

	ISF	SONG LEADER	COMMUNION PREP
SERVANT ROTATION	8/13.....Perry Winegeart	8/20.....Perry Winegeart	August.....Hendershot
	8/20.....Ralph Mason	8/27.....Cody Chrismon	September.....TBD
	8/27.....Kevin Johnson	9/3.....Ross Hendershot	October.....TBD
	9/3.....Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot	9/10.....Perry Winegeart	November.....TBD

TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
JUNE-AUGUST	2 years-Kindergarten.....Sharron Mason	2 years-Kindergarten.....Shelley Hendershot
	1st-3rd Grades.....Cheryl Pitts	1st-6th Grades.....Zach Babb
	4th-6th Grades.....Debbie Fougerat	Teens & Adults.....Clay Mason
	7th-12th Grades.....Ralph Mason	
	Adult.....Clay Mason	

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Daniel & the Lions Anagram

Word List:

angel, blameless, brave, closed, jealous, laws, lions, mouths, prayed, rescued



- abeellmss _____
- aejlosu _____
- hmostu _____
- aberv _____
- alsw _____
- ilnos _____
- adepry _____
- cdelos _____
- aegln _____
- cdeersu _____

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	24
Morning Worship	40
ISF (residents)	7
Contribution	\$1,624.03
Special Contribution	\$700.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,098.00

NOTES	

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August 13, 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

- #42—*How Majestic Is Your Name*
- #43—*All Things Praise Thee*
- #100—*Holy Ground*

OPENING PRAYER

- #548—*The Lily of the Valley*
- #701—*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

- #577—*We Bow Down*
- #622—*Ring Out the Message*

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#123—*The Steadfast Love of the 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
This Week
15—Stuff the Bus: HEB
16—Campus Prayer Walk: Gonzales
17—Campus Prayer Walk: Shiner
17—Stuff the Bus: Wal-Mart
19—Gonzales Relays
Next Sunday
20—Back-to-School Sunday
August
27—Fellowship Meal
27—Singing at The Heights

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

A Convicted Church—Part 1

IN RURAL OKLAHOMA, CONGREGATION FINDS ITS CALLING IN PRISON MINISTRY.

FORT GIBSON, Okla. — Mark Seabolt left his prison cell wearing someone else’s clothes.

He hated the hiking boots, and neither the pants nor the shirt fit very well. He was angry, empty, broke and alone.

To the members of the Fort Gibson Church of Christ, he was perfect.

In two years and 10 days of incarceration — for assault and battery and attempting to manufacture methamphetamines — Seabolt received one visitor and two pieces of mail. One was a picture of the church’s building with directions. His curiosity won out, and he tracked down the building a day after leaving prison.

Gingerly, he walked into the church’s office, “looking different, smelling different and talking different” than a typical churchgoer, he said. The staff’s reaction was shocking. They welcomed him — even hugged him — and invited him back for Bible study that night.

These people are crazy, he thought. Don’t they know what I’ve done?

“I was definitely not going,” Seabolt said of their invitation, but “somehow, at 7 p.m., I was walking through those doors.” He met more Christians at the Bible study. The next day, one of them took him shopping.

“I don’t know what it’s like to get a new Corvette,” Seabolt said. Swallowing hard, he added, “But I know what it’s like to get new clothes when you have none.”

Another church member hired Seabolt to paint a kitchen.

“He left money and a set of keys to the house,” Seabolt recalled. “He said, ‘we’ll see you on Monday,’ and left for the weekend.”

It seemed like a reckless degree of trust — even to Seabolt.

But at the Fort Gibson church, it’s typical.

“There is an atmosphere here of accepting people where they are,” said Dan Rouse, the church’s preaching minister.

As a result, Seabolt has hardly missed a Wednesday — or Sunday — since his first visit in 2002. He shares the love he found with other former convicts through the Faith Based Therapeutic Community Corporation, an alternative sentencing program he oversees that stresses community service, job skills training and church attendance.

In 2012, the church experienced 42 baptisms through the program and other outreach efforts, Rouse said.

And, through its ministry at a women’s prison in nearby Taft, Okla., the church baptized an additional 162 inmates.

“I don’t think there has been a recent year that we haven’t had at least 120 baptisms out there,” Rouse said. “It’s the fact that our people are out there every week. It’s obvious to the prisoners that we care about them.”

- Erik Tryggestad and David Chenault —*The Christian Chronicle*, June 2013

PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (recovering from surgery)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **James Bohannon** (Rex Boggs’s cousin—health)
- **Keith Brown** (Wayne Brown’s son—health)
- **Jim Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon’s great uncle—health)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick’s sister—homebound)
- **Family of Bud Davis** (Sharron Mason’s brother)
- **Dixie** (Debbie Faires’s mother—Alzheimer’s)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe’s father—throat cancer)
- **Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Gordon Hoffman** (Rex Boggs’s friend—spiritual and physical health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Molly Lind** (The Linds’ daughter-in-law)
- **Orvan Muelker** (Kathy Winegeart’s father—health)
- **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat’s step-father, health)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason’s sister—health)
- **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn’s brother—health)
- **Jean Rice** (Rex Boggs’s cousin—health)
- **Nancy Tuttle** (Peggy Walls’s sister—health)
- **Edwin Weaver** (broken leg)
- **Catherine Winegeart** (Perry’s mother—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.

PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Bud Davis**, Sharron Mason’s brother, who passed away on Thursday. Family visitation was held Saturday at the Mountain Valley Funeral Home in Joshua, Texas. Burial will be Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us next Sunday,
August 20, for Back-to-School
Sunday, a special Sunday
honoring our children and
youth.

Donuts & juice will be served in
the annex at 9 a.m.

Area-Wide Singing

You’re invited to an area-wide singing **TONIGHT at 5:30 p.m.** at La Grange Church of Christ.

Campus Prayer Walk

Please join us **this Wednesday, August 16 at 7 p.m.** (after Bible study) to pray over the school campuses in Gonzales. On **Thursday, August 17**, at please join us at the Shiner campus at **6 p.m.** We will be praying for the students, teachers, staff and administration as they head into the new school year.

Stock the Doc

Let’s help **Jennifer Epley**, school nurse at Yoakum, stock up on supplies for the coming school year! **Suggested items include: NEW boys and girls underwear (all sizes), travel-size or regular-size deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, or other toiletry items, and feminine supplies.** You may drop off these items in the Stuff the Bus box in the foyer.

Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

Stuff the Bus is hosting a school supply drive on **August 15 and 17**. The drive will be at the Gonzales HEB on Tuesday, August 15 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. On Thursday, August 17, the drive will be at the Gonzales Wal-Mart, also from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. You may drop off supplies in the box in the foyer, or at the stores during the drive.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower in honor of **Dawn (Clarke) Almaraz** on **Sunday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. at the home of Stacia Sweeney.**

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us at **5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. 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 Victoria your menu by Wednesday the week before.**

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.

YOUTH ZONE



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
GONZALES RELAYS, 8 A.M.
INDEPENDENCE PARK



Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales HS Cross Country