl questions in your e-mail inboxes. If you didn't get them, have trouble with the files, or have any questions, please reach out to me. Joel Watson Jr.

## PRAYERS LIST

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# This Week ...



- July 6 Krista Brady Chris Ryan
  - 7 Nancy Mars
  - 8 Carmen Batista
    Devon Teer
  - 9 Nancy Esmon
  - 10 Hayes Boone
    - Tim Theriot

# **JULY Anniversaries**

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-	Michael and Krista Brady
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	Donnie and Tracy Morgan
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	Wayne and Marsha Pace
	15 Anniversary
	Ed and Marian Hackler
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	Ralland and Anne-Marie
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	Pedo and Casey Blanchard

Mathew 19:6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (ESV)

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