

TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER	<i>2 years-Kindergarten.....</i> Stacia Sweeney <i>1st-3rd Grades.....</i> Cheryl Pitts <i>4th-6th Grades.....</i> Jennie Chrismon <i>7th-12th Grades.....</i> Debbie Fougerat <i>Adult.....</i> Clay Mason	<i>2 years-1st grade.....</i> Haley Ratliff <i>2nd-6th grades.....</i> Lauren Babb <i>7th-12th grades.....</i> Kevin & Victoria Johnson <i>Adult.....</i> Clay Mason

accept light  
church gates  
rewarded new  
forever night  
tears gold

3. No need for sleep which means only day and no more \_\_\_\_.

7. The only way you can go to heaven is if you believe and \_\_\_\_ Jesus into your life.

9. The old will be gone and everything will be made \_\_\_\_ again.

10. By living like Christ wants us to on earth we will be \_\_\_\_ in heaven.

1. This building won't exist in heaven because we won't need it.
2. We won't need to turn on this because God will provide all we need to see.
4. There will be twelve of these made of huge pearls.
5. Without these we won't be able to cry because there is no crying in heaven.
6. The streets will be made of pure \_\_\_\_.
8. We will live \_\_\_\_ in heaven (a long long time).

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	27
Morning Worship	42
ISF	6
Wednesday Evening	26
Contribution	\$1,319.31
Weekly Budget	\$3,250.29

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SO THAT WE MAY GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER, PLEASE FILL OUT A  
GUEST INFORMATION CARD FROM THE PEW RACK IN FRONT OF YOU  
AND PLACE IT IN THE COLLECTION PLATE WHEN IT PASSES.

# Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: PERRY WINEGEART

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### #4—*To God Be the Glory*

## OPENING PRAYER

#147—I Stand Amazed

#410—*He Leadeth Me*

### #353—*One Day!*

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

## #616—*The Way of the Cross*

SERMON: CLAY MASON

### #940—Only a Step

## CLOSING PRAYER

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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

**Today**

- Singing at The Heights
- Area-Wide Singing: Giddings

***This Week***

24—SABC Lunch  
24—GJHS VB @ Mountain Valley  
24—SJHS VB v. Louise  
27—SJHS FB @ Ganado  
27—Tigers v. Team F  
29—Tigers v. Team F

**Next Sunday**

- Fall Fellowship

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LOCAL MINISTER: CLAY MASON

## COMMITTEES

*Worship & Education*  
Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johnson,  
Clay Mason

## Facilities

Zach Babb, Perry Winegeart

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



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## Clay's Corner

When Godly influence dies, so too does a nation. When those who once relied on God begin to rely on things other than God, disaster is soon to follow. As one reads through the Bible, there are numerous frightening statements.

Included among them should be Judges 2:10:  
*All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.*

In my personal opinion, the generation in Israel that began the conquest of Canaan was perhaps the most devout and devoted generation of Israelites in the Old Testament. Their leader, Joshua, knew God's actions both just before Israel left Egypt and in the period of their wilderness wandering. Israel was blessed with a leader who trusted both God's ability to keep His promises and God's ability to care for Israel. How fortunate they were to be blessed by leadership with confidence in God! Not only did Joshua lead Israel with confidence in God, but he also influenced those who served with him to keep and grow in their confidence in God.

However, the time came when Joshua died. After his death, the time came when the men who were influenced by Joshua's faith in God also died. The generation who were not influenced by Joshua's faith became everything Joshua was not. That generation both did not know God, and were unaware of how God blessed Israel. Whereas Joshua represented a generation of understanding, that generation represented a generation of ignorance.

In their ignorance, they lived and acted like people who did not know God. They did two things uncharacteristic of Israel under Joshua (Judges 2:11) — 1. they did evil, and 2. they turned to the idolatry of the Canaanites by worshipping Baal and his family. As a result, they made God angry. As a consequence, God allowed them to serve their enemies. Their enemies plundered them. Rather than God being helpful to them, God opposed Israel. The end result was severe distress (Judges 2:15).

There are three powerful lessons we should learn from these hard times in Israel. First, as important as our actions are in distressful times (like Israel's wilderness wanderings), equally important are our actions in times of prosperity. Do we only need and depend on God when times are difficult?

Second, we should never underestimate the effectiveness of godly influence. When our faith in God is obviously our source of strength, our effectiveness in our influence may reach far beyond our awareness. The most effective value of godliness in our lives may be seen in God's influence on the way we live rather than words.

