

A Day to Remember

On the First of December
in the Year of Nineteen-Seventy
in Graves County, Kentucky,
where December's dawning
usually means heavy frost
or even warnings of storm and ice,
its coming came so nicely
that I did the morning milking
wearing tee shirt and jeans.

And as I carried the last heavy pails
of fresh Jersey milk from the shed
to the cooling tank at Jack Harrison's place,
I remember looking around
at the frostless grass
and the tall bare oaks
silhouetted against a rising sun
and thinking,
"I will remember this day
for the rest of my life."

And so far, God be thanked,
I have.

And whether the weather today
brings sunshine and unseasonably high temperatures
or a chilling wind that aches bare skin
and the bone that bears its weight,
I hope that this morning finds you
with warm memories of days gone by,
rugged hope for things to come,
and the guiding blessing of God's own hand
granting you your daily bread,
faith, hope and love,
grace for you and those who sin against you.

May we all be led beside still waters
and away from all temptation,
delivered from every evil,
blessed with peace and wisdom,
grateful for every good and perfect gift,

and even for those that fall a bit short of that
yet are still part of this good day that the Lord has made.

Amen.

H. Arnett—12/1/17

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PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez**
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **Cinco Ranch Church of Christ**
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Cathy Jones** (Leanne Mason's mother—broken leg)
- **Shirley Kuchykna** (recovering from knee surgery)
- **Molly Lind** (Linds' daughter-in-law)

- **Clay Mason** (health)
- **Beth McElroy** (Clay and Mary Mason's daughter—health)
- **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat's step-father, health)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's sister—health)
- **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn's brother—health)
- **Julie Rodriguez** (Babbs' friend—health)
- **Wayne Thanheiser** (Shirly Kuchykna's brother—health)
- **Nancy Tuttle** (Peggy Walls's sister—health)
- **Catherine Winegeart** (Perry's mother—health)

PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Walter Moerbe**, Randy's father, who passed away on Friday morning. Funeral services will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m.** Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde (762 N. Getty Street).

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Keith Brown**, son of Wayne Brown, who passed away on Monday. Funeral services were held on Friday at First United Methodist and interment followed at Gonzales Hermann Sons Cemetery.

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

Men's Meeting & Work Day

The men will have their monthly meeting **this Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 a.m.**, with a service work day to follow. If you have need assistance with any projects around your home, please contact one of the men.

Ladies Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! This year's Christmas party will be **next Monday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.** at the home of Stacia Sweeney. Please bring a dish to share and an ornament to exchange.

Pancakes with Santa

Join us **Sunday, Dec. 17**, immediately following morning worship for Pancakes with Santa. There will be crafts for the kids, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, and of course Pancakes! Following lunch, we will move to the auditorium for a devotional. **Pancakes will be provided. Please sign up in the foyer to help with sides and trimmings, or to help with activities.** Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there!

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.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

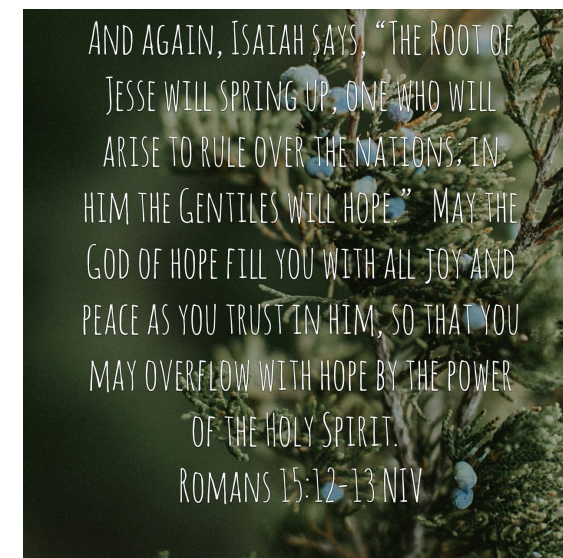
Please join us **at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

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, DEC. 4
JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL
SHINER BOYS V. YORKTOWN, 5:30 P.M.
SHINER GIRLS @ YORKTOWN, 5:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, DEC. 5
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
SHINER JV @ VICTORIA ST. JOE, 5 P.M.



SATURDAY, DEC. 9
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
SHINER JV HOME TOURNAMENT

Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Boys Basketball
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner HS JV Girls Basketball

Megan Epley—Shiner Jr High Girls Basketball