

SERVANT ROTATION	ISF	SONG LEADER	COMMUNION PREP
	10/4.....Herb Hahn/Perry Winegeart 10/11...Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot 10/18.....Ralph Mason/Edwin Weaver 10/25.....Kevin Johnson/Randy Moerbe	10/4.....Ross Hendershot 10/11.....Perry Winegeart 10/18.....Chestly Gobar 10/25.....Cody Chrismon	October.....Hahn November.....Lind December.....Mason

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
	2-5 years.....Cheryl Pitts 1st-3rd grades.....Jan Moerbe 4th-6th grades.....Jennie Chrismon 7th-12th grades.....Randy Moerbe Adult.....Clay Mason	2-5 years.....Haley Ratliff 1st-6th grades.....Debbie Fougerat 7th-12th grades.....The Johnsons Adult.....Clay Mason

# Gideon Word Search

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LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Morning Worship	69
Sunday Night	12
Wednesday Night	19
ISF (Residents)	5
Contribution	\$1,487.50
Special Contribution	\$100.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,422.00

NOTES	

*October 4, 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.

## *Order of Worship*

SONG LEADER: PERRY WINEGEART

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#166—*He's My King*

OPENING PRAYER

#553—*Have Thine Own Way*

#314—*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#610—*I Love My Savior, Too*

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#876—*Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*

CLOSING PRAYER

**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*

- 5—Gonzales 7th VB @ Canyon Lake
- 5—Shiner Jr High VB @ Prairie Lea
- 5—The Bulls Soccer
- 5—Shiner Youth Soccer Team A v. Team H
- 8—Youth & Family Night:  
Gonzales 8th Grade Football
- 8—Gonzales Fr FB @ Pleasanton
- 9—Gonzales Varsity FB v. Pleasanton
- 10—Shiner Jr High XC @ Industrial (Edna)
- 10—The Bulls Soccer
- 10—Shiner Youth Soccer Team A v. Team B
- October*
- 12—Youth & Family Night: Shiner Junior High Volleyball and Shiner Youth Soccer
- 14—FCA Fields of Faith
- 24—Youth & Family Outing: ACU Football @ Incarnate Word
- 25—Fellowship Meal
- 25—Singing at The Heights
- 25—Men's Meeting
- 30—Youth & Family Night: Gonzales Varsity Football
- 31—Halloween Party

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**  
*Birthdays*

- 9—Jennifer Epley

**LOCAL MINISTER: CLAY MASON**

**COMMITTEES**

- Education*  
Cody Chrismon, Herb Hahn  
Facility  
Perry Winegeart, Dave Epley
- Finance*  
Ross Hendershot, Steve Ratliff
- Worship*

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## Clay's Corner

"And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus." – Acts 5:42

From its beginning with Peter preaching the first "gospel sermon" in Acts chapter 2, the church was a force, the likes of which the world had never seen. Preaching a message of salvation, of hope and peace, love and goodwill toward all men, the apostles and early Christians marched against the forces of darkness proclaiming the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. And, literally thousands were being added to THE Church daily.

Immediately too from its inception, the Church was met with opposition and persecution. And for the next three hundred years, as the Church began to grow and flourish, there were periods of intense persecution, by both the Jewish leadership and the Roman government. So much so that many at times feared that its existence would be wiped out. But those fears were unfounded. Though death and suffering awaited many a Christian for their faith, the Church spread like wildfire across the continents of the then known world until it threatened to upset the balance of power within the Roman government.

In 313 AD, with the Milan Edict, Constantine finally did what no previous Roman emperor nor Jewish leader had been able to do; Constantine captured the fire that is the Church and put it in a box, simply by giving it legality within the Roman Empire. And while the years subsequent to that event have seen periods of growth, none of those periods comes close to the periods of growth for the Church as in the days when it was "illegal" to profess Jesus as the Christ.

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the Gonzales Church of Christ is going to open the box and release the Church from the chains that have limited its potential in our city and surrounding areas. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, we are going to break with tradition and begin a new journey as we seek to spread the message of the Savior in our sphere of influence. No longer will our congregation be confined to a "box". The apostle Paul in his letter to the Galatians proclaimed, "You have been freed for freedom!" WE are going to live free. And we are going to spread the Word of Freedom by once more, meeting house to house and breaking the bread of life.

Some might say, "Wait a minute! What's going on here?" I'll tell you. Our Sunday evening format is changing. Instead of meeting a second time in the "box" that many call the "Church", we are going to release the people who are the "Church" to do what they've been called to do; spread the Word. Through small groups, home Bible study, Teen functions, family functions, service projects and any other means that come available, we are going to break the chains and rekindle the fire of Christ in Gonzales, Texas. Space does not allow me to spell out the things we are going to do in the place of a second service on Sunday nights in just one article. So I will, over the course of the next four weeks, spell out in more detail each week, our plans for the future of our congregation. See you Sunday! Bring a Friend! - Clay

