



## Clay's Corner

*"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." - Eph. 4:11-16*

I know a lot of preachers who will not say the things that need to be said because they are afraid of being fired. If you haven't figured this out by now, I am not one of those preachers. I listen to what is said. I will take advice and suggestions from anyone and everyone on what to preach about or what to teach about, but at the end of the day, I will answer to the Lord for my actions and not to anyone else. As such, I preach on and teach on the things the Lord lays on my heart.

I said that to say this, on Wednesday evenings we are looking at, studying, preparing and equipping the saints in Gonzales for service in the Kingdom of God. We are developing, and will develop, a vision for our congregation as we live and work among the lost in our community and we will also develop a purpose statement as a means of both defining our purpose and quick and easy remembrance of our purpose in this community. We are looking to and working towards a brighter day for the Church of Christ in Gonzales, Texas.

In light of the events this week in our nation I am stepping up the push to set the goals for our congregation. I can think of no better or more opportune time for the people who calls themselves sons and daughters of the most high God to be about the Lord's business. And I am calling on you, my brothers and sisters in Christ to cast your lot with us on Wednesday evenings as we look for new and better ways to get involved in His purposes.

Paul said in his letter to the church in Ephesus that God didn't just create a church but he gave to His creation certain men with specific gifts, not so that those men could fill all the various roles the church plays in the community in which it exists, but so that the individuals who make up the church would be equipped to do "their ministry" in the world around them.

Paul said that God gave gifts to certain men in order to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. For far too long we have hired "preachers" not to equip the congregation for ministry but to do the work of the ministry of the whole church. It should be evident to all the results of that history. It's time to step up and be who we claim to be. It's time to step up and do your ministry. I can't do it for you. I won't do it for you. I will help equip you to the best of my ability. But I cannot, nor will I, do what you have been called to do.

Jesus told it like it is. Paul never minced words. I won't either. It's time. Choose this day whom you will serve.

## PRAYER LIST

- **Donnie and Danielle Babb** (Zach's brother and sister-in-law)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
- **Jane Brady, Elsie Clements, and Jorja Clements**
- **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
- **Dixie** (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe's father—throat cancer)
- **Herbert and Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Brad Helms and family** (Cody Chrismon's brother-in-law)
- **Ricky James** (health)
- **Sandra Jetton** (health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Edward Jungbauer** (Moerbes' friend—health)
- **Gabby Lopez** (Pauline Alvarez's niece—recovering from surgery)
- **Junior and Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's brother-in-law and sister—health)
- Family and friends of **Sid Roberts**
- **Jocelyn Seals** (Hallettsville—cancer)
- **David Taylor** (Cody Chrismon's uncle—cancer)
- **Adrienne Zingrich** (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer)

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

We extend sympathy to Cody Chrismon's brother-in-law, **Brad Helms**, and his family for the death of Brad's mother.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Sid Roberts**, of Wimberley, who passed away two weeks ago. Sid was a friend of the Faireses and also received money from the congregation after experiencing loss in last year's flooding.

**John Beiler** did well at the treatment center, but is having some difficulty finding the proper nutritional supplements while at home.

**Ricky James** was scheduled for surgery on Wednesday or Thursday in Cleburne, Texas, to amputate a toe due to complications from his diabetes.

Pauline Alvarez requests prayers for her niece **Gabby Lopez** as Gabby recovers from surgery. Pauline has been in Austin helping take care of Gabby.

**Adrienne Zingrich**, Susan Barnick's cousin's daughter, was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Adrienne is 30 years old and was married last year. She is set to begin her second round of chemo this week and had a difficult time with the first round.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's outing to the Victoria Generals game is CANCELLED.**

**Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals**  
Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send your menu to Victoria by Wednesday the week before your turn.**

### Summer Campfire Series, Part 2

Grades 6-12 are invited to the Johnsons' house for part 2 our summer campfire series **next Sunday, July 17 from 6-8 p.m.** Part 2's campfire story is Elijah on Mount Carmel. S'mores supplies will be provided.

Please bring a sack supper, your Bible, and a lawn chair. Invite your friends!

### Bob Smiley

Murray Street Church of Christ in Rockdale, TX is sponsoring a performance by Christian-comedian Bob Smiley at Rockdale High School on **Saturday, July 23 at 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 per person, or groups of four or more can purchase tickets for \$8 each.

### July 5th-Sunday Fellowship

Make plans to join us at The Chrismons' house in Shiner on **Sunday, July 31 at 6 p.m.** for our 5th-Sunday fellowship. Kids may bring their swimsuits!

### Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

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 at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning at the building. We will continue our War Room Bible study.

### Sunday Night Small Group

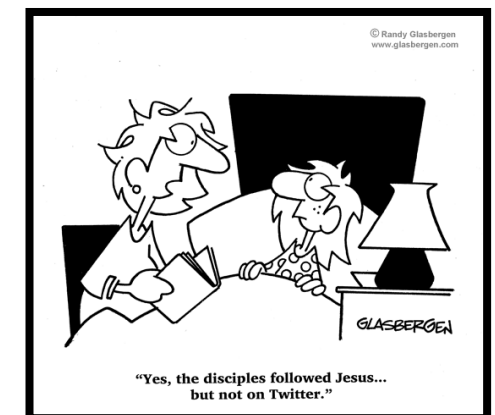
There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. The Lord's Supper is available.

### Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us at **5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. This week's meal includes brisket, beans and potato salad. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you joining us. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

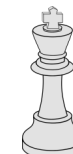
### Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to help prepare communion in the coming months. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.



## YOUTH ZONE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13  
CHESS CLUB, 4 P.M.  
(MOULTON CITY PARK PAVILION)



Cooper Faires—Moulton Chess Club