

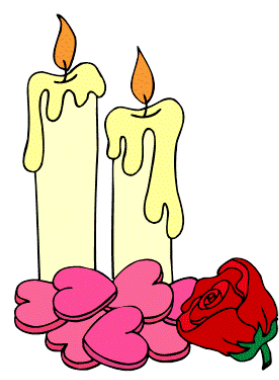
SERVANT ROTATION	ISF	SONG LEADER	COMMUNION PREP
	2/14.....Herb Hahn/Perry Winegeart	2/14.....Cody Chrismon	February.....Fougerat
	2/21.....Ralph Mason/Edwin Weaver	2/21.....Ross Hendershot	March.....Babb
	2/28.....Kevin Johnson/Randy Moerbe	2/28.....Perry Winegeart	April.....Chrismon
	3/6.....Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot	3/6.....Chestly Gobar	

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
DECEMBER-FEBRUARY	2-5 years.....Sharron Mason 1st-3rd grades.....Victoria Johnson 4th-6th grades.....Kevin Johnson 7th-12th grades.....Clay Mason Adult.....Louie Jetton	2 years-1st grade.....Mary Mason 2nd-6th grade.....Jennie Chrismon/Jan Moerbe 7th-12th grades & Adult.....Cody Chrismon

## Child of God Word Search

I L L U M I N A T E K D U Y G  
 B M I L F D B D K D N I I G N  
 I E A S E E A O E B O V R Z I  
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- ALWAYS
- BEGINNING
- CHILD
- CREATE
- DARKNESS
- DAVID
- DETAIL
- ILLUMINATE
- KNOWLEDGE
- LIGHT
- PLANNED
- POWERFUL
- PRAISING
- PSALM
- SEARCH



LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	30
Morning Worship	52
Wednesday Evening	26
ISF (Residents)	4
Contribution	\$1,105.00
Special Contribution:	
Lewis Romain	\$1,100.00
Justen Lawrence VBS Fund	\$271.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,422.00

NOTES	

*February 14, 2016*

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: CODY CHRISMON

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- #72—*Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*
- #218—*Blessed Jesus*
- #797—*Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

OPENING PRAYER

#176—*Lamb of God*

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#250—*The Great Redeemer*

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#915—*Trust and Obey*

CLOSING PRAYER

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

UPCOMING EVENTS  
**Today**  
 • Youth Sunday: Valentine's Lunch  
**This Week**  
 16-19—San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Heifer Shows  
 16—Gonzales Varsity Boys BKB v. LaVernia  
 18—Gonzales JV Tennis @ Seguin  
 19—Gonzales Jr High Track Meet  
 20—Gonzales JV Tennis @ Seguin  
**February**  
 21—Area-Wide Song Service  
 28—Men's Meeting  
 28—Fellowship Meal  
 28—Singing at The Heights

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES  
**Birthdays**  
 20—Cody Chrismon

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

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## Clay's Corner

As I peruse the writings of others of the faith, particularly within that last 150 years, I notice one thing; though their lines of thought may parallel or even sometime merge, they most often at some point almost always diverge on the different subjects at hand.

Reading the New Testament, with the exception of Revelation, as if it was written in some secret code that only scholars can discern defeats the whole purpose of the Holy Scriptures; Salvation to all who believe in Jesus, confess their sins and enter covenant with Him through baptism.

(I except Revelation because it was written with the symbolism of the Old Testament that only believers, in particular Jewish Christians, would recognize and understand. To a non-believer that book would just look like a bunch of gibberish.)

Now, I said that to say this, when compared with the detailed, step-by-step, multi-layered Jewish law, the laws of Christianity are quite simple. The laws of Judaism were never met to bring life, only guilt because no one seemed able to flawlessly follow them, except the Lord. New Testament Christianity and its "laws" on the other hand are quite simple. And their design is to inspire a relationship with God through obedience, but also through acknowledgement of grace through faith as the saving component of the sacrifice of Christ.

It is quite simple when one simply takes the time to study; Christianity is not about keeping laws or breaking secret codes of conduct. It is, however, all about surrendering one lifestyle and taking on another.

And still I find, even today, there are those (including myself at times) who seem stuck in this idea that we must read between the lines, we must infer this to mean that and we compound and expand something simple into something disgustingly ugly and difficult. What was once a refreshing breath of fresh air for those who had been burdened by the law of sin and death, has once again, in some circles, become just another set of moral codes, the breaking of which leads to disappointment and ultimately death. And there is no room for grace, there is no room for love, there is no room for the cross because it was decided that surely God didn't mean it that way, but this way.

Peter asked this question of the legalists of the day: "Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?" (Acts 15:10)

I ask you today, why do you make something so refreshingly simple so impossibly hard? We used to sing a song many years ago, oft times as an invitation song after a sermon. The question it asked was this: "Why don't you come in simple trusting faith? Jesus will give you rest." It was the goal of the early Stone/Campbell movement to return to a simple faith, devoid of creeds and pompous ceremonies and just worship God through His Son, Jesus, in simple trusting faith.

If I were the devil, I'd fix that notion right fast. Wouldn't you? I'd make Christianity as complex as I possibly could. I'd make it as tasteless as the leather on the soles of my shoes. And I'd start drawing circles in the sand that included those who thought like me and excluded those who didn't. Then I'd set up a standard of judgement based on the things "inferred" with just enough of the real truth to make the great lie believable. Sounds eerily familiar.

I leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Galatia, chapter 5, verse 1: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

Christianity is not about keeping a set of rules. It's about living a new life. It's a life free from the consequences of sin because atonement has been made in full on the cross. Remembering that it is not a license to continue to live in sin, but a license to live in the Son.

## PRAYER LIST

- **Monty Allen** (Susan Barnick's friend's brother—cancer)
- **Pauline Alvarez** (recovering from knee surgery)
- **Cheryl Anstead and Stormy** (Cheryl Pitts's friends—health)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
- **Terry Boaz** (Haley Ratliff's step-mother—recovering from surgery, Hendrick League House, Abilene)
- **Sonny Bransom** (recovering from hip replacement)
- **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
- **Eric Davis and Rose**
- **Blair Epley** (recovering from surgery)
- **Joyce Faires** (recovering from knee surgery)
- **Lance Fougerat**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe's father—health, cancer)
- **Chestly Gobar, Jordyn and Lucy**
- **Herb Hahn** (health)
- **Eddie Hunt** (Debbie Jalufka's father—Alzheimer's)
- **Sandra Jetton** (health)
- **John Jobe** (Clay and Mary Mason's friend—health, stroke)
- **Debbie Jalufka** (Clay and Mary Mason's friend—health)
- **Dixie** (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- **Katy and Family** (Kelly Mason's friends—Katy's sister injured in motorcycle accident)
- **Jason, Lizzie and Luke Klinger** (Sarah Weaver's cousins—Luke, 4 mos old, cancer)
- **Evlynn Lawrence** (Sweeneys' granddaughter)
- **Guy Lowe** (Clay Mason's friend—health)
- **Sanford Mason** (Ralph's brother—heart health)
- **Emory Meier** (Cheryl Pitts's father—health)
- **Claudia Morris** (Perry Winegeart's sister—health)
- **Mason Ratliff** (recovering from surgery)
- **Sid Roberts** (Faireses' friend—health)
- **Paris, Lexus & Maelyn Robertson** (Johnsons' friends—Maelyn born 10 weeks premature)
- **Alex and Tiffany Rodriguez** (Chestly Gobar's friends—Alex suffered stroke)
- **Ruth** (Joyce Faires's sister-in-law)
- **Sharon Saint** (Zach Babb's mother—recovering from surgeries)
- **Phil and Stacia Sweeney, Cody and Brittany Lawrence, and Larry and Fay Patterson, and family**
- **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, [victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org](mailto:victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org).

## PRAYER UPDATES

**Lauren Babb** was admitted to the hospital this past week and had to have another spinal tap. She is home now. Please keep her in your prayers as the doctors try to arrange the proper course of treatment to relieve her symptoms.

**Leon Giesecke**, Jan Moerbe's father, was recently diagnosed with throat cancer. He will visit a specialist this coming week to determine how to proceed with treatment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Sunday: Valentine's Luncheon

Everyone is invited to Valentine's lunch in the annex **immediately following service TODAY!** The youth are serving salad, spaghetti, bread, and dessert. Join us!

### Area-Wide Song Service

Next Sunday, Feb. 21 we are hosting an area-wide song service at 4:30 p.m. Following the singing, we are having snacks and finger-foods in the annex, so those who are able are asked to bring a dish to share.

Jeff Matteson from Luling Church of Christ will deliver a devotional thought and the rest of the time singing will be led by anyone who chooses. We are inviting several churches in the area and hope you can join us for this time of singing and fellowship!

### Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Jennie Chrismon's house.** We are continuing our *War Room* Bible Study. If you would like to eat together, please bring a brown-bag lunch with you.

### Monthly Men's Meeting

The monthly men's meeting is rescheduled to **Sunday, February 28 at 8 a.m.**

### Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us **this Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.** for dinner in the annex. This week's entrée is **BBQ brisket and beans.** Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides or desserts to share, but everyone is invited! If you cannot bring a dish, please do not let that be a deterrent to joining us for dinner. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to prepare the main entrée for our Wednesday night meals. Please sign up in the foyer to help. If you need more information, please talk to Victoria Johnson.

### Thank You Note

The church received a thank you note and update letter from Valerie Moses, the AIM student we have helped sponsor. Those notes are 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.

### Calendars

Nelle Hahn brought some 2016 calendars to share. They are on the table in the foyer, please feel free to take one home.

### Ladies' Day

The Rockport Church of Christ is hosting a Ladies' Day, "Our Hope in Today's World," on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The invitation with RSVP information is on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!

For God  
SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS  
ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
SON SO  
THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES  
IN HIM SHALL  
HAVE EVERLASTING  
Life  
John 3:16

## YOUTH ZONE

FEB. 16-19  
SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW  
JUNIOR HEIFER SHOWS  
TUESDAY, FEB. 16  
BOYS BASKETBALL  
GONZALES VARSITY V. LA VERNIA, 7:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, FEB. 18  
TENNIS  
GONZALES JV @ SEGUIN TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY, FEB. 19  
TRACK & FIELD  
GONZALES JR HIGH HOME MEET  
SATURDAY, FEB. 20  
TENNIS  
GONZALES JV @ SEGUIN TOURNAMENT



Fernando Garcia—Gonzales 8th Boys Basketball  
Tyler Hendershot—Gonzales Varsity Boys Basketball

Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th Girls Basketball