## PRAYER LIST

- **Monty Allen** (Susan Barnick's friend's brother—cancer)
- **Pauline Alvarez** (knee pain, upcoming surgery)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
- **Ty Brooks** (Winegearts' grandson—recovering from ankle surgery)
- **Family of Judy Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon's aunt)
- **Dawn Clark** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
- **David Davis** (Joyce Faires's brother—job hunting)
- **Eric Davis and Rose**
- **Helen Davis** (recovering from hip surgery)
- **Joyce Faires** (knee)
- **Lance Fougerat** (Austin Transitional Center, Del Valle)
- **The Fritsch Family**
- **Keith Glass** (health)
- **Chestly Gobar, Jordyn and Lucy**
- **Birkley Havel** (Linds' granddaughter—allergies)
- **Mrs. Johnson** (Susan Barnick's boss—cancer)
- **Victoria Johnson** (health)
- **Jacque Jungbauer** (Moerbes' friend—recovering from back surgery)
- **Katy and Family** (Kelly Mason's friends—Katy's sister injured in motorcycle accident)
- **Evlynn Lawrence** (Sweeneys' granddaughter)
- **Justen Lawrence** (Room 4C 33, Children's Methodist, San Antonio)
- **Charles Mason** (Ralph's brother—blood clots)
- **Megan Mason** (Clay and Mary's daughter—bulging disc)
- **Sharron Mason** (recovering from surgery)
- **Bob Merrill** (Weavers' friend—health)
- **Claudia Morris** (Perry Winegeart's sister—health)
- **Sid Roberts** (Faireses' friend—ICU, Breckenridge Hospital in Austin)
- **Lewis Romain and the country of Dominica** (storm damage)
- **Ruth** (Joyce Faires's sister-in-law)
- **Sharon Saint** (Zach Babb's mother—recovering from surgeries)
- **The family of Carolyn Teague** (Jennell Bansom's sister)
- **Janie Varley and sister Debbie** (friends of Debbie Fougerat—poor health prognosis for Debbie)
- **Maria Vasquez** (Joyce Faires's neighbor—health)
- **Barbara Walls** (Mary Mason's sister-in-law—broken leg)
- **Linda Watson** (Victoria Johnson's aunt—recovering from foot surgery)
- **Patsy Watson** (Victoria Johnson's mother—recovering from surgery)

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin or to sign up for weekly e-mail updates, please contact Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, [victoriawjohnson@outlook.com](mailto:victoriawjohnson@outlook.com).

## PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to **Jennell Bransom** and her family following the death of Jennell's sister, Carolyn Teague, of Houston. A private, family memorial will be held at a later date.

**Pauline Alvarez** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m. at Stone Oak Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

We extend sympathy to **the Fritsch family** and LaGrange area students. The Fritsches' daughter, a freshman, passed out Thursday in class as the result of a brain aneurysm. She was removed from life support on Friday morning.

**Patsy Watson** (Victoria Johnson's mother) had outpatient surgery Tuesday to correct a deviated septum in her nose. The surgery went well. She is recovering, but is expected to experience headaches for at least a few days.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth & Family Night: Gonzales 8th Grade Football

Please join us this **Thursday, Oct. 8** to support Fernando Garcia and the Gonzales 8th Grade "B" Football Team. The game begins at **6:30 p.m.** at Apache Stadium (N. Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales).

### Fields of Faith

On **Wednesday, Oct. 14**, Fellowship of Christian Athletes is hosting its annual Fields of Faith event at Apache Stadium at **7 p.m.** This year's featured speaker is Rwandan genocide survivor, author, and ACU alumnus, Serge Gasore. **The church will host Serge for dinner at 5 p.m. in the annex that evening before the event.** At 6 p.m., the teenagers class will head to the stadium to participate in the event. The congregation is invited and encouraged to go to the stadium after Wednesday evening class to hear Serge speak. Serge will also have copies of his book, *My Day to Die: Running for My Life*, available for autograph and purchase. All proceeds from the book sales go to benefit his foundation, Rwanda Children, which provides children's healthcare and children's homes in Rwanda.

### Youth & Family Outing: ACU Football in San Antonio

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the ACU football game against Incarnate Word in San Antonio on **Saturday, Oct. 24**. The ACU Alumni Association is hosting a pre-game party (free food) at noon, prior to the 2 p.m. game kickoff. The party is free, but registration is required. Ticket prices for the game range from \$7-10 depending on the number of people going. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

### Directories Are Coming!

Please sign up in the foyer for a picture time for new directories. Picture days are Sunday, Oct. 25, Wednesday, Oct. 28, Sunday, Nov. 1, and Wednesday, Nov. 3.

### October's Calendar

October's calendar is now available. Be sure to pick one up in the foyer and take it with you.

### 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.

### Encounter LE

Lubbock Christian University is hosting Encounter LE (Limited Edition), a spiritual retreat, **November 20-22**. The retreat is free—including reservation and meals. Housing is not provided. For more information, please see the postcard on the Youth & Family bulletin board or visit [www.LCUcamps.com](http://www.LCUcamps.com).

### Mark Your Calendars

- Nov. 20—ISF Thanksgiving Meal

## YOUTH ZONE



**MONDAY OCT. 5**  
VOLLEYBALL  
GONZALES 7TH "B" @ CANYON LAKE, 5 P.M.  
GONZALES 7TH "A" @ CANYON LAKE, 6 P.M.  
SHINER JR HIGH @ PRAIRIE LEA

SOCCER  
THE BULLS, 5:30 P.M.  
SHINER YOUTH TEAM A V. TEAM H, 6 P.M.  
THURSDAY, OCT. 8

FOOTBALL  
GONZALES FR @ PLEASANTON, 5 P.M.  
GONZALES 8TH "B" V. PLEASANTON, 6:30 P.M.

Hunter Babb—Shiner Youth Soccer Team A  
Callie Chrismon—The Bulls  
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High VB & XC



**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**  
GONZALES VARSITY FOOTBALL V. PLEASANTON, 7:30 PM.  
SATURDAY, OCT. 10  
CROSS COUNTRY

SHINER JR HIGH @ INDUSTRIAL (EDNA)  
SOCCER

THE BULLS, 9:30 A.M.  
SHINER YOUTH TEAM A V. TEAM B, 10 A.M.



Fernando Garcia—Gonzales 8th "B" FB  
Cole Hendershot—Gonzales Fr FB  
Tyler Hendershot—Gonzales Varsity Football  
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th VB