



## Clay's Corner

It's Tuesday morning as I write this. So far today, I was abruptly awakened from a deep sleep by my wife because she was abruptly awakened by her alarm clock at 5 a.m. She turned to me and said, "Honey, it's 5 o'clock. Time to get up." I love her for that. She has always set an alarm that would wake her up so that she could wake me up so that I could be on time to wherever it was I had to be, whether work or play. Personally, I don't know that I would always be so willing to do that, especially that early in the morning.

I spent the next hour cooking a dozen breakfast tacos to take with me to our weekly men's prayer breakfast. This week was a small group; just three of us. But I am so thankful for those who faithfully show up and spend a few minutes in prayer on behalf of our congregation; seeking God's wisdom for us and healing for those around us. What a wonderful service. Intercessory prayer. Thank you to all the men who take time out of your otherwise busy schedules to pray for us and those in the world around us. I am convinced with all that I am that your prayers are being answered and that the spiritual growth we are witnessing is a direct result of your efforts. Keep up the good work!

Last Sunday afternoon, 20 of our number traveled to Seguin to watch the movie *War Room*. I want to thank Kevin and Victoria for setting this up. I can say with all certainty that everyone who attended walked away spiritually uplifted and challenged to do more in our prayer lives as we battle the unseen forces of darkness that wage war against our families, our church, and those around us.

Today, we begin a six-sermon series of lessons based on the principles of following Jesus. Kyle Idleman wrote a book, *Not a Fan*, a few years ago. In this book Kyle defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus...and he puts forth the premise that many who call themselves "Followers" would more aptly be called "Fans" and he goes on to describe the difference, using the words of Christ to define both.

In the beginning of the book, Idleman opens with a very basic challenge for those who would call themselves Christians; he asks readers to "Define The Relationship," DTR. In the lesson this morning, that is exactly what we will begin to do, define our relationship with Jesus, so that over the course of the following six weeks and by the time we come to the end of the series, we will know exactly where we stand and where Jesus stands in our lives. Are we truly "Followers"? Or are we just "Fans"?

If you look around you each Sunday morning, you'll notice we are growing. We are getting visitors from out of town and locally. Many are extended family members and some are just travelers; but more and more we are seeing people who are searching for a church home or are searching for God. I wish to thank you all for the warm response you give those who are visiting with us each Sunday. I also would like to challenge each of you to find one person in your life to begin a personal crusade to bring them to the Lord. Inviting them to worship with us is a good second step. But the most important step is the step where you ask God to open a door to someone's heart. Will you please pray for that someone starting today? Will you please ask God to open the doors to someone's heart and then ask Him to lead you to them so that you can do whatever it takes to get them where they need to be? Most people are looking for something. Will you be the one to show them God?

### PRAYER LIST

- **Monty Allen** (Susan Barnick's friend's brother—cancer)
- **Pauline Alvarez** (knee pain)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
- **Ty Brooks** (Winegearts' grandson—recovering from ankle surgery)
- **Family of Judy Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon's aunt)
- **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)
- **Joyce Faires** (knee)
- **Keith Glass** (health)
- **Chestly Gobar, Jordyn and Lucy**
- **Lance Fougerat** (Austin Transitional Center, Del Valle)
- **Mrs. Johnson** (Susan Barnick's boss—cancer)
- **Victoria Johnson** (health)
- **Jacque Jungbauer** (friend of Jan Moerbe—recovering from back surgery)
- **Katy and Family** (friends of Kelly Mason—Katy's sister injured in motorcycle accident)
- **Evlynn Lawrence** (Sweeneys' granddaughter)
- **Justen Lawrence** (Room 4C 30, Children's Methodist, San Antonio)
- **Charles Mason** (Ralph's brother—blood clots)
- **Megan Mason** (Clay and Mary's daughter—bulging disc)
- **Sharron Mason** (recovering from surgery)
- **Bob Merrill** (Weavers' friend—health)
- **Claudia Morris** (Perry Winegeart's sister—health)
- **Sid Roberts** (Faireses' friend—ICU, Breckenridge Hospital in Austin)
- **Lewis Romain and the country of Dominica** (storm damage)
- **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](mailto:victoriawjohnson@outlook.com).

### PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to **Cody Chrismon** and his family for the death of Cody's aunt, **Judy Carpenter**, of Marble Falls. A funeral service will be held **tomorrow (Mon, Sept. 21)** at 10 a.m. at Marble Falls Church of Christ (711 Broadway, Marble Falls, TX 78654). Burial will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park (4219 Park Road 4 S, Burnet, TX 78611).

**Monty Allen**, Susan Barnick's friend's brother, has stomach cancer and began chemo treatments.

**Pauline Alvarez** has an appointment with the doctor for her knee pain on tomorrow (Monday, Sept. 21) in San Antonio.

**Lauren Babb** was admitted to the hospital in Houston on Wednesday when her spinal pressure got too high. She is home and resting now.

**Joyce Faires** has an appointment with an orthopedic doctor to examine her knee in Seguin on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

**Mrs. Johnson**, Susan Barnick's boss, has cancer and began chemo and radiation treatments.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Come & Take It Parade: Faith Hunters Float

Don your camo and join us on our "Faith Hunters" float for the 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. Float preparation begins next week and culminates with a final prep night on Friday, Oct. 2. We are in need of any hunting- or camo-themed decorations you have! (think this year's VBS—Duck Dynasty/Willie's Redneck Rodeo)

#### 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 next weekend (Sept. 27). Please sign up in the foyer to volunteer.

#### Youth & Family Night: Gonzales Freshmen Football v. Yoakum

Please join us **Thursday (Sept. 24)** as we support Cole Hendershot and the Gonzales Freshmen football team. The game begins at 5 p.m. at Apache Stadium (N Saint Joseph & Qualls Street, Gonzales).

#### Youth & Family Night: Shiner Junior High Volleyball

The Youth & Family Night at Shiner Junior High Volleyball has been rescheduled to Monday, Oct. 12.

#### Cardboard Needed

Rae Anna Flores needs cardboard toilet paper and paper towel tubes for a school project. She needs as many as possible for the rollercoaster they are building.

**Keith Glass** was hospitalized after suffering an allergic reaction to antibiotics prescribed for a bladder infection. The symptoms from that reaction would not allow his seizure medicines to stay in his system, thus he was also struggling with seizures. They were able to give him his seizure medicines via IV to stabilize him. He was able to go home on Thursday.

**Victoria Johnson** met with an endocrinologist in San Antonio on Wednesday regarding some lingering issues thought to be associated with her thyroid. The doctor ran some additional tests and Victoria has a follow-up in four weeks.

The country of **Dominica** was hit by tropical storm Erika at the end of August. **Lewis Romain** reports the church building and the church members are okay, but the country suffered great devastation. The storm reportedly killed at least 20 people and left 24 people unaccounted for. Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said the storm set the country's developmental progress back 20 years, as hundreds of homes and multiple other structures were destroyed. **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort** ([www.disasterrelieffort.org](http://www.disasterrelieffort.org)), based in Nashville, is providing relief efforts there.

#### Fellowship Meal

**Next Sunday, Sept. 27**, is our monthly fellowship meal. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

#### Singing at The Heights

**Next Sunday, Sept. 27**, is our monthly singing at The Heights nursing home (701 N Sarah Dewitt). The singing begins at 3:30 p.m.

#### Monthly Men's Meeting

**Next Sunday, Sept. 27**, the men have their monthly meeting at the building at 4:30 p.m.

#### 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.

#### Wednesday Evening Series

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

#### Southwest Ladies' Day

Southwest Church of Christ (8900 Manchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78748) is hosting their 21st Annual Southwest Ladies' Day on this Saturday, Sept. 26. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with lessons beginning at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

#### Mark Your Calendars

- Oct. 14—Fields of Faith
- Oct. 24—Youth & Family: ACU Football in San Antonio
- Nov. 20—ISF Thanksgiving Meal



**MONDAY, SEPT. 21**  
**VOLLEYBALL**

**GONZALES 7TH "B" @. NAVARRO, 5 PM**  
**GONZALES 7TH "A" @. NAVARRO, 6 PM**  
**SHINER JR HIGH SCRIMMAGE, 5 PM**



**SHINER YOUTH TEAM A V. TEAM I, 6 PM**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 24**  
**FOOTBALL**

**GONZALES 8TH GRADE @. YOAKUM, 6:30/7:15**  
**GONZALES FR V. YOAKUM, 5 PM**

Hunter Babb—Shiner Youth Soccer Team A  
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High VB & XC  
Rae Anna Flores—Gonzales Select Softball  
Fernando Garcia—Gonzales 8th FB

## YOUTH ZONE

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 25**  
**FOOTBALL**

**GONZALES VARSITY @ YOAKUM, 7:30 PM**  
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 26**  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**SHINER JR HIGH @ WEIMAR**



**GONZALES JR HIGH HOME TOURNAMENT**  
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**SOCCER**  
**SHINER YOUTH TEAM A V. TEAM F, 9 AM**  
**SOFTBALL**  
**GONZALES SELECT @ HUBER RANCH FALL MADNESS**

Cole Hendershot—Gonzales Fr FB  
Tyler Hendershot—Gonzales Varsity Football  
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th VB