

Clay's Corner

"...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." - 1 Peter 1:15-16

That's twice now that I've been mistaken for Santa by young children.

Yesterday, after being in court for a jury duty summons, Mary and I went to HEB to purchase more fruit for our noon-time smoothie. And while I was looking into the refrigerator section for my particular brand of orange/pineapple juice blend, I heard a young voice behind me. I didn't pay much attention at first; there were a lot of people there after all. But Mary called my attention to what was going on behind me.

When I turned around, there was a gasp and a great big smile that came from a youngster, maybe three or four years old. And his mom was telling him, "See I told you!"

So, I strolled over to where he was sitting in the buggy and began to chat him up a little. I want to emphasize "a little" because as soon as I asked him if he had been a good boy this year he emphatically nodded his head and began to tell me exactly what he wanted for Christmas and then began to ask me if he was going to get it and tell me what he was going to do once he got it.

What great fun it was to bring a little joy into this youngun's life.

But it also set me to thinking. I am happy to be mistaken for Santa Claus. It's the beard that does it. I've also been mistaken for Uncle Si. It's my craziness and the beard that does that.

But the thing that would bring me the most joy, would be if I were to be mistaken for being Jesus. That's what I want. I want to be so much like Jesus that someone would ask me, "Mister, are you Jesus?"

So far that hasn't happened. It hasn't been for lack of trying. Maybe I'm just not trying hard enough. I'll work on it and continue to pray about it.

"Lord, make me the reflection of your Son so much so that whenever I meet someone they at least walk away wondering if they have indeed been in the presence of "The Holy One". Teach me Lord to live like He did and to share like He did and to love like He did so much that it becomes hard to see a difference between He and I. - In His name I pray, Amen."

PRAYER UPDATES

Leanne Mason is scheduled for surgery in Austin this Wednesday, November 4. If all goes as planned, she will have a one-night hospital stay. The family requests prayers over the doctors and for a speedy recovery.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of Gladys Lindemann, who passed away on Thursday, October 22. A graveside service and remembrance service were held this past Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Monthalia.

PRAYER LIST

- **Monty Allen** (Susan Barnick's friend's brother—cancer)
- **Pauline Alvarez** (knee pain, upcoming surgery Nov. 10)
- **Lauren Babb** (recovering from surgery)
- **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
- **Ty Brooks** (Winegearts' grandson—recovering from ankle surgery)
- **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**
- **Keith Glass** (health)
- **Chestly Gobar, Jordyn and Lucy**
- **Herb Hahn** (health)
- **Birkley Havel** (Linds' granddaughter—allergies)

- **Mrs. Johnson** (Susan Barnick's boss—cancer)
- **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**
- **Leanne Mason** (upcoming surgery)
- **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)
- **Maria Vasquez** (Joyce Faires's neighbor—health)

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.

SPECIAL REMINDER: BEGINNING TODAY, THERE IS NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AT THE BUILDING.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directories Are Coming!

Today and this Wednesday, Nov. 3 are our last scheduled picture days for the new directory. If you have not already done so, sign up in the foyer for a picture time. Please bring your directory information sheet when you have your picture taken. Additional copies are available in the foyer if you need one.

Woodlawn Movie

Woodlawn, the Christian football movie, is showing at The Lynn Theater in Gonzales through this Thursday, Nov. 5. A group will be going to the **4 p.m. showing this afternoon**. Everyone is welcome to join! All tickets are \$5.

Youth Sunday: Rocky Creek Maze

Next Sunday, November 8, please join us for our first youth Sunday at the Rocky Creek Maze in Moulton at 2 p.m. After our time at Rocky Creek, we will go to the Chrismons' house in Shiner for dinner and a devotional. Our activities should conclude by 7 p.m. **If you plan to attend, please sign up in the foyer by this Wednesday, Nov. 4, so that we can get the group rate for admission if enough people are attending.** Group admission is \$8.50 per person. (Standard rate is \$10.) You may also pick up a flyer in the foyer for more information on Rocky Creek and the outing.

ISF Thanksgiving Meal

Our dinner with ISF (Intermediate Sanction Facility) residents and staff is only three weeks away. This year's meal is on **Friday, November 20 at 4:45 p.m.** The ladies will prepare the food on Wednesday, Nov. 18 in the annex from 5:30-7 p.m. The sign up sheet to provide desserts and to attend the meal is now available in the foyer. Please keep in mind no children under 16 are allowed at the ISF facility. More information to come.

Service Sunday: Operation Christmas Child

On **Sunday, November 22**, we will have a packing party for Operation Christmas Child. Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will be packing shoebox gifts for boys and girls ages 5-9. **The church is asked to shop for items to go in the packages and bring those to the church between now and the 22nd.** A suggested shopping list is available in the foyer. Also, if you have any cardboard shoeboxes, or like-sized boxes, please bring those to the church, as well.

November Calendar

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

Activity Schedules

Parents, please send Victoria Johnson a copy of your child's school or extra-curricular activities schedules if you would like those included in the weekly bulletin and monthly calendar.

Communion Preparation Volunteers Needed

Thank you to everyone who has helped and will help prepare communion this year! Volunteers are now needed to help with communion preparation next year. This is a service opportunity that does not take a lot of time, but is a great blessing to the congregation. A sign up sheet for 2016 is on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

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, 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 ww.LCUcamps.com.

YOUTH ZONE

Congratulations to **Morgan Mason** and the Shiner St. Paul volleyball team who defeated San Antonio Christian, 3-0, in the first round of TAPPS 2A playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 29!

Kayla Mason was privileged to attend the 88th National FFA Convention & Expo this past week in Louisville, Ky.



MONDAY, NOV. 2
VOLLEYBALL
GONZALES 7TH "B" V. LAVERNIA, 5 P.M.
GONZALES 7TH "A" V. LAVERNIA, 6 P.M.
TUESDAY, NOV. 3
VOLLEYBALL—TAPPS 2A PLAYOFFS
SHINER ST. PAUL V. PASADENA 1ST BAPTIST
AT HALLMARK UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO



THURSDAY, NOV. 5
FOOTBALL
GONZALES FR V. BEEVILLE, 5 P.M.
GONZALES 8TH "B" @ LA GRANGE, 4:30 P.M.
FRIDAY, NOV. 6
GONZALES VARSITY FOOTBALL @ BEEVILLE, 7:30 P.M.
NOV. 6-8
GONZALES SELECT SOFTBALL @ HUBER RANCH FALL CLASSIC



Rae Anna Flores—Gonzales Select Softball
Fernando Garcia—Gonzales 8th "B" FB
Cole Hendershot—Gonzales Fr FB

Tyler Hendershot—Gonzales Varsity Football
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th VB
Morgan Mason—Shiner St. Paul Volleyball