

<p align="center">BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS</p> <p align="center">SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER</p>	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
	2-5 years.....Cheryl Pitts	2-5 years.....Haley Ratliff
	1st-3rd grades.....Jan Moerbe	1st-6th grades.....Debbie Fougerat
	4th-6th grades.....Jennie Chrismon	7th-12th grades.....The Johnsons
	7th-12th grades.....Randy Moerbe	Adult.....Clay Mason
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LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	33
Morning Worship	61
Wednesday Night	27
ISF (Residents)	5
Contribution	\$1,360.86
Special Contribution	\$500.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,422.00

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WELCOME, VISITORS!
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD
FROM THE PEW RACK AND PLACE IT IN THE
COLLECTION PLATE.

SONG LEADER: CODY CHRISMON

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#71—As the Deer
#839—In His Time

OPENING PRAYER

#611—Heavenly Sunlight
#350—When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#452—Standing on the Promises

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#909—There's a Fountain Free

CLOSING PRAYER

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WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday
Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
Evening – 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Midweek – 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Today
War Room, 1 p.m., Seguin
This Week

14—Youth & Family Night:
Gonzales Jr High VB
19—Shiner Jr High XC Home
Meet

September
21—Youth & Family Night:
Shiner Jr High VB
24—Youth & Family Night:
Gonzales Fr/JV FB
26—Southwest Ladies' Day
27—Fellowship Meal
27—Singing at The Heights
27—Men's Meeting

THIS WEEK'S
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
18—Jose Nunez, Phil Sweeney

Anniversaries
13—David & Leanne Mason

LOCAL MINISTER:CLAY MASON

COMMITTEES
Education
 Cody Chrismon, Herb Hahn
Facility
 Perry Winegeart, Dave Epley
Finance
 Ross Hendershot, Steve Ratliff
Worship
 Cody Chrismon, Clay Mason

Clay's Corner

Over the course of the last several months, we as a congregation have experienced many changes. Some have been negative. Most have been very positive changes. For instance, and perhaps the most obvious good change, is the number of people who are now in regular attendance on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Another very positive change has been in the number of responses of people asking for prayers from their brothers and sisters in Christ as they struggle with life and the issues at hand. This change is a direct result, I believe, in another positive change for us as a congregation; we have grown in our love and affection for one another.

One of the negative changes we've seen in our congregation, not just in the last several months, but over the course of the last several years, is the number of people who attend Sunday evening worship services. And it is to this negative change that I address this article.

A huge challenge to any minister and any congregation is the challenge of how to take the negative things that affect a congregation and turn those things into something positive. As a course of action the men have discussed for the last several months the best way to address the Sunday evening worship attendance; how we can best utilize the time given to us on the first day of the week to maximize the spiritual growth of each individual while also allowing that life, for each individual and family group, has placed many demands on their time and energy.

As a part of our continued effort to grow spiritually we have decided to pursue a different format for what we do with Sunday afternoons and evenings. We have not set anything in stone as of yet, but for one thing, and that is, that we will be changing the way we do things on Sunday evenings.

One of the things that we will be doing is setting aside two Sundays per month where our youth group will be involved in various activities of service to God by serving others. This will include participating in the monthly singing and devotional at the Heights. They will be having devotionals and doing things together as a group on a more regular basis. Kevin and Victoria are going to be instrumental in setting up, planning, and carrying through with the growth of our youth group. I believe that God has richly blessed us with this young couple and we intend to use their talents to help our youth group grow spiritually and numerically.

We are going to be looking at setting up small group Bible studies in various homes in Gonzales and the surrounding communities, and also personal studies with the Minister and his wife (Mary and me). Mary and I will be working one on one with each of our families to help them grow in their faith and empowering them to reach out to others with the healing hope of the message of Salvation. There are many other possibilities and we are researching and developing them even now, to further the cause of Christ in our respective communities.

Time and space do not allow me to detail all the changes that will be taking place in the near future. So I close with this final thought. Growth, whether it be spiritual, physical or otherwise never happens without something changing. And change from what is seen as normal or traditional to something unknown or nontraditional puts most of us at unease. Humans do like their comfort zones. Very few, if any, of us are exempt from this characteristic. Some will even fight it. But change is a necessary part of growth. Without the one you cannot have the other. And so, as we move towards the light of a new day for this congregation, I seek to instill in all of us the desire to do whatever it takes to draw us nearer to God and closer to being the servants we have professed to be.

May God richly bless us as we seek to do His will in our world.

PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (knee pain)
 - **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
 - **Ty Brooks** (Winegearts's grandson—recovering from ankle surgery)
 - **Dawn Clark** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
 - **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
 - **David Davis** (Joyce Faires's brother—job hunting)
 - **Eric Davis and Rose**
 - **Helen Davis** (recovering from hip surgery)
 - **Chestly Gobar, Jordyn and Lucy**
 - **Katy and Family** (friends of Kelly Mason—Katy's sister injured in motorcycle accident)
 - **Lance Fougerat** (Austin Transitional Center, Del Valle)
 - **Kevin Johnson**
 - **Jacque Jungbauer** (friend of Jan Moerbe—recovering from back surgery)
 - **Evlynn Lawrence** (Sweeneys' granddaughter)
 - **Justen Lawrence** (Room 4C 30, Children's Methodist, San Antonio)
- **Charles Mason** (Ralph's brother—blood clots)
 - **Megan Mason** (Clay's and Mary's daughter— bulging disc)
 - **Sharron Mason** (recovering from surgery)
 - **Bob Merrill** (Weavers's friend—health)
 - **Claudia Morris** (Perry Winegeart's sister—health)
 - **Troy Ogg** (Winegearts's grandson)
 - **Sid Roberts** (Faireses's friend—ICU, Breckenridge Hospital in Austin)
 - **Ruth** (Joyce Faires's sister-in-law)
 - **Sharon Saint** (Zach Babb's mother—recovering from surgeries)
 - **Carolyn Teague** (Jennell Bansom's sister—GI cancer)
 - **Janie Varley and sister Debbie** (friends of Debbie Fougerat—poor health prognosis for Debbie)
 - **Maria Vasquez** (Joyce Faires's neighbor—health)
 - **Barbara Walls** (Mary Mason's sister-in-law—broken leg)
 - **Linda Watson** (Victoria Johnson's aunt—recovering from foot surgery)

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, victoriawjohnson@outlook.com.

PRAYER UPDATES

Justen Lawrence's leukemia has relapsed. He is at Children's Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, room 4C 30. Stacia specifically requests the church pray that God's will be done and that He be glorified in all they do.

Lance Fougerat is doing very well. He is driving between Del Valle and Gonzales each day for work. Please pray he continues to have safe travels.

Jacque Jungbauer, the Moerbes's friend, is out of the hospital and will continue rehab at home as she recovers from back surgery.

Claudia Morris, Perry Winegeart's sister, will see a specialist this week for final test result information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Youth & Family Outing, War Room

Immediately following morning worship service we will travel to King Ranger Theater in Seguin (1373 E Walnut Street) to see the movie *War Room*, produced by the same group that made *Courageous*, *Fireproof*, and *Facing the Giants*. The movie begins at 1 p.m. and tickets are \$4 per person. We received a group rate, so be sure to mention you are with Gonzales Church of Christ when purchasing your ticket at the window. The movie is two hours long, so we will be back in time for Sunday evening service.

Youth & Family Night: Gonzales Junior High Volleyball vs. Wimberly

Please join us **tomorrow (Monday, Sept. 14)** as we support Coach Kevin Johnson and the Gonzales 7th grade volleyball teams. "B" Team (Kevin's team) games start at 5 p.m. at the Junior High in the west ("old") gym (426 N. College St., Gonzales). "A" Team games follow at 6 p.m.

Come & Take It Parade

The church is entering a float in this year's Come & Take It Parade. The parade is Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. and the float must be in place by 9 a.m. Please sign up in the foyer to help with float preparation and to participate in the parade.

Come & Take It Volunteers

The Chamber of Commerce is still in need of volunteers to help with the Come & Take It Festival, Oct. 2-4. They are looking for volunteers to help with the ticket booth and the help set up the food booths the weekend before the event (Sept. 27). Please sign up in the foyer to volunteer.

SABC Update

The church received an update from Baxter Masiwa, the Southern Africa Bible College student the church supports. A copy of that letter, as well as the September SABC newsletter, is available to pick up in the foyer and is also posted on the bulletin board.

Tuesday Morning Men's Meeting

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at 6:20 a.m. for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

REJOICE!

We rejoice with ISF residents Kevin, Joseph, and Oscar who were baptized on Wednesday, Sept. 9!

Wednesday Evening Series

Please join us this Wednesday at 6 p.m. as we continue our series "Follow in His Steps."

Directories are coming!

In the coming weeks, we will begin putting together a new church directory. If you are interested in helping with this process, please contact Victoria Johnson.

Southwest Ladies' Day

Southwest Church of Christ (8900 Manchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78748) is hosting their 21st Annual Southwest Ladies' Day on Saturday, Sept. 26. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with lessons beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch and childcare for children ages 1-6 is provided. The speaker for the day is Sandi Smith of Forth Worth, who is a regular instructor for the Preacher Wives Program at Brown Trail School of Preaching. Registration is required.

Mark Your Calendars

- Oct. 3—Come & Take It Parade
- Oct. 24—Youth & Family: ACU Football in San Antonio
- Nov. 20—ISF Thanksgiving Meal

SCHOOL ZONE



MONDAY, SEPT. 14

VOLLEYBALL

GONZALES 7TH "B" V. WIMBERLY, 5 PM

GONZALES 7TH "A" V. WIMBERLY, 6 PM

SHINER JR HIGH @ LOUISE, 5 PM

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

CROSS COUNTRY (XC)

SHINER JR HIGH HOME MEET



Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High VB & XC
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th VB