

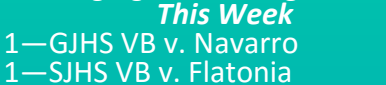
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WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday
 Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday
 Midweek – 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men's Meeting
- Fellowship Meal
- Singing at The Heights



September
10—Smithville Ladies Day
11—Youth Sunday

17—Youth & Family Outing:
ACU Football

24—Canyon Lake Youth Day

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25—Singing at The Heights
25—Fellowship Meal
30—Come & Take It Festival

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSAR
Birthdays

30—Charlotte Faires, Clay Mason
Leanne Mason
31—Kaylin Ratliff

Anniversaries
28—Chris & Debbie Faires

LOCAL MINISTER: CLAY MAS

COMMITTEES

Worship & Education
Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johns

Clay Mason Facilities

Zach Babb, Randy Moerbe
Perry Winegeart

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

Clay's Corner

Hope is defined many ways depending on who is talking. Hope, for a Christian, is defined as the confident expectation of things to come.

“To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.” - Ephesians 3:8-10

Abraham was a nomad. Isaac was blind. Jacob lived with frustration of having two wives who were jealous sisters. Moses endured the ceaseless complaining and discontent of an entire people. Samuel knew the sting of rejection. David lived the life of a fugitive. Isaiah was to prophesy until there was total devastation. Jeremiah delivered messages no one wished to hear. Jesus died the death of a criminal.

Paul understood God is not a one dimensional God. God did the unthinkable through ways that defied believability. Though He promised Abraham that He would bring a blessing to all humanity (Genesis 12:3), not even the angels understood what God sought to accomplish in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:10-12).

What was this incredible thing God did? He unleashed a power on earth that could allow any man or woman (regardless of culture, education, or background) to become one of the called out people of God. Any man or woman who had the courage to allow God to teach him or her the purpose and focus of life could belong to God. Those who have the courage to be “the called out for God” are to be living testimonies to God’s great wisdom and power.

Could God free slaves from one of the world’s most powerful nations? Yes! Could God make a nation from those slaves? Yes! Could God send His son through that nation? Yes! Could God provide the atonement for all the evil humanity commits through the blood of His son? Yes! Could God raise His son from death? Yes! Could God forgive anyone who accepts His sacrifice and trusts His promises? Yes! Can God forgive you? Yes!

That is the mystery God revealed in Jesus Christ! The astounding thing is not what we have done. The astounding thing is what God has done! Astoundingly, God did it through a death and resurrection!

This was not just any death. It was the death of a son totally devoted to God’s will. It was not just any resurrection (resurrections had occurred before through God’s power). This resurrection was unique. It was the permanent defeat of death. It still stands as the proof that death is never the end of the man or woman with the courage to belong to God.

No one but God can defeat OUR death. Let all human power take note—only God defeats death permanently! God demonstrated this truth in Jesus’ resurrection!

PRAYER LIST

- **Lauren Babb** (health)
 - **John Beiler** (health)
 - **Brooke Bertling** (Haley Ratliff’s friend—breast cancer)
 - **Jane Brady, Elsie Clements, and Jorja Clements** (health)
 - **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka’s daughter)
 - **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick’s sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
 - **Dixie** (Debbie Faires’s mother—Alzheimer’s)
 - **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe’s father—throat cancer)
 - **Herbert and Nelle Hahn** (health)
 - **Sandra Jetton** (health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
 - **Edward Jungbauer** (Moerbes’ friend—health)
 - **Kuchykna Family**
 - **Lovie Lewis** (Kevin Johnson’s grandmother—health)
 - **Junior and Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason’s brother-in-law and sister—health)
 - **Deborah Rhoades** (health)
 - **Jocelyn Seals** (Hallettsville—cancer)
 - **David Taylor** (Cody Chrismon’s uncle—cancer)
 - **Adrienne Zingrich** (Susan Barnick’s cousin—cancer)

PRAYER UPDATES

Herbert Hahn remains in Pleasanton and is making progress.

Lovie Lewis, Kevin Johnson’s grandmother, is suffering from late-stage Alzheimer’s. She has been hospitalized for several weeks and will soon be moved into a nursing home.

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

NEW TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 4!	2 years-Kindergarten.....Stacia Sweeney 1st-3rd Grades.....Cheryl Pitts 4th-6th Grades.....Jennie Chrismon 7th-12th Grades.....Debbie Fougerat Adult.....Clay Mason	2 years-1st grade.....Haley Ratliff 2nd-6th grades.....Lauren Babb 7th-12th grades.....Kevin & Victoria Johnson Adult.....Clay Mason

Fellowship Meal
Everyone is invited to join us **TODAY** for a fellowship meal in the annex immediately following morning service.

Singing at The Heights
Please join us **TODAY at 3:30 p.m.** at The Heights of Gonzales nursing home (701 N Sarah Dewitt) for our monthly singing.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study
Please join us **at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. This week’s entrée is enchiladas. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us.

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.**

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.

Canyon Lake Church of Christ Youth Day
You’re Invited to Canyon Lake Church of Christ’s Youth Day on **Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** This year’s theme is “Life In God’s Image: Lifting Up God With Our Lives.” The event is primarily for those in grades 6-12, but all ages are invited to attend. Light snacks will be provided in the morning and a BBQ lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. **RSVP is due by THIS THURSDAY, Sept. 1. Please contact Kevin or Victoria Johnson if you are interested in attending.** For more information, pick up an invitation in the foyer.

Smithville Ladies’ Day
Smithville Church of Christ invites you to join their Ladies’ Day: “Quilted by Grace for His Glory” on **Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** at Buescher State Park Recreation in Smithville. For more information, please pick up an invitation in the foyer.

Youth & Family Outing: ACU Football in Houston
Join the ACU Wildcats as they take on Southland Conference rival Houston Baptist on **Saturday, Sept. 17.** Before the game, hang out at a pre-game party sponsored by the ACU Alumni Association. Registration for the party is free and the first 200 people to register receive a free Chick-Fil-A boxed dinner. **Sign up in the foyer to register for the party.** The pre-game party begins at 5 p.m. and the game kicks off at 7 p.m. Game tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for youth under 18.



YOUTH ZONE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1
JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL
GONZALES 7TH “B” V. NAVARRO, 5 P.M. (GONZALES HS OLD GYM)
SHINER JR. HIGH V. FLATONIA, 5 P.M.
GONZALES 7TH “A” V. NAVARRO, 6 P.M. (GONZALES HS OLD GYM)

Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Volleyball
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th Grade Volleyball
Carly Pustka—Shiner Jr High Volleyball
Hannah Pustka—Shiner Jr Volleyball

