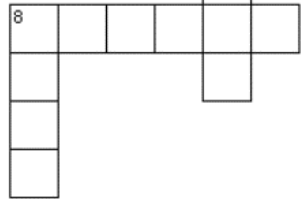
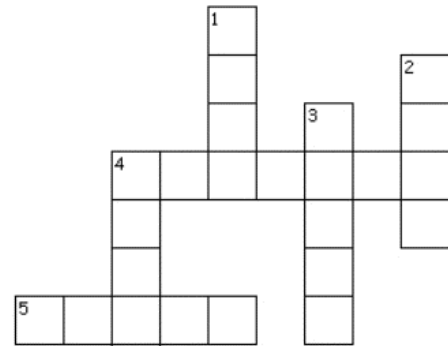


SERVANT ROTATION	ISF	SONG LEADER	COMMUNION PREP
	3/26.....Kevin Johnson	4/2.....Ross Hendershot	March.....Kuchynka
	4/2.....Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot	4/9.....Perry Winegeart	April.....Mason
	4/9.....Herb Hahn/Perry Winegeart	4/16.....Cody Chrismon	May.....Hendershot
	4/16.....Ralph Mason/Edwin Weaver	4/23.....Jacob White	June.....Sweeney

TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
MARCH-MAY	2 years-Kindergarten.....Jennifer Epley 1st-3rd Grades.....Pam Lind 4th-6th Grades.....Shelley Hendershot 7th-12th Grades.....Zach Babb Adult.....Henry Lind	2 years-2nd grade.....Jennie & Callie Chrismon 6th-12th grades.....Clay Mason Adult.....Rex Boggs

Samson & Delilah Crossword



Word List:
 grapes grow
 hair purpose
 lion Philistines
 money rules
 pillars tied

Across

4. Samson wasn't perfect but God still gave him a ___ to fulfill.
5. Samson had to follow 3 specific ___ given from God before he was born.
6. Samson was tied to two of these and brought them down on himself and the Philistines.
7. Because of Samson's special strength he was able to kill this animal with his bare hands.
8. Samson wasn't allowed to eat or drink anything made from this fruit.

Down

1. Samson's secret strength really came from God but he only had strength if he didn't cut this.
2. Delilah did this to Samson's hands when he was sleeping to see if she knew the secret.
3. Delilah tried to trick Samson in giving up his secret so she could get some of this.
4. God chose Samson to free the Israelites from these people.
8. The Philistines captured Samson but his hair started to ___ and he got his strength back.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study (youth)	9
Morning Worship	38
Wednesday Evening	23
Contribution	\$1,368.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,098.00

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March 26, 2017

Welcome, Guests! We are glad you are here. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out a Guest Information card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in the collection plate when it passes.

Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: CODY CHRISMON

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Is The Day
 #144—O Worship the King
 #96—I Stand in Awe

OPENING PRAYER

#167—Hosanna
 #176—Lamb of God

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#578—We Will Glorify

SERMON: JOHN SCHUMACHER

#474—Thank You, Lord

CLOSING PRAYER

MEETING TIMES
 Sunday
 Bible Study—9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service—10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday
 Meal—5:15 p.m.
 Midweek—6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS
 Today
 • Teacher Appreciation Day
 • Singing at The Heights
 This Week
 28—GHS SB @ Wimberley
 30—GHS @ Lockhart Relays
 31—GHS SB v. Burton
 31—SJHS Track @ Hallettsville
 31-1—Texas Relays
 April
 9—Family Field Day & Easter Egg Hunt
 16—Easter Sunday
 23—Men's Meeting
 23—Singing at The Heights
 30—5th Sunday Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
 Anniversaries
 27—Steve & Haley Ratliff (18th)

LOCAL MINISTER: CLAY MASON

COMMITTEES
 Worship & Education
 Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johnson, Clay Mason

Facilities
 Zach Babb, Perry Winegeart

Finance & Benevolence
 Zach Babb, Ross Hendershot, Henry Lind, Clay Mason

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In Russia, in Cuba, 'keep on preaching'

"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth."
— Hebrews 11:13

My recent visit to the U.S. was filled with many blessings. One of them was the opportunity to meet Juan Antonio Monroy.

I had heard about brother Juan for years — an evangelist from Spain who has baptized more than 3,000 people and helped establish churches in Spanish-speaking nations. In 1985, he became the first missionary from Churches of Christ to enter Cuba since the rise of Fidel Castro.

We met at the University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. I taught a Bible class, telling about God's work in Russia. Brother Juan, who works with Herald of Truth Ministries, preached the sermon — and he started it in a way that surprised me (and I think it surprised him too).

He praised God for Churches of Christ in Russia and urged Christians to help spread the Gospel in the post-Soviet world.

During the Cold War, it was difficult to work in Russia, but "éste es el momento," ("this is the moment") he said, as Tim Archer, who also works with Herald of Truth, translated his words into English.

"Having 56 Churches of Christ in Russia is a great triumph," he continued. "And America needs to wake up. This is the time to help Russia. It was impossible in the past, and we don't know about the future. This is the time."

