

TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
JUNE-AUGUST	<i>2 years-2nd grade.....</i> Lauren Babb <i>3rd-6th grades.....</i> Susan Barnick <i>7th-12th grades.....</i> Debbie Fougerat <i>Adult.....</i> Clay Mason	<i>2 years-2nd grade.....</i> Shelley Hendershot <i>3rd-12th grades.....</i> Randy Moerbe <i>Adult.....</i> Clay Mason

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A simple cartoon illustration of a tree. The tree has a thick, brown trunk that splits into several branches. The branches are covered with bright green, rounded foliage. At the base of the trunk, there are two small tufts of green grass with black outlines. The entire illustration is set against a plain white background.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	36
Morning Worship	70
ISF (residents)	6
Wednesday Evening	23
Contribution	\$2,497.02
Special Contribution	\$700.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,250.29

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Order of Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

SERMON: CLAY MASON

CLOSING PRAYER



Finance & Benevolence
Zach Babb, Ross Hendershot,
Henry Lind, Clay Mason,
Edwin Weaver

Clay's Corner

I read this article from Wes McAdams the other day. I share it with you today.

5 Reasons to Stop Trying to Restore the Church of the 50s and 60s

In many ways, the 1950s and 1960s were the glory days of the churches of Christ in the United States. In fact, “Churches of Christ were heralded in the 1950s and 1960s as one of the — if not the — fastest-growing religious groups in America” (source: Christian Chronicle). Sadly, many seem to think we will grow that way again if we do the same things, in the same ways, that we did back then. And that’s one reason we’re not growing at the rate we did back then.

Here are 5 reasons we need to stop trying to restore the church of the 50s and 60s.

1. We need to focus on restoring New Testament Christianity.

We grow when we remember that we are – at our very core – a movement. Our movement is not about restoring the church of the 50s and 60s, but about restoring New Testament Christianity. I don’t care how they did it in Tennessee or Texas in 1963, I care about how they did it in Jerusalem in AD 33 (or thereabouts).

2. They weren’t trying to restore the church of the 50s and 60s in the 50s and 60s.

The church was growing rapidly at that time because they were willing to innovate. They were willing to use new expedient ways of reaching the lost for Christ. They weren’t stuck in decades past, saying, “Well, we’ve never done it that way before.” Or, “We tried something like that and it didn’t work.” If we want to grow, we must innovate again and use every means possible to share the gospel with the world.

3. They weren’t perfect in the 50s and 60s.

We have a tendency to laud the preachers of the past and say, “Brother so-and-so believed this and preached this, and if it was good enough for him, it’s good enough for me.” With all due respect to “brother so-and-so,” he is not our perfect example. Jesus is our perfect example and we have to keep going back to, “What did Jesus say?” not, “What did brother so-and-so say?” Don’t limit your knowledge to what others knew. Learn from them and, if possible, grow beyond their understanding.

4. We don’t live in the 50s and 60s anymore.

Our culture has changed drastically since the 50s and 60s and our evangelism methods must change too. Of course the gospel message doesn’t change, but the way we share it does. For instance, most people of my generation despise an uninvited stranger coming to their door to try to teach them something. And there may have been a time when putting, “Gospel Meeting This Week,” on your sign brought dozens of non-Christians to your building, but that time is gone. You can keep trying these same methods and be frustrated that they don’t work, or you can find new ways of sharing the gospel with your friends and neighbors.

5. We are giving the Lord’s church a black eye.

When we use out-dated methods and materials to try to reach people, we send the message that we are out of touch with reality and culture. We must remember that we represent Jesus Christ and everything we do is a reflection on Him and on His church. I don’t think the Lord is pleased when we send the message that His church is “out of touch.” Let’s stop giving the impression that Jesus and His church are no longer relevant, simply because we don’t care enough to develop new methods and new materials to reach the lost.

The Bottom Line

The bottom line is this, we need to have the discernment to distinguish between the things of the 1st Century and the things of the 20th Century. We need to ask ourselves some hard questions, like, “Are we doing this because it is what Scripture says to do, or are we doing this because they did it this way in the 50s?” Some of the ways they did things in the 50s and 60s are still the best way to do things, but some of those ways are no longer relevant or expedient.

Do we have the wisdom to tell the difference between doctrine and tradition? I believe we do. I believe we can start to separate these things and begin focusing on restoring the church of the New Testament and not the church of the 50s and 60s.

http://www.radicallychristian.com/5-reasons-to-stop-trying-to-restore-the-church-of-the-50s-and-60s

PRAYER LIST

- **John Beiler** (health)
 - **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff’s friend—breast cancer)
 - **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka’s daughter)
 - **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick’s sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
 - **Dixie** (Debbie Faires’s mother—Alzheimer’s)
 - **Bill Ellison**
 - **Everett** (Joyce Faires’s great-grandson—health)
 - **Rea’Anna Flores** (broken collar bone)
 - **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe’s father—throat cancer)
 - **Sandra Jetton** (health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
 - **Edward Jungbauer** (Moerbes’ friend—health)
 - **Jimmy Linehan** (Chestly Gobar’s grandfather—health)
 - **Jason, Lizzie and Luke Klinger** (Sarah Weaver’s cousins—Luke, 4 mos old, cancer)
 - **Junior and Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason’s brother-in-law and sister—health)
 - **Jocelyn Seals** (Hallettsville—cancer)
 - **David Taylor** (Cody Chrismon’s uncle—cancer)
 - **Buddy Watson** (Victoria Johnson’s cousin—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

John Beiler was diagnosed with invasive colon and prostate cancer. He is currently pursuing treatment options.

Victoria Johnson will have a second round of selective nerve root block injections this **Thursday, June 16** at Southwest Medical Center in Austin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN TEAM P.O.S.S.I.B.L.E. ON A MISSION TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY!

Vacation Bible School begins today and runs from 6-8 p.m. each day through Wednesday.
The congregation is invited to join us Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. for final presentations, followed by a hot dog dinner at 6:45 p.m. There will be special activities for the kids, as well!

Volunteers, if you’re able, please plan to join us at 2 p.m. today to help decorate the building.
Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. each evening (except for Wednesday).

Come & Take It

It is time to start planning for this year’s Come & Take It festival, which is Sept. 30-Oct. 2. We will again be preparing a parade float, and we also have the opportunity to run a food both in the non-profit tent. An informational and interest meeting regarding the food booth will be held **TODAY immediately following morning service.**

Watermelon on The Square

Join us again **this Friday, June 17**, to serve FREE watermelon at Confederate Square in downtown Gonzales during the Main Street Summer Concert Series. The event runs **6-10 p.m.**

If you are able, please arrive early to help with setup. Parking is also easier to find earlier in the evening. This week’s concert features Blue Finger Disco.

Church T-Shirts

T-shirts are in! If you purchased shirts, please pick them up from Victoria. The cost came out to \$6.63 per shirt.

Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send your menu to Victoria by Wednesday the week before your turn.**

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.

Ladies Bible Class

Due to VBS, Ladies Bible Class will not meet this week.

Sunday Night Small Group

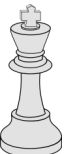
There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. The Lord’s Supper is available.

YOUTH ZONE

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
BASKETBALL
SHINER V. GONZALES, 5 P.M.
SHINER @ MOULTON, 6:30 P.M.
(SHINER SCHOOL GYM)



Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Summer League Basketball



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
CHESS CLUB, 4 P.M.
(MOULTON CITY PARK PAVILION)

Cooper Faires—Moulton Chess Club