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| | 2/19Ralph Mason/Edwin Weaver | 2/26Ross Hendershot | FebruaryFougerat |
| | 2/26Kevin Johnson | 3/5Perry Winegeart | MarchKuchynka |
| ROTATION | 3/5Cody Chrismon/Ross Hendershot | 3/12Cody Chrismon | AprilMason |
| | 3/12Herb Hahn/Perry Winegeart | 3/19Ross Hendershot | MayHendershot |

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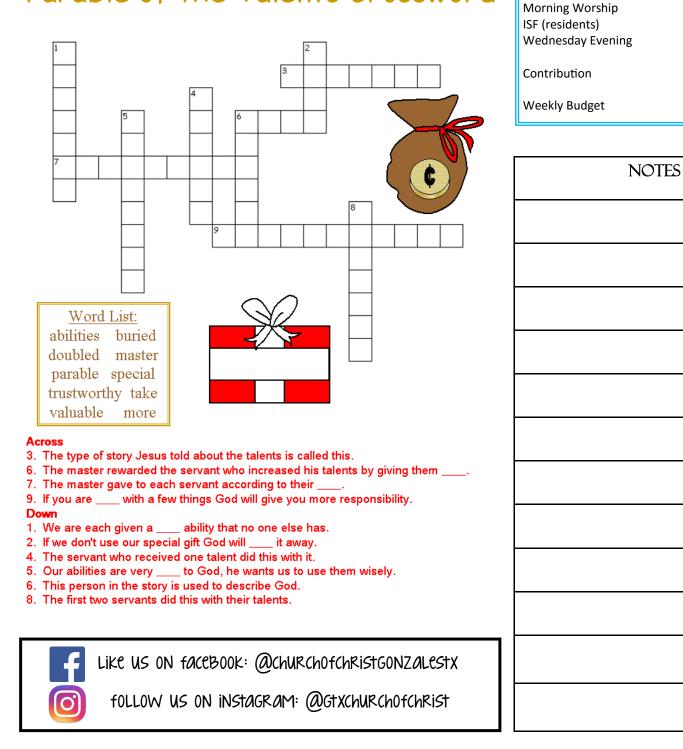
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| TEACHER ROTATION | SUNDAYS | WEDNESDAYS |
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| DECEMBER-FEBRUARY | 2 years-KindergartenSharron Mason 1st-3rd GradesPam Lind 4th-6th GradesSusan Barnick 7th-12th GradesKevin Johnson AdultHenry Lind | 2 years-1st gradeMary Mason 2nd-6th gradesJennie Chrismon 7th-12th gradesClay Mason AdultCody Chrismon |

Parable of the Talents Crossword



February 19, 2017

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.

Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: CODY CHRISMON

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#123—The Steadfast Love of the Lord #47—Holy, Holy, Holy #779—I Love You, Lord

OPENING PRAYER

#354—I Gave My Life for Thee

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#646—Onward, Christian Soldiers

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#791—On Bended Knee

CLOSING PRAYER

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MEETING TIMES Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Meal—5:15 p.m. Midweek – 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS This Week –GHS SB v. Victoria West –GHS @ Weimar Relays 24—SJHS Track @ Gonzales 23-25—GHS SB @ Jourdanton Tournament Next Sunday Fellowship Meal Singing at The Heights March 4—Church Yard Cleanup 5—VBS Planning Meeting 15—Community Lunch Series 26—Teacher Appreciation Day

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **Birthdays** 20—Cody Chrismon 25—Mason Ratliff

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

Why you don't love Les Miserables as much as you thought you did

You might have seen the recent musical movie Les Miserables and declared that you love it. But you probably don't love it as much as you thought you did.

Victor Hugo wrote the massive book Les Mis for 2 reasons. 1) He wanted to make a living. 2) He wanted to change French culture in the mid-19th century. The French economy was in ruins after the political upheavals that began the 19th century and it was a time where there was a sharp divide between the "Haves" and the "Have Nots." The term "Les Miserables" means "the miserable" or "the poor."

In the book (spoiler alerts on!) Jean Valjean is imprisoned for stealing bread and the sentence is lengthened for a failed escape attempt. When Jean Valjean is released from jail, he turns to crime to live because no one would help him. He stole silverware from a priest that took him in. The authorities captured him and took him to the priest. Valjean stated that the priest gave him the silverware as a gift. In a surprising move of grace, the priest affirms this lie and in fact gives Valiean the expensive silver candlesticks as well. The priest commands Valiean to use the money to become a decent human.

Now here's where the book and the movie part ways for a second. In the book, Valjean immediately follows this act of unmerited grace by stealing money from a boy. He is overcome with guilt. He tries to find the boy and give back the money but he cannot. Even though he was forgiven, he was still a criminal at heart. Years later, Valjean became a factory owner and the mayor of his town, but he could not find redemption. He became aware of the plight of one of his workers who was fired due to a corrupt system he put in place in his factory. This woman, one of the countless "Miserables," was Fontaine. Valjean pledged to the critically ill Fontaine that he would care for her daughter. The rest of the book follows Valjean as he keeps the promise he made to Fontaine to watch over Cosette. It is in caring for Cosette that he finally finds the absolution of his earlier life.

I love Les Mis, but it makes me really uncomfortable as well. The challenge of this is not to love people from afar, but to love them and accept them personally. Valiean did not love "Les Miserables" as an abstract class of people but he became personally involved in the life of one person. Valjean's life changed when he invested his life in the life of one individual.

Jesus has said that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to "the least of these." He spent his time among "Les Miserables" of his day. He invested in them. As his followers we have the same call. This call is beyond giving money to a cause, but to personally know and interact with another human. How do you think that personally investing the life of one person living in poverty, desperation, or despair would change your life? Do you really love Les Mis after all?

-Jordan Hubbard

PRAYER LIST

- Pauline Alvarez (health)
- Lauren Babb (health)
- **Aaron Banks**
- John Beiler (health)
- **Jennell Bransom** (recovering from surgery)
- **Dawn Clarke** (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—Texan nursing home)
- **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, Herb: The Heights 331)
- Debbie Jalufka
- Sandra Jetton (health)
- Kevin and Victoria Johnson (healthy pregnancy/baby) Junior and Ada Powell (Sharron Mason's brother-in-
- law and sister—health, Junior in hospice)
- Adrienne Zingrich (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer)

PRAYER UPDATES

Rex Boggs had a successful procedure on Wednesday and is recovering well.

Betty Cox, Brent Barnick's sister, is now at Texan Nursing and Rehab.

Herb Hahn was released from the hospital on Thursday and moved to The Heights, room 331.

Congratulations to Henry and Pam Lind who welcomed granddaughter Odessa Lind Heilker on February 14 at 7 lbs, 13 oz!

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

SABC Sunday

Next Sunday, Feb. 26, Kirk Eason from Southern Africa Bible College (SABC) will join us. Kirk will make a special presentation about SABC during class time and will preach during morning worship service.

Fellowship Meal

Please join us for our monthly fellowship meal next Sunday, Feb. 26, immediately following morning worship. Those who are able are asked to bring a dish to share.

Singing at The Heights

Please join us next Sunday, Feb. 26, at 3:30 p.m. at The Heights of Gonzales nursing home for our monthly singing and fellowship.

Church Yard Cleanup

Please make plans to help with our church yard cleanup on Saturday, March 4, beginning at 8 a.m.

VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for VBS on Sunday, March 5, immediately following morning worship. This vear's VBS will be held June 11-14.

Community Lunch Series

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Community Lunch Series at First Baptist of Gonzales on Wednesday, March 15 at noon. Clay is delivering the message and lunch is provided immediately following at First United Methodist.

Service Project: Stock the Rainbow Room

The Gonzales County Child Protective Services (CPS) Rainbow Room is currently in need of donations. Please pick up a flyer in the foyer for a list of most-needed items. A collection box to receive donations is located in the foyer.

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 chili dogs. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.



Congratulations to our youth who had excellent showings at the San Antonio Stock Show: Junior Brahman Heifer Šhow Matthew Mason-Ist Place-Group I Morgan Mason—2nd Place—Group 2 Kayla Mason—5th Place—Group 2 Cole Hendershot—Ist Place—Group 13



TUESDAY, FEB. 21 HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL VICTORIA WEST, 6:30 P.M. FEB. 23-25 HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL **GONZALES @ JOURDANTON TOURNAMENT**

Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field Rae'Anna Flores—Gonzales Jr High Track & Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

Canyon Lake Ladies Day

You're invited to Ladies Day at Canyon Lake Church on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is provided. This year's theme is "Making Christ the Lord of Your Life in Every Season of Your Life!" and features speaker Becky Blackmon, author of The Pearl Seeker and The Begging Place. RSVPs are due by Saturday, Feb. 25.

Mark Your Calendars

March 26—Teacher Appreciation Day April 9—Egg Hunt & Family Field Day

YOUTH ZONE





Coach Kevin Johnson—Gonzales HS Girls Track & Field Morgan Mason—Gonzales HS Varsity Softball, Track & Field Cassidy Pitts—Gonzales Jr High Track & Field