



## What a food truck teaches about talents

*“The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.”*

— Matthew 25:16-18, New International Version

About a year ago I bought a food truck. I don’t know anything about food — or trucks for that matter — but it looked like fun so I took the plunge.

I have never taken a culinary class, or read a cookbook, or even watched a cooking show. If anything, I am actually an embarrassment in the kitchen as I am not even sure how to scramble an egg.

The food truck business (we sell desserts, by the way) has grown over the past year, and so have I. The most important lesson I have learned is that sometimes you just have to try.

Excuses are easy to come by, but they usually just serve to waste time. If someone like me who still doesn’t know how to scramble an egg can run a food truck, it leaves little room for excuses.

The parable of the talents is one that I have read many times in my life but recently have seen in a different light. Formerly I thought that the Master was pleased because the first two servants doubled the money and was displeased because the last servant did not double his money. Lately I don’t see it that way.

Instead I see the Master thrilled with the first two servants simply because they tried. And he is upset with the last servant because he didn’t try. The first two didn’t rattle off a list of excuses or try to rationalize their investment; they just got in the game. It even says the first servant “went at once” to get to work when he received his original investment. No delay, no excuses.

I believe the Master would have been equally pleased with the first two earners if they lost everything — provided they didn’t sit on the sidelines as spectators and instead decided to jump in.

Maybe the Master is saying that we all need to double up.

Or maybe he is simply saying it’s time to act.

— Caleb Holsey - Christian Chronicle, February 2016  
Caleb and his family live in Broken Arrow, Okla., and worship with the Brookside campus of the Park Plaza Church of Christ in Tulsa, Okla.

## PRAYER LIST

- Pauline Alvarez (health)
- Lauren Babb (health)
- Aaron Banks
- John Beiler (health)
- Jennell Bransom (recovering from surgery)
- Jim Carpenter (Cody Chrismon’s great uncle—health)
- Dawn Clarke (Shirley Kuchynka’s daughter)
- Betty Cox (Brent Barnick’s sister—homebound)
- 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)
- Henry Lind (flu)
- 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)
- 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

**Jim Carpenter, Cody Chrismon’s great uncle**, will have surgery to remove a portion of his lung due to cancer. The doctors are optimistic about his prognosis.

**Kameron Glass** had surgery to repair a broken ankle he suffered as a result of a rodeo accident. They put in nine screws and he will have another surgery in a couple of months to remove one of the larger screws.

**Nelle Hahn** was released from the hospital to The Heights, where she will remain for a few days while she continues recovering.

**Henry Lind** has the flu and the doctor thinks he’s about half-way through the course of the illness.

**Jean Rice, Rex Boggs’s cousin**, is not expected to live much longer. Rex went to Florida to be with her family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for VBS **TODAY immediately following morning worship**. This year’s VBS will be held June 11-14.

### Community Lunch Series

Please make plans to attend the Community Lunch Series at First Baptist of Gonzales **next Wednesday, March 15 at noon**. Clay is delivering the message and lunch is provided immediately following at First United Methodist.

### 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 Sunday, April 2**.

### 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 **baked ziti**. 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.

### Mark Your Calendars

**March 26**—Teacher Appreciation Day, Singing at The Heights

**April 9**—Egg Hunt & Family Field Day

## YOUTH ZONE

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**  
JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD  
SHINER @ WEIMAR  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**  
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD  
GONZALES RELAYS



Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field  
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field  
Megan Epley—Shiner Jr High Track & Field  
Rae’Anna Flores—Gonzales Jr High Track & Field



**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**  
JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD  
GONZALES @ CUERO  
**MARCH 9-11**  
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL  
GONZALES @ RATTLER TOURNAMENT (SAN MARCOS)

Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales HS Girls Track & Field  
Morgan Mason—Gonzales HS Varsity Softball, Track & Field  
Cassidy Pitts—Gonzales Jr High Track & Field