After the service we had a short visit, during which brother Juan encouraged me by saying, "Keep on preaching. Do not hesitate, do not pay attention to what other people in Russia may say about you."

I knew exactly what he meant. It is culturally acceptable in Russia to be either an atheist or Orthodox. But if you are neither, our culture makes you feel like a foreigner in your own country. This probably is how early Christians felt. In a second-century letter to Diognetus, an author named Mathetes described followers of Christ this way: "They dwell in their own countries, but only as sojourners. They bear their share in all things as citizens, and they endure all hardships as strangers. Every foreign country is a fatherland to them, and every fatherland is foreign."

As European evangelists, striving to reach the lost in communist and post-communist worlds, we understand each other well.

Shaking hands with Juan Monroy was a great, strengthening moment for me.

— IGOR EGIREV—*Christian Chronicle*, January 2015
Egirev directs the Christian Resource Center in St. Petersburg, Russia, and preaches for Churches of Christ.

PRAYER LIST

- Pauline Alvarez (health)
- Lauren Babb (health)
- Aaron Banks
- John Beiler (health)
- Jim Carpenter (Cody Chrismon's great uncle—health)
- Dawn Clarke (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- Betty Cox (Brent Barnick's sister—Texan nursing home)
- Dixie (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- Jake Faires (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- Paul Faires (health)
- Steven Faires, and Lexi
- Leon Giesecke (Jan Moerbe's father—throat cancer)
- Kameron Glass (recovery from surgery, broken ankle)
- Herbert and Nelle Hahn (health)
- Debbie Jalufka
- Sandra Jetton (health)
- Kevin and Victoria Johnson (healthy pregnancy/baby)
- Ada Powell (Sharron Mason's sister—health)
- Jean Rice (Rex Boggs's cousin—health)
- Randall Sweeney (recovering from surgery)
- Adrienne Zingrich (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer)

PRAYER UPDATES

Randall Sweeney is home and recovering from the heart ablation procedure he had on Monday.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teach Appreciation Sunday

We are honored to have John Schumacher of Marble Falls joining us today as we honor those who serve our congregation by teaching Bible classes. Please join us for lunch in the annex immediately following service.

Singing at The Heights

Please join us **TODAY at 3:30 p.m.** at The Heights of Gonzales nursing home for our monthly singing.

Ladies Class

Ladies Class resumes **this Tuesday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at Jennie Chrismon's house in Shiner.** We are starting the six-week series *Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy* by Kelly Minter. Cost for the book is \$14. To order the book or for more information, please contact Jennie.

Easter Egg Candy

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be Sunday, April 9. The congregation is asked to bring candy or pre-stuffed eggs to the church **by next Sunday, April 2.**

Field Day Supplies

Following our Easter egg hunt on April 9, we will have a family field day. **Please pick up a list of needed supplies in the foyer.** If you have any of the items on the list, please contact Kevin or Victoria, or bring the items to the church **by next Sunday, April 2.**

Family Field Day & Easter Egg Hunt

Please make plans to join us for a Family Field Day & Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 9.** We will have a pot-luck lunch in the annex immediately following morning worship. Anyone who is able is asked to bring a dish to share. At the conclusion of lunch, we will have an Easter egg hunt for the smaller children. Then, after the hunt, we will have family field day games. **Please bring a change of clothes that can get a little wet and a little dirty.**

Host Family Needed

Volunteers are needed to host April's 5th Sunday Fellowship on **April 30.** Please contact Victoria Johnson if you are interested in hosting this event.

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 **brisket.** Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

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.**

Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

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.

Peach Valley Bar-B-Q Fundraiser

Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp is hosting its Annual Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on **Saturday, April 29.** A silent auction will follow. Please sign up in the foyer if you are able to prepare a dessert. Desserts need to be to the annex by 9:30 a.m. that morning. Please see Peggy or Pauline if you have items you can donate for the silent auction.

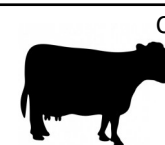
We Still Stand With God

Highway Church of Christ (600 TX 97, Floresville) invites you to their series, *We Still Stand with God*, **March 26-30.** Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Mark Your Calendars

April 23—Men's Meeting, Singing at The Heights
April 30—5th Sunday Fellowship

YOUTH ZONE



Congratulations to our youth who had excellent showings at the Houston Junior Brahman Heifer Stock Show:

Matthew Mason—1st place, Class 1—Reserve Calf Champion

Morgan Mason—1st place, Class 2

Kayla Mason—3rd place, Class 2

Cole Hendershot—3rd place, Class 13

Congratulations to Taylor Glass who qualified for the state finals and invitational in goat tying!



TUESDAY, MARCH 28
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
GONZALES @ WIMBERLEY, 7 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 30
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD
GONZALES @ LOCKHART RELAYS



FRIDAY, MARCH 31
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
GONZALES V. BURTON, 5 P.M.
JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD
SHINER @ HALLETTSVILLE
MARCH 31-APRIL 1
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD
TEXAS RELAYS

Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field
Megan Epley—Shiner Jr High Track & Field

Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales HS Girls Track & Field
Morgan Mason—Gonzales HS Varsity Softball