Third, we are rarely more than a generation away from people forgetting God. Israel went from Joshua's godly influence to a generation who did not know God in a few years. Israel went from exceptionally effective expressions of trust and godliness to a dismal failure to know God in just one generation.

If you are genuinely concerned about the next generation being a generation of faith in God, have faith in God yourself in your life now. The finest way to produce a believing generation is to be a believing generation.

## PRAYER LIST

- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Aaron Banks**
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
- **Helen Davis** (hospice)
- **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)
- **Family and friends of Mike Pitts** (Don's brother)
- **Junior and Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's brother-in-law and sister—health)
- **Family and friends of Edna Randall** (Hahns' friend)
- **Maria Rhodes**
- **Penny Rhodes** (concussion)
- **Fabian Riojas** (Maria Rhode's uncle—health)
- **Family and friends of Parker Robertson** (Ratliffs' friend)
- **Jocelyn Seals** (Hallettsville—cancer)
- **David Taylor** (Cody Chrismon's uncle—cancer)
- **Adrienne Zingrich** (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer)

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](mailto:victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org).

## PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Parker Robertson** who passed away last Saturday, Oct. 15. Parker was only six years old. He was a dear family friend of the Ratliffs. Funeral services were held yesterday in Boerne.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Edna Randall**, friend of the Hahns, who recently passed away.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 time of singing and fellowship.

**Area-Wide Singing: Giddings**  
Giddings Church of Christ (424 S Chambers St.) is hosting an area-wide singing **TODAY at 5:30 p.m.** Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

**Southern Africa Bible College Lunch**  
You're invited to a Dutch treat lunch **TOMORROW** at Luby's (4542 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, 78201). Meet SABC's CEO, and former South African Ambassador to the UN, Fred Bergh, as well as SABC Board Member, Hubert Ramagwede. Learn about 50 years of outreach in Southern Africa and plans for the next 50 years. **Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at noon.** Come and go as you please. All are welcome. Contact Kirk Eason at 512-965-0382 or [keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org](mailto:keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org) for more info.

**Ladies Bible Class**  
Ladies Bible Class resumes **this Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 8:30 a.m. at Jennie Chrismon's house in Shiner.** The book for class is *Wives After God: Encouraging Each Other in Faith and Marriage* by Jennifer Smith and costs \$16. Please contact Jennie if you would like more information.

**Fall Fellowship**  
You're invited to fall fellowship at the Hendershots on **next Sunday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m.** Please bring soups, sandwiches, or finger foods. Costumes are encouraged!

**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 BBQ chicken. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us.

**Socktober**  
Throughout the month of October, Reigna and Penny Rhodes are collecting sock donations. They will start distributing socks to those in need in mid-November. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the foyer or contact Maria at 830-339-1105.

**Fleetwood Church of Christ Gospel Meeting**  
Fleetwood Church of Christ (15935 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77094) invites you to their 2nd Annual Fall Gospel Meeting, "The Urgency of God's Word," **November 6-9.** Keynote speaker is Robert Stapleton, Director of the Brown Trail School of Preaching.

**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 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.

**Mark Your Calendars:**  
*November*  
9—Directory Picture Day (additions and updates)  
13—Directory Picture Day (additions and updates)  
Youth Sunday at Rocky Creek  
16—ISF Thanksgiving Dinner Prep  
18—ISF Thanksgiving Dinner  
20—Men's Meeting

## YOUTH ZONE



**MONDAY, OCT. 24**  
*JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL*  
**GONZALES 7TH "B" @ MOUNTAIN VALLEY, 5 P.M.**  
(CANYON LAKE)  
**SHINER V. LOUISE, 5 P.M.**  
**GONZALES 7TH "A" @ MOUNTAIN VALLEY, 6 P.M.**  
(CANYON LAKE)

Hunter Babb—Shiner Youth Soccer, Tigers  
Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Football  
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Volleyball  
Megan Epley—Shiner Jr High Volleyball



**THURSDAY, OCT. 27**  
*JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL*  
**SHINER @ GANADO, 5 P.M.**  
*SHINER YOUTH SOCCER*  
TIGERS V. TEAM F, 5:30 P.M. (GREEN DICKSON PARK)  
**SATURDAY, OCT. 29**  
*SHINER YOUTH SOCCER*  
TIGERS V. TEAM A, 10:30 A.M. (GREEN DICKSON PARK)



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