

Clay's Corner

When I look at all the expense surrounding us every time I walk into any building where God's people meet to worship; whenever I think about the education level of the men and women of today who have involved themselves in the ministry of the Gospel, I wonder.

I wonder what the people of 50 or 75 years ago would have thought as they look at the fact that we have better educated ministers, far more elaborate and expensive buildings and spend far more money on activities and programs than any of our ancestors could have ever dreamed possible. I wonder what their expectations would be for themselves and their ministries had they had at their disposal the things we have today.

Change gears with me for a moment. Football is over for another season. (Can I get an amen??? LOL!) Basketball season is well underway and with the approach of spring, I have seen many a young man out on the diamonds practicing, getting ready for the first baseball game. And with baseball in mind, I got to thinking back to the famous quote from the Kevin Costner movie, *Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come."

Fifty years or so ago, most of the things we surround ourselves with and take for granted did not exist. Most didn't even exist on a drawing board much less on the shelves of a store. But the dreams were there—of better communications, better educations, better understanding so that the cause of Christ could be shared with more and more people. I can remember many times in my life hearing someone say, "Can you imagine what we could do, who we could reach, the things we could accomplish for Christ if only..."

And they were adding daily to the rolls, back then, the number of people rescued from the gates of hell.

And I wonder, if they had available to them all the things and money we have today, would they still be as successful in their tasks as they were without all those things...

... or would they be like us?

I said all that to say this, evangelism still requires personal involvement. You can have the prettiest buildings, the best programs, the smartest and most eloquently speaking ministers and still not reach the lost.

You have to get involved in the lives of others if you are going to make a difference in other's lives. PERIOD.

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**
- **Bill Ellison**
- **Blair Epley** (recovering from surgery)
- **Bryson** (kindergartner in Shiner—brain 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)
- **Steve and Kelley Moore, and La Grange Church of Christ**
- **Claudia Morris** (Perry Winegeart's sister—health)
- **David Pearson** (Eric Davis's friend—brain tumor)
- **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)
- **Jocelyn Seals** (Hallettsville—cancer)
- **Phil and Stacia Sweeney, Cody and Brittany Lawrence, and Larry and Fay Patterson, and family**
- **David Taylor** (Cody Chrismon's uncle—cancer)
- **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.

PRAYER UPDATES

Pauline Alvarez will begin outpatient physical therapy this week, as she continues recovering from knee replacement.

Bill Ellison was recently moved into a nursing home.

Perry Winegeart requests prayers for **Steve and Kelley Moore**, and the **La Grange Church of Christ**, following the death of Steve and Kelley's son, Rhett Moore.

Eric Davis requests prayers for his friend, **David Pearson**, of San Antonio. David has a brain tumor, which is causing blurred vision, headaches, and seizures. He is a U.S. Marine Corp veteran who served in Vietnam.

Jocelyn Seals, a member of the church in Hallettsville, has cancer. She is 16 years old and her grandfather, Elvis Johnston, is the preacher there.

David Taylor, Cody Chrismon's uncle, was diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer, that has spread to his bones. David will undergo radiation treatment, followed by chemotherapy to try and stop the spread of the cancer.

Bryson, a kindergartner in Shiner, is scheduled to have brain surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
<u>NEW ROTATION</u> <u>BEGINNING MARCH 2</u>	2 years-K.....Jennifer Epley 1st-3rd grades.....Sarah Weaver 4th-6th grades.....Jennie Chrismon 7th-12th grades.....Cody Chrismon Adult.....Clay Mason	Children.....Jan Moerbe Jr High & High School.....Randy Moerbe Adult.....Clay Mason

Area-Wide Song Service

Today 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 singing will be led by anyone who chooses. We invited several churches in the area and hope you can join us for this time of singing and fellowship!

Monthly Men's Meeting

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

Fellowship Meal

Next Sunday, February 28, is our monthly fellowship meal. Anyone who is able is asked to bring a dish to share. We hope you will join us for this time of food and fellowship.

Singing at The Heights

Next Sunday, February 28, is our monthly singing at The Heights nursing home at **3:30 p.m.**

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.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the building.** We are continuing our *War Room* Bible Study.

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 bacon cheeseburger soup. 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 deterrence to joining us for dinner. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

Meal Prep 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.

Communion Prep Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help prepare communion on Sunday mornings. This is a great service to the congregation and does not take much time. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

YOUTH ZONE



TUESDAY, FEB. 23
TENNIS
GONZALES JV @ STOCKDALE TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY, FEB. 26
TRACK & FIELD
GONZALES JR HIGH HOME MEET

Cole Hendershot—Gonzales JV Tennis

Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales Jr High Girls Track & Field