

“The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament
sheweth his handywork.” Psalm 19:1

May 2024
Nacogdoches &
Livingston

GODTEL Report



The Heavens Declare ...

I am so very glad I accepted my youngest son's invitation to drive two and a half hours to view the total eclipse of the sun on April 8th. Joshua, his wife Erin, and I decided to attempt our view from Ennis, Texas where I went to grade school.

We left early, arriving in Ennis with enough time to visit the old house I grew up in. Since it was for sale, we were able to walk all around it. I shared many memories I had of that place. As we walked through the alley, I told them that many a "hobo" had come down that alley and up our back walk to seek a meal from my mother, which she always provided.

As I recalled that the road running beside the house led to a lake, we decided to check it out. We found it, and a lovely place to park in the shade. (I am glad to report that there were clean bathroom facilities at this lakeside park.) Then, we waited with mounting excitement, as Joshua sent up a drone and set up his camera. Right on time, the eclipse began.

As the moon blocked more and more of the sun's light, it was interesting to see the crescent shapes of light on the hood of the car and on the pavement as the moon made a crescent of the sun. And then, oh my, twilight descended upon us all. The sun went black and a bright corona appeared much to the awe of all who witnessed it. There were cheers and applause.

Then, all nature was subdued for four whole minutes. When the brief "diamond ring" effect appeared, there were more cheers and applause.

I praised God for His wonderful creation and for His majesty over it all. It is sad to think that not everyone who witnessed this amazing event felt as reverent as I did toward our Creator. He is truly awesome!

God cares about every tiny sparrow and He cares about the poor people we house and feed at GODTEL's three homeless shelters. He paid the penalty for our transgressions of His laws but only those who believe in and on Jesus, resulting in a changed life, will have that payment applied to their debt to the Creator. All others will spend a miserable, bleak eternity away from His glorious light and presence. Now is the time to receive Him. Time is short.

Passover/ Resurrection

Our Easter Sunday meal in Livingston included lamb, bitter herbs, and most of the same dishes used for the Jewish Passover meals. We were all greatly



blessed by Benita's loving presentation and explanation of the meaning of each dish.

Big Serve Day

A lively group of young men from Regents Academy in Nacogdoches spent many hours at GODTEL pulling weeds, putting a brick border around the flower bed in front of our main office, spreading mulch, and planting flowers.

They also cleaned windows and gathered brush for our goat herd. We are very thankful for all their hard work and enthusiasm.



Taco Dinner

Another group of enthusiastic youth, the "First Christian Young Adults," came one evening and prepared a delicious taco dinner for our 57 residents. They are hoping to make this a monthly thing. *(So are we!)*



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Nacogdoches Stats — March, 2024

March Residents:	104
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,378
Meals Served:	5,643
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	482

Livingston Stats — March, 2024

March Residents:	15
Nights' Lodging Provided:	376
Meals Served:	1,154
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	367

Lufkin Stats — March, 2024

March Residents:	71
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,324
Meals Served:	4,067



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**

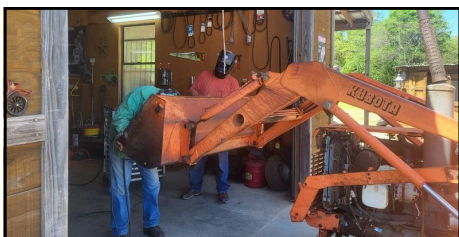
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Manual Labor

For those of you who may wonder if our fearless leader, Martin Baker, does more than direct, write, read, and preach, here are photos of him and Richard Silva working on a broken tractor.



Pickleball Anyone?

I personally have never played, or even watched anyone play, Pickleball, and I am somewhat intrigued. I am also thankful for the Nacogdoches Pickleball group that recently dropped off a donation of pillows, laundry soap, personal hygiene products, egg crates, etc.



Until next time, may God, Who created all we see, guide and protect us 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.

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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