

TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
MARCH-MAY	<i>2 years-Kindergarten.....Jennifer Epley</i> <i>1st-3rd Grades.....Pam Lind</i> <i>4th-6th Grades.....Shelley Hendershot</i> <i>7th-12th Grades.....Zach Babb</i> <i>Adult.....Henry Lind</i>	<i>2 years-2nd grade.....Jennie & Callie Chrismon</i> <i>6th-12th grades.....Clay Mason</i> <i>Adult.....Rex Boggs</i>

About the Bible Anagram

An illustration of an open book. The left page features a large yellow cross. The right page is blank, with a purple bookmark visible at the top. The book has a brown spine and yellowish-tan covers.

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LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS	
Bible Study	25
Morning Worship	61
Wednesday Evening	17
Contribution	\$1410.10
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

#859—*When All of God's Singers Get Home*
#112—*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

OPENING PRAYER

#517—*Heaven Came Down*
#315—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

#711—*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

SERMON: CLAY MASON

#552—Have Thine Own Way

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

- Fellowship Meal
- Singing at The Heights

This Week

29—Brewers v. Blue Jays
29—Astros v. Reds
30—Cubs @ Rangers
1—Astros @ Reds
1—Mets v. Tigers
2—Watermelon on The Square
2—Cubs v. Phillies

June

9—Watermelon on The Square
11– 14—VBS: Maker Fun Factory
16—Watermelon on The Square
18—Father’s Day
23—Watermelon on The Square
25—Fellowship Meal
25—Singing at The Heights
30—Watermelon on The Square

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1—Matthew Mason

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



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A journey to baptism through Fallujah

Recently, the Iraqi army launched an offensive to retake Fallujah, Iraq, from the Islamic State.

In 2004, another massive offensive by U.S. troops liberated the city, which is 40 miles to the west of my hometown of Baghdad. I was a civil engineer at the time, and the Department of Public Works assigned me and another engineer to restore public services, assess the damage to the city’s sewage system and to choose a piece of land for the new Fallujah’s Sewerage Office. We worked with two local engineers.

The city is — or was — known to be very rich, very religious. And even the National Rifle Association would say that they have too many guns. When we arrived, it was quiet, scary and dead. Its fancy buildings had big holes, its mosques’ minarets were lying on the ground. The city’s fortunate people had abandoned it. There wasn’t any traffic. Kids had to step over fallen bricks to go to their school. Its roof had fallen to the floor.

We used our leveling devices and measuring tapes to gather data. Then we went to one of the few surviving shish kabob restaurants to have lunch.

On our way to the sewage lifting station, we encountered a traffic jam. Even the local engineers were surprised to see that many cars in one place in the post-apocalyptic city. It turned out to be a U.S. Army check point — specifically for us. The soldiers motioned to us to drive into an abandoned alley between two factories, open the doors, step out of the car, put our hands in the air and “Put your faces on the (expletive) wall!”

Oh! They saw us taking measurements and they thought we were preparing for a mortar attack.

I had one thought in my mind as I stared at the ugly concrete block wall touching my nose — probably the last thing I’d ever see. In a few seconds I would face a holy God who would not be happy with most of what I did in my life.

“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16, NKJ)

Six years had passed since, after studying the Bible, I had come to realize that Jesus is the Messiah. I had searched and searched but couldn’t find someone willing to baptize me.

Would God be OK with that?

“Sir, my hand is tired, can I lower my bag?” I asked, trying to sound as American as I could.

“You speak English?” the soldier replied.

A few minutes and a couple of radio calls later, they apologized to us and set us free.

Six years later, near Tikrit, the birthplace of Saddam Hussein, I came across another U.S. Army checkpoint. Soldiers searched the 11-passenger minivan I was traveling in from Baghdad to northern Iraq.

“What are you up to?” the soldier asked.

“I’m on my way to be baptized. Don’t tell anyone,” I said in my usual, playful tone. Hours later, in a hotel bathtub, I was baptized into Christ.

WISSAM AL-AETHAWI—Christian Chronicle, July 2016
Al-Aethawi is a former Iraqi soldier and engineer who grew up Muslim, