

Outsiders and insiders

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’

“So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.”
— **Matthew 22:8-10, New International Version**

My mother was burned by the church, so she warned me to be wary,
And a picture was painted with paint that was tainted,
And church became a place that was scary.

Church was a building; I was an outsider looking in,
And a perception was formed and developed deep within.
That church was a place for the worthy, and I did not belong,
And it took someone from the inside to reach me on the outside.
To teach me I had it all wrong

And it came through action followed by word.
Because a Gospel that is lived is a Gospel that is heard.
And what’s absurd is I was blinded by deception, wounded by rejection.
But because someone was His reflection, I experienced resurrection.

His love has no exceptions. That’s the Gospel truth.
He loves the exiled and broken, not just those in the pews.
And I refuse to believe that His love can be earned.
Because it wouldn’t be the Gospel if it was something we deserved.

Outsiders and insiders, all welcome to the table.
Not because we are worthy, but because He is able
And because He is able, a beautiful cycle begins
Where outsiders become insiders to welcome outsiders in.

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Muir is a graduate of Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., with a degree in theology and ministry. She attends the Ethos Church of Christ in Nashville, where she is training to plant churches. Her dream is to help reconcile the divide between churches and outsiders — like she used to be — by helping congregations consider ways they can serve missionally in their communities.

PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (health)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Aaron Banks**
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **James Bohannon** (Rex Boggs’s cousin—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)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Family and friends of Morgan Farrar**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe’s father—throat cancer)
- **Family and friends of Herbert Hahn**
- **Josh Horn** (Jacob White’s cousin—health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Kevin and Victoria Johnson** (healthy pregnancy/baby)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason’s sister—health)
- **Jean Rice** (Rex Boggs’s cousin—health)
- **Randall Sweeney** (recovering from surgery)
- **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

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Morgan Farrar**, a sixth-grader at North Avenue Intermediate, who was killed in an ATV accident on Saturday, April 22. Funeral services were held Thursday at First United Methodist in Gonzales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower

You’re invited to a baby shower honoring **Kevin and Victoria Johnson TODAY 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.

Senior Sunday

Please join us **next Sunday** as we honor graduating seniors Morgan Mason and Kameron Glass. A celebratory lasagna lunch will be provided in the annex following morning worship.

Courtesy Reminder

Let’s help out our cleaning crew. Please remember to return the songbooks to the racks and take your trash with you when you leave. Thanks for your help!

Mother’s Day Breakfast

You’re invited to Mother’s Day breakfast in the annex at **8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 14**. A pancake breakfast will be served by the men and children. If you can help, please contact Zach Babb. Servers, please plan to arrive at 8 a.m.

FCA End of Year Cookout

You’re invited to the Gonzales FCA End of Year Cookout on **Thursday, May 18, from 5:30-8 p.m. at East Avenue Lions Park Pavilion**. We would appreciate dessert donations. If you are able to help at the cookout, please contact Kevin Johnson. We will be grilling hot dogs and playing slip-n-slide kickball.

VBS Meeting

Please mark your calendars. ALL VBS Volunteers will meet **Sunday, May 21**, immediately following morning worship.

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.**

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 **pulled pork**. 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: 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 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.

YOUTH ZONE



MONDAY, MAY 1
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL
ASTROS V. MARLINS, 6 P.M. (FIELD 5)

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
METS @ TIGERS, 7 P.M. (FIELD 1)

TUESDAY, MAY 2
TEE BALL
BREWERS V. ATHLETICS, 6 P.M. (FIELD 1)
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
CUBS @ PHILLIES, 7 P.M. (FIELD 2)

Hunter Babb—Cubs (Shiner Baseball)
Madelyn Babb—Brewers (Shiner Tee Ball)
Caden Chrismon— Shiner Jr High Tennis,
Mets (Shiner Baseball)



THURSDAY, MAY 4
JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS
TOURNAMENT @ SHINER
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL
ASTROS V. REDS, 6 P.M. (FIELD 5)
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
METS V. DODGERS, 7:30 P.M. (FIELD 2)



Callie Chrismon—Astros (Shiner Softball)
Jacy Chrismon—Shiner Jr High Tennis