

SERVANT ROTATION

<p>ISF</p> <p>8/2.....Kevin Johnson/Randy Moerbe 8/9.....Herb Hahn/Perry Winegeart 8/16....Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot 8/23.....Ralph Mason/Edwin Weaver</p>	<p>SONG LEADER</p> <p>8/2.....Ross Hendershot 8/9.....Perry Winegart 8/16.....Cody Chrismon 8/23.....Ross Hendershot</p>
<p>COMMUNION PREP</p> <p>August.....Hendershot September.....Moerbe</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS June-August <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>2-4 years.....Sharron Mason K-2nd grades.....Lauren Babb 3rd-6th grades.....Susan Barnick 7th-12th grades.....Ralph Mason <i>Wednesday</i> Shelley Hendershot and Debbie Fougerat</p>



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August 2, 2015

WELCOME, VISITORS!
 WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD
 FROM THE PEW RACK AND PLACE IT IN THE
 COLLECTION PLATE.

WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday
 Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
 Evening – 6 p.m.
Wednesday
 Midweek – 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS
This Week
 7—Singing at Bent Oaks Church
 of Christ (Rockport)
August
 12—Gonzales School Prayer Tour
 13—Shiner School Prayer Tour
 22—Back-to-School Bash
 23—Singing at The Heights
 30—Fellowship Meal, Men's
 Meeting

**UPCOMING
 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**
Birthdays
 3—Brooke Epley
 5—Brent Barnick
 7—Lexi Faires, Taylor Tiller

LOCAL MINISTER: CLAY MASON

COMMITTEES
Education
 Cody Chrismon, Herb Hahn
Facility
 Perry Winegeart, Dave Epley
Finance
 Ross Hendershot, Steve Ratliff
Worship
 Cody Chrismon, Clay Mason

All Things Bright & Beautiful

B	E	A	U	T	I	F	U	L	B
R	L	I	P	S	H	D	N	I	W
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ALL	THINGS	BRIGHT	BEAUTIFUL
CREATURES	GREAT	SMALL	WISE
WONDERFUL	LORD	GOD	MADE
THEM	PURPLE	HEADED	MOUNTAIN
RIVER	SUNSET	MORNING	SKY
EYES	LIPS	ALMIGHTY	WELL
AND	COLD	WIND	SUN
RIPE			



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 to keep up with all the latest happenings.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

Bible Study	37
Morning Worship	64
Evening Worship	17
Wednesday Night	16
ISF (Residents)	2
Contribution	\$1,472.00
Special Contribution	\$100.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,422.00

NOTES

Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: ROSS HENDERSHOT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#851—"I'll Fly Away"
 #144—"O Worship the King"

OPENING PRAYER

#47—"Holy, Holy, Holy"
 #387—"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#694—"Servant Song"

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#934—"Softly and Tenderly"

CLOSING PRAYER

Clay's Corner

"You know, no matter what, haters are going to hate. They'll go to great lengths to justify their desire to hate, even passing laws and quoting scriptures.

I'm here to tell you, Jesus said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He didn't say anything about any exceptions. He said, "I am the light, the truth and the way." He said, "No man cometh unto the father, but by me." He said, "ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory." He said, "By grace through faith are you saved." He said there are signs and that there are those that show the signs, but if you have not LOVE, you are not one of his.

... but,...but,...but,...What about the law?

Love the lord with all your heart mind and spirit, and love thy neighbor as thyself, and the law is fulfilled. (He said that, too.)

He also said turn the other cheek... He did NOT say turn a blind eye. He said to use discernment. That means you have to decide what is right for you. He also said judge NOT, lest ye be judged and found to be less than perfect.

So, what it all boils down to is love... Now, if only people would listen and try to learn that lesson..."

The above few lines came from a piece I read this week as I was perusing various things preparing for this week's lessons. I do not remember who it was that said them. But for some reason I just couldn't get them out of my mind after reading them. And as I tried to wrap my heart around them, something else came to mind and that is the difficult line separating wisdom and foolishness.

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing at Him. Luke 16:14

Sandwiched between "the parable of the unjust steward" and the story of the rich man and Lazarus is an interesting verse. It is fascinating because a religiously conservative influence in "then" Jewish society "scoffed" at Jesus and his teachings. The Pharisees were the "main stream" voice for following scripture and returning to the ancient ways!

What is scoffing? Today, scoffing might be identified with these statements: "Surely you are not serious! You are kidding! Everyone knows it cannot work that way! That is ridiculous! God's outlook does not allow such ridiculous thinking! Get serious!" In the Bible, scoffing is mocking or deriding.

