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**WELCOME, GUESTS! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.
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.**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
This Week

Order of Worship

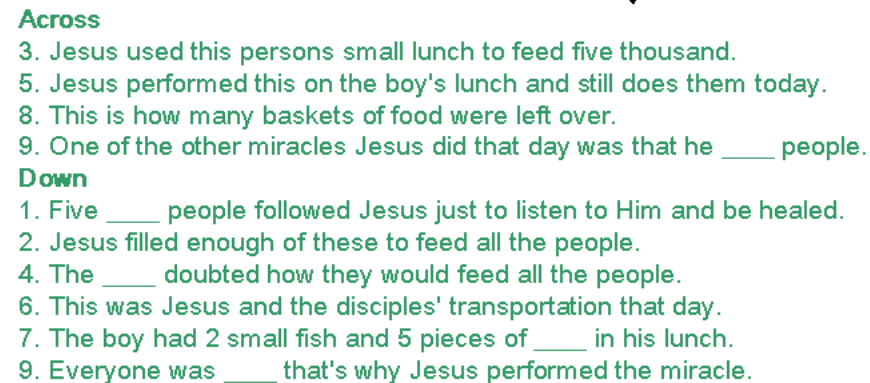
SONG LEADER: ROSS HENDERSHOT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

5—SJHS Boys BKB @ Yorktown
5—SJHS Girls BKB v. Yorktown
6—GHS Girls BKB v. Floresville
8—GJHS Girls BKB v. Cuero
8-10—GHS Girls BKB @ Flatonia
Tournament

December

15—Ladies Christmas Party
18—Men's Meeting
18—Pancake Supper with Santa
25—Christmas Day,
No Bible Classes

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<p>#71—<i>As the Deer</i> #76—<i>How Great Thou Art</i></p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES <i>Birthdays</i> 10—Steven Faires</p>
<p>OPENING PRAYER</p>	
<p>#166—<i>He's My King</i> #344—<i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i></p>	
<p>LORD'S SUPPER</p>	
<p>OFFERING</p>	
<p>SERMON: CLAY MASON</p>	<p>LOCAL MINISTER: CLAY MASON</p>
<p>#662—<i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i></p>	
<p>CLOSING PRAYER</p>	<p>COMMITTEES <i>Worship & Education</i> Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johnson, Clay Mason <i>Facilities</i> Zach Babb, Perry Winegeart <i>Finance & Benevolence</i> Zach Babb, Ross Hendershot, Henry Lind, Clay Mason, Edwin Weaver</p>

Clay's Corner

Question: "What does the Bible say about peace?"

Answer: Peace is something everyone wants, yet few seem to find. What is peace? It can be defined as “tranquility, harmony, or security.” Depending on the situation, it could mean “prosperity” or “well-being.” Various forms of the word peace are found 429 times in the King James Version of the Bible. There are different types of peace, including false peace, inner peace, peace with God and peace with man.

In the Old Testament, the primary Hebrew word for “peace” is shalom, and it refers to relationships between people (Genesis 34:21), nations (1 Kings 5:12), and God with men (Psalm 85:8). Peace is a desired status in each of these arenas, and shalom is often tied to a covenant or a promise kept. A familiar friend (literally, “friend of my peace” in Psalm 41:9) is one with whom you would be at ease, a trusted companion. “Peace” was the standard greeting (1 Samuel 25:6), still used in many cultures today.

Peace is directly related to the actions and attitudes of individuals; but it is ultimately a gift from God (Isaiah 45:7; Leviticus 26:6; John 14:27). The presence of peace indicates God's blessing on man's obedience (Isaiah 32:17; Malachi 2:5) and faith (Isaiah 26:3). There is no peace for the wicked (Isaiah 48:22).

As valuable as peace is, it is not surprising to find that it is sometimes counterfeited. Empty promises of peace can be used to manipulate others. Deceitful men speak words of peace while secretly planning evil (Obadiah 1:7). The Antichrist will confirm a treaty, producing a temporary peace which he will then abruptly shatter as he reveals his true colors (Daniel 9:27). False teachers proclaim peace when God is actually proclaiming judgment (Ezekiel 13:10-16). In Jeremiah's day, the religious leaders dealt only with the symptoms of the national problems, without addressing the sinful root of the crisis. These false prophets declared everything was well between God and Israel: “Peace, peace,” they said, when there was no real peace (Jeremiah 6:14).

