



## Clay's Corner

There is a saying in social media these days, "I am just going to leave this here." From what I gather, it denotes a comment or statement that someone wants to make without garnering a lot of discussion or debate. It usually indicates something thought provoking, or sometimes something humorous, is about to be said. Either way, most of the time the person dropping "the bomb" will just say what he or she wants to say and move along; if you encounter "the bomb" you can ignore it or not. It's just there. It's usually important. But sometimes it's not. Today's, "I am just going to leave this here" is important. It's an FYI.

A discussion I recently took part in about idolatry and what constitutes idolatry led to someone saying this:

"I wonder if this is some truth. Do we love our sports teams more than the person wearing the opposing team's colors? Do we love our flag and country more than we love the hurting people in other countries? Do we have so much school pride that we would hurt (with words or deeds) those at the school across town?"

We are called to love God and love others, and sometimes we just don't do a very good job of either of those, but our friends know what team, school, band, and political party we love. We are willing to invest time, effort, and money into those loves-but not into lives."

I, Clay Mason, do not wonder if there is any truth in the above statement. I witness it every day. As a "watchman" I have no choice but to shout out the warnings from God that all who take part in idolatry will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

What constitutes idolatry? Anything and everything that takes precedence over the greatest and second greatest commandments.

I can't stress that enough. More than that, I cannot stress the fact that thought you may claim to love God with your whole being, you cannot, let me say that again, YOU CANNOT FULFILL THE FIRST AND NOT FULFILL THE SECOND. It doesn't work that way.

That's "the bomb". I'll just leave it there. For what it's worth.

Have a blessed week.

## PRAYER LIST

- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **Jane Brady, Elsie Clements, and Jorja Clements** (health)
- **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)
- **Sandra Jetton** (health)
- **Debbie Jalufka** (recovering from surgery)
- **Edward Jungbauer** (Moerbes' friend—health)
- **Joanne King** (Victoria Johnson's friend—health)
- **Kuchykna Family**
- **Lovie Lewis** (Kevin Johnson's grandmother—health)
- **Junior and Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's brother-in-law and sister—health)
- **Deborah Rhoades** (health)
- **Parker Robertson and family** (Ratliffs' friend—health)
- **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

The doctors continue to monitor **Herb Hahn's** progress. He had an appointment in Houston on Wednesday and will follow up with that doctor again in six months.

**Joanne King**, Victoria Johnson's family friend, is hospitalized at UT Southwestern in Dallas. Joanne fell and broke her nose, which in turn caused a meningitis infection. She will remain on antibiotics over the weekend and is scheduled for surgery tomorrow morning to repair the break in the nose. Joanne requests prayers for healing and for the surgery to leave no permanent side effects, such as loss of smell and taste.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Happy Grandparents Day!



### Youth Sunday: Cookout & Devotional at Palmetto

Youth and their families are invited to join us for a cookout and devotional at Palmetto State Park **TODAY from 12:30-3 p.m.** Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Please also bring a lawn chair, your favorite lawn games and your friends!

We will be at one of the day-use picnic sites near the playground by the Artesian Well & Pond. (You can pick up a map in the foyer.) Admission for children 12 and under is free. Admission for ages 13 and up is \$3 per person.

### Youth & Family Outing: ACU Football in Houston

Join the ACU Wildcats as they take on Southland Conference rival Houston Baptist **this Saturday, Sept. 17.** Before the game, hang out at a pre-game party sponsored by the ACU Alumni Association. Registration for the party is free and the first 200 people to register receive a free Chick-Fil-A boxed dinner. **Sign up in the foyer to register for the party.** The pre-game party begins at 5 p.m. and the game kicks off at 7 p.m. Game tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for youth under 18.

### Monthly Men's Meeting

The men's monthly meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, Sept. 18 at 8 a.m. at the building.

### Come & Take It Parade

Mark your calendars! The Come & Take It Parade is **Saturday, Oct. 1.** Our float theme this year is "Team POSSIBLE," keeping in line with this summer's VBS. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements about prep days.

### Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us at **5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. This week's entrée is sloppy joes. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us.

### Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. To help, please sign up in the foyer. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send your menu to Victoria by Wednesday the week before your turn.**

### 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.

### 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.

## YOUTH ZONE



**MONDAY, SEPT. 12**  
JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL  
GONZALES 7TH "B" @ LA VERNIA, 5 P.M.  
SHINER @ GANADO, 5 P.M.  
GONZALES 7TH "A" @ LA VERNIA, 6 P.M.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 15**  
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL  
SHINER V. FALLS CITY, 5 P.M.



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17**  
TEAM TENNIS  
GONZALES HIGH SCHOOL @ WIMBERLEY, 9 A.M.  
JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY  
SHINER HOME MEET  
JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL  
SHINER HOME TOURNAMENT



Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Cross Country & Football  
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Cross Country & Volleyball  
Cole Hendershot—Gonzales HS Team Tennis

Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th Volleyball  
Carly Pustka—Shiner Jr High Cross Country & Volleyball  
Hannah Pustka—Shiner Jr High Cross Country & Volleyball