Scoffing is too common among Christians. It often occurs when we seek to make our ways or values compatible with Jesus' ways or values. If our call and the call of Jesus Christ are identical—at least similar—we can follow both Jesus' and our ways if we avoid being a "bad" person. Hey, we could increase the appeal of being Christian if we can love money and love Jesus at the same time! If we could be Christian and live like everyone else, that would be great—hard choices would be eliminated!

Becoming a Christian is more than adopting a statement or agreeing with a declaration. It basically adopts a contrasting set of values. It is more than a list of "how tos"—how to worship, how to do church, etc. Christianity involves the courage to live as an example among people who say, "You are not serious! You have got to be kidding! Everyone knows that is not the way it works! That is ridiculous! Get serious!"

Being an example involves how you treat your spouse, your children, business, people you like, strangers, and even people you do not like. Most of all, it is about how you use life. These are not about rules and regulations, but about Jesus' values in our lives.

Do you have the courage to follow Jesus to new values? Those values will make you an example! Those seeking hope will bless you for your courage to follow Jesus!

PRAYER LIST

- **The Babb Family**
- **Terry Boaz** (Haley Ratliff's stepmother, recovering from horse accident)
- **Dawn Clark** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister, homebound with rheumatoid arthritis)
- **Elsie Egger** (Peggy Walls's sister, under hospice care at The Heights nursing home in Gonzales)
- **Lance Fougerat**
- **Nelle Hahn** (recovering from pacemaker surgery)
- **Kevin Johnson** (oral day surgery, Thursday, Aug. 6)
- **Evylynn Lawrence** (Sweeneys' granddaughter)
- **Margain Lewis** (Kevin Johnson's mother, health concerns)
- **Bob Merrill** (friend of Weavers, health concerns)
- **Carolyn Teague** (Jennell Bansom's sister, GI cancer)
- **Sharon Saint** (Zach Babb's mother, recovering from liver transplant in Houston)
- **Maria Vasquez** (Joyce Faires's neighbor, health concerns)
- **Barbara Walls** (Mary Mason's sister-in-law, room 584, DeTar Hospital, Victoria, broken leg)
- **Linda Watson** (Victoria Johnson's aunt, recovering from foot surgery)

PRAYER UPDATES

Lance Fougerat moved to the center in Del Valle on Wednesday.

Evylynn Lawrence (Sweeneys' granddaughter) went home on Tuesday! She is still on a small amount of oxygen. Pray for her parents, Brittany and Cody, as they make this transition. If anyone is interested in helping with baby items for Evylynn, they are registered at Baby List (online), Target, and BuyBuy Baby.

Kevin Johnson is scheduled for minor, oral day surgery on Thursday, Aug. 6 in New Braunfels.

Sharon Saint's (Zach Babb's mother) transplat surgery went remarkably. Her breathing tube was removed Thursday and she is talking and improving each day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Prayer Tours

Calling all prayer warriors: On Wednesday, August 12, we will gather after church and go pray over each school campus in Gonzales. On Thursday, August 13 we will meet at 6 p.m. in Shiner and pray over each school there.

We will pray for the students, faculty, and staff and for God to move through those campuses as the new school year begins. If you will be able to join us, please sign up in the foyer.

Back-To-School Bash

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Join us Saturday, August 22, at 6 p.m. for a hot dog and ice cream party at the church to kickoff the new school year. We will invite the neighborhood to join us. Make plans to attend!

Church members are asked to bring ice cream and any lawn games you have. Volunteers are needed to help with the event the day of and to walk the neighborhood with invitations prior to the event. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to help with communion preparation in October, November, and December. This activity is a great service to the congregation and does not take much time. If you would like to help, please sign up in the foyer.

Friday Night Singing

This week's Friday Night Singing is hosted by Bent Oaks Church of Christ (1119 Pearl Street, Rockport, TX 78382). The singing begins at 7 p.m.

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin, please call, text or e-mail Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, victoriawjohnson@outlook.com.

August Calendar Available

There is a calendar for August in the foyer. It includes birthdays, anniversaries, school events and church happenings. If you haven't already, make sure to pick one up to take with you.

Thank You Notes

The congregation received thank you notes from Dorothy Klein's family and from Kirk Eason (Southern Africa Bible College). Those notes are on the bulletin board in the foyer if you would like to read them.

Tuesday Morning Men's Meeting

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at 6:20 a.m. for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Wednesday Evening Series

Please join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. as we continue our series, "Follow in His Steps."

Activity Schedules

Parents: If your child or teen is involved in sports or extracurricular activities, please provide a copy of their schedule(s) to Victoria Johnson so those events may be included in the bulletin and monthly calendar.

E-mail Sign Up

If you would like to receive prayer updates and announcements by e-mail, please notify Victoria Johnson.