In the New Testament, the primary Greek word for “peace” is eirene, and it refers to rest and tranquility. A key focus of peace in the New Testament is the advent of Jesus Christ, as announced by the angels in Luke 2:14 (“Peace on earth . . .”). Isaiah had predicted the Messiah would be the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and He is called the Lord of peace in 2 Thessalonians 3:16. It is through Christ's work of justification that we can have peace with God (Romans 5:1), and that peace will keep our hearts and minds secure (Philippians 4:7).

God commands us to seek peace (Psalm 34:14; Matthew 5:9). We should “make every effort to do what leads to peace” (Romans 14:19). Of course, there will be some people who do not desire peace, but we are still to do our utmost to be at peace with them (Romans 12:18).

Believers have an obligation to “let the peace of God rule” in their hearts (Colossians 3:15). This means we have the choice either to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers. Jesus gave His disciples peace based on the truth that He has overcome the world (John 14:27; 16:33). Peace is a fruit of the Spirit, so, if we are allowing the Spirit of God to rule in our lives, we will experience His peace. To be spiritually minded brings life and peace, according to Romans 8:6.

The world will continue to have wars and interpersonal conflicts until Jesus comes to establish true, lasting peace (see Isaiah 11:1-10), but God will give His peace to those who trust Him. Jesus took the chastisement of our peace (Isaiah 53:5) and has made it possible for us to have peace with God. Once His peace rules in our hearts, we are able to share that peace with others; we become publishers of peace (Isaiah 52:7) and ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

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PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (health)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Aaron Banks**
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
- **Samantha Davilas** (James Rhodes's co-worker, car accident)
- **Family of Helen Davis**
- **Dixie** (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- **Paul Faires** (health)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**

- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe's father—throat cancer)
- **Herbert and Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Sandra Jetton** (health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Edward Jungbauer** (Moerbes' friend—health)
- **Junior and Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's brother-in-law and sister—health)
- **James and Maria Rhodes**
- **Penny Rhodes** (concussion)
- **Fabian Riojas** (Maria Rhode's uncle—health)
- **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.

PRAYER UPDATES

Lauren Babb continues to undergo testing as doctors look to find what is causing her pressure to remain low.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Christmas Party

You're invited to our annual ladies' Christmas party on **Thursday, Dec. 15 (please note date change) at 6:30 p.m.** at Stacia Sweeney's house. Please bring appetizers, finger foods, etc. to share. Please also bring a wrapped present (\$15 limit) for our gift exchange.

Legacy Ranch Gift Drive

This Christmas season, you have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift for a child in need. Children at Legacy Ranch were able to make wish lists, and the Ranch put together an Amazon list so that you can buy a gift a child really wants. Shopping through the Amazon list will ship the gifts directly to the ranch. The link Legacy Ranch's Amazon wish list is: <http://a.co/0sbcRlt>. We also have a box in the foyer where you may drop off unwrapped gifts accompanied by a gift bag.

Legacy Ranch Christmas Gathering

On Saturday, Dec. 10, Legacy Ranch is hosting its annual Christmas party for foster children and foster families. **They are seeking food donations, particularly one pre-cooked ham and five pounds of mashed potatoes.** Food may be dropped off in the annex for pick up on Friday evening or may be dropped off at the ranch by 11 a.m. on Saturday. Please contact Victoria Johnson if you are interested in helping with this request.

Pancake Supper with Santa

This year's Pancake Supper with Santa is **Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m.** in the annex. There will be crafts for the kids, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, and of course pancakes! Following the pancake supper, we will move to the auditorium for a Christmas program and devotional.

Please sign up in the foyer if you are available to help or are able to provide pancake or hot chocolate toppings.

December Calendars

December calendars are now available. Be sure to pick one up in the foyer to take home with you.

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 taco soup. 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. 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.**

Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

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.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class continues **this Tuesday, Dec. 6, 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. Please contact Jennie if you would like more information.

Holiday Schedule

On **Sunday, Dec. 25**, and **Sunday, Jan. 1**, Bible classes will NOT meet. We will have only morning worship service at its regularly scheduled time, 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH ZONE

MONDAY, DEC. 5
JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL
SHINER @ YORKTOWN, 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL
SHINER V. YORKTOWN, 5:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, DEC. 6
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
GONZALES V. FLORESVILLE, 6:30 P.M.



THURSDAY, DEC. 8
JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL
GONZALES 7TH "B" V. CUERO 5 P.M. (GHS OLD GYM)
GONZALES 7TH "A" V. CUERO, 6 P.M. (GHS OLD GYM)
DECEMBER 8-10
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
GONZALES @ FLATONIA TOURNAMENT

Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Boys Basketball
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Girls Basketball
Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales 7th Girls Basketball

Morgan Mason—Gonzales HS Girls Basketball
Carly Pustka—Shiner Jr High Girls Basketball