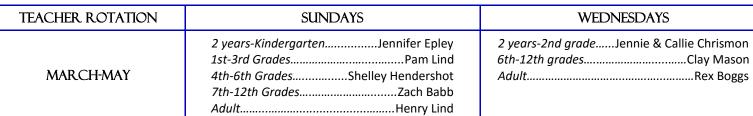
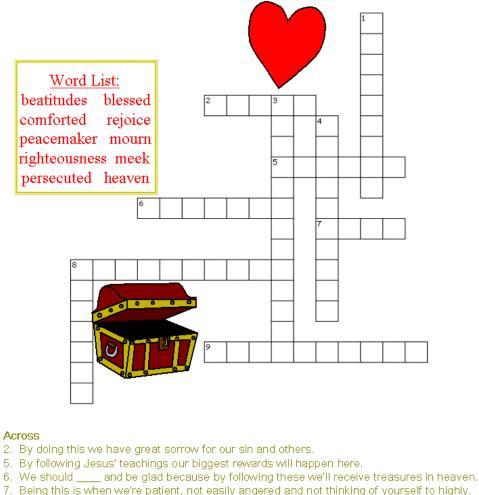
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SERVANT ROTATION	4/2Cody Chr	ismon/Ross Hendershot	4/9Pe	erry Winegeart	April	Mason
	4/9Herb	Hahn/Perry Winegeart	4/160	Cody Chrismon	May	Hendershot
	4/16Ralp	h Mason/Edwin Weaver	4/23	Jacob White	June	Sweeney
	4/23	Kevin Johnson	4/30Rc	ss Hendershot	July	TBD
	4/30	Clay Mason				



Sermon on the Mount Crossword



- 8. This is the name of the first twelve verses of the Sermon on the Mount
- 9. What will happen if you follow God because its opposite to the world's ways.
- Down
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be _____.
- 3. We're supposed to hunger and thirst for this.
- 4. This is a person that stops fights and will be called a child of God.
- 8. The first word of each beatitude.



LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS					
Bible Study	36				
Morning Worship	47				
ISF (residents)	8				
Contribution	\$1,363.00				
Special Contribution	\$100.00				
Weekly Budget	\$2,098.00				

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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.

Order of Worship

SONG LEADER: JACOB WHITE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#395 –Follow Me #410—*He Leadeth Me*

OPENING PRAYER

#332—Lead Me to Calvary

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#450—*Give Me the Bible* #744—God's Family

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#810—Listen to Our Hearts

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 3—SJHS Track @ District Meet 5-6—GHS Track @ District Meet 7—GHS SB @ Austin Eastside Next Sunday Family Field Day & Easter Egg

Hunt April 16—Easter Sunday 23—Men's Meeting 23—Singing at The Heights 30—Johnson Baby Shower

30—5th Sunday Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Anniversaries 8—Phil & Stacia Sweeney (5th)

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

'This is not the worst thing that can happen to us'

"In this world you will have troubles, but take heart I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

Along with the rest of the world, I was horrified by the brutal beheading of 21 Egyptian Coptic Christians by the Islamic State — an attempt to strike fear in anyone with an internet connection and a heart.

Tactical. Shrewd. Evil.

I immediately thought of my Coptic Christian friends. While my wife and I were students at Harding University, we spent a couple of weeks traveling in Egypt. Even then, the Coptic community was feeling persecuted in their predominantly Muslim homeland. They were cautious to identify themselves publicly, but several whispered to us "I follow Jesus too," and the like.

Sometimes they didn't have to say anything — like Jasar.

We met Jasar when we stopped at a kiosk to get a snack. He had an Arabic Bible open in his lap. He told me that Jesus followers were all around us, trying to live at peace with people who don't believe like they do.

Often, Egyptians are confused by Christianity and American culture, he said. I soon understood what he meant. Before we left, a Muslim gave me a handwritten note — addressed to me, then-president George W. Bush and Condoleezza Rice. I've kept it for more than 13 years:

Americans: Please tell your film censor board not to release any pop albums which are of bad scenes. This will affect our children in bad manner. Thank you for your presence.

The man who gave it to me told me that he could never be a Christian because he believed that sex was meant only for marriage and shouldn't be degraded the way he saw it portrayed on imported television shows and songs from the West.

The Islamic State makes the same mistake — assuming that the way of Jesus is embodied by American culture, politics, territory. The murder of the Coptic Christians is a letter, "signed in blood to the nation of the Cross," they claim.

I'm a part of this nation of the Cross. It has no borders. It is a worldwide community of people who believe that this act of brutality is not the worst thing that can happen to us. Murder doesn't silence the voices of the slain. Their blood cries out to God.

Fear-driven acts of bullying only strengthen our resolve to lay down our lives. "The blood of Christians is the seed of Christianity," one early Jesus follower wrote, during a much scarier time than this. And he was right.

Back to Jasar, my Coptic Christian friend. After visiting with him for a few minutes, I asked him to read John 16:33. His rough translation from his Arabic Bible was this: "This life and the world you live in will be hard, but don't be anxious. I win."

Come soon, Lord Jesus.

- JONATHAN STORMENT-Christian Chronicle, February 2015 Storment is preaching minister for the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. See jonathanstorment.com for an expanded version of this piece and thoughts on leadership, church and culture.

PRAYER LIST

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

- Pauline Alvarez (health)
- Lauren Babb (health)
- Aaron Banks
- John Beiler (health)
- **Jim Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon's great uncle—health)
- **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)
- **Kameron Glass** (recovery from surgery, broken ankle)
- Herbert and Nelle Hahn (health)
- Debbie Jalufka •
- Sandra Jetton (health) ٠
- Kevin and Victoria Johnson (healthy pregnancy/baby) ٠
- Ada Powell (Sharron Mason's sister—health) ٠
- **Jean Rice** (Rex Boggs's cousin—health)
- Randall Sweeney (recovering from surgery) .
- Adrienne Zingrich (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer) .

Family Field Day & Easter Egg Hunt

Please make plans to join us for a Family Field Day & Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday, April 9. We will have a potluck lunch in the annex immediately following morning worship. Anyone who is able is asked to bring a dish to share. At the conclusion of lunch, we will have an Easter egg hunt for the smaller children. Then, after the hunt, we will have family field day games. Please bring a change of clothes that can get a little wet and a little dirty.

Easter Egg Candy

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be Sunday, April 9. The congregation is asked to bring candy or pre-stuffed eggs to the church **TODAY**.

Field Day Supplies

Following our Easter egg hunt on April 9, we will have a family field day. Please pick up a list of needed supplies in the foyer. If you have any of the items on the list, please contact Kevin or Victoria, or bring the items to the church **TODAY**.

Host Family Needed

Volunteers are needed to host April's 5th Sunday Fellowship on April 30. Please contact Victoria Johnson if you are interested in hosting this event.

Peach Valley Bar-B-Q Fundraiser

Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp is hosting its Annual Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on Saturday, April 29. A silent auction will follow. Please sign up in the foyer if you are able to prepare a dessert. Desserts need to be to the annex by 9:30 a.m. that morning. Please see Peggy or Pauline if you have items you can donate for the silent auction.

Baby Shower

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Kevin and Victoria Johnson on Sunday, April 30, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Stacia Sweeney. Kevin and Victoria are registered at Wal-Mart, Target, Babies 'R' Us. and Babylist.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 3 JUNIOR HIGH TRACK AND FIELD SHINER @ DISTRICT MEET (WEIMAR) LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL ASTROS @ REDS, 6 P.M. (FIELD 3) LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL METS V. CUERO RANGERS, 7 P.M. (FIELD 1 TUESDAY, APRIL 4 HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS *LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL* CUBS @ YANKEES, 7 P.M. (FIELD 1)

Hunter Babb—Cubs (Shiner Baseball)

Caden Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field,

Mets (Shiner Baseball)

Callie Chrismon—Astros (Shiner Softball)

Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Track & Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **potato soup**. 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.

Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. To help, please sign up in the fover. If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send your ménu 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 Class

Ladies Class continues this Tuesday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at Jennie Chrismon's house in Shiner. We are continuing the series Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy by Kelly Minter. For more information, please contact Jennie.

Mark Your Calendars

May 7—Senior Sunday

