



## Clay's Corner

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ is its head. Each individual congregation, though seemingly autonomous, is still an individual part of the larger body of Christ. And further still, within each individual congregation, each member is a part of that larger piece of the whole body of Christ.

What that means is that I, as an individual, am part and parcel, not only of the congregation where I preach, I am also part of and responsible to all of the other congregations which, when fit together, form the whole body of Christ.

And I don't care who wants to argue what, that's the design Christ laid out for HIS Church. We are each, individual parts of a much larger body of believers. Larger even still than just our home congregations.

As such, I have a responsibility to be all that I am called to be anywhere I go so that wherever I go, I am recognized as a part of the body of Christ and can and should be able to assimilate with minor adjustments into any congregation, where ever I happen to be in this world.

Now, I said that to say this, as individual parts of the larger whole, when one congregation is "sin sick" it has an impact on the rest of the body; whether you want to believe that or not.

And I am here to tell you today, that it seems to me that the congregations in our part of the world have some major issues that need to be addressed by their preachers and shepherds. Not the least of which are some of the "old sins" that used to be addressed but no longer are because they have taken a back seat to some of the more "popular" issues of the day.

While it's easy to denounce homosexuality and abortion and marital infidelity and drunkenness, etc., the other sins that are not being addressed are running rampant among our flocks and are causing as much or more damage than some of the more "popular" sin subjects of the day.

What am I talking about? How about gossip? When was the last time you heard a sermon on gossip? How about slander, greed, envy, strife, covetousness, jealousy, etc.? Those issues are running rampant and unchecked in many places and the results are quite evident. Splits, divisions, angry parishioners, and people who just walk away. All because of what?

The devil... he's a sly one. A master of disguise and illusion. He'll focus your attention on one thing and hit you from behind with another. Think about it.

## 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)
- **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)
- **Jay Mason and family**
- **Sanford Mason** (Ralph's brother—heart health)
- **Emory Meier** (Cheryl Pitts's father—health)
- **Orvan Muelker** (Kathy Winegeart'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](mailto:victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org).

## PRAYER UPDATES

**Terry Boaz**, Haley Ratliff's step-mother, was able to return home last Monday.

**Herb Hahn** underwent testing on Wednesday to see if the infection is gone and has a follow-up doctor's appointment this Tuesday.

**Orvan Muelker**, Kathy Winegeart's father, had surgery on Tuesday. He stayed three nights in the hospital and was able to return home on Friday.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
<b>NEW ROTATION BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!</b>	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

### Fellowship Meal

**Today** is our monthly fellowship meal. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy this time of food and fellowship!

### Singing at The Heights

**There is NO singing at The Heights today.**

The Heights has a stomach bug moving through the facility, and they feel it best to cancel tomorrow's event.

### Bridal Shower

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring **Kelly Mason**, bride-elect of Cody Burnett, on **Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m.** at the home of Stacia Sweeney. The couple is registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

### Diabetes Clinic

In conjunction with Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, we are hosting a Diabetes Self-Management Education course. Classes meet on **Tuesday evenings from 5:45-7:45 p.m. and continue through March 29.**

### Peach Valley Bar-B-Q Fundraiser

Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp is hosting its Annual Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on **Saturday, April 25th at 11:30 a.m.** A silent auction will follow. Plates include BBQ chicken with sides and dessert. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

### 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 Jan Moerbe's**. We are continuing our *War Room* Bible Study. If you would like to eat together, please bring a brown-bag lunch.

### 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 **stuffed baked potatoes**. 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



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29**  
TRACK & FIELD  
SHINER JR HIGH @ WEIMAR  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**  
BOYS GOLF

GONZALES @ WIMBERLEY (QUICK SANDS GC)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**  
BOYS TENNIS

GONZALES JV @ CUERO TOURNAMENT



**MARCH 3-5**  
BASEBALL  
GONZALES VARSITY @ RICE TOURNAMENT  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 3**  
TRACK & FIELD

GONZALES HS @ COMFORT RELAYS

GONZALES JR HIGH @ YOAKUM

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**  
TRACK & FIELD

GONZALES HS @ YOAKUM RELAYS



Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track  
Cole Hendershot—Gonzales Boys Golf, JV Tennis  
Tyler Hendershot—Gonzales Varsity Baseball, HS Track

Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales Jr High Girls Track & Field  
Hannah Rowland—Gonzales HS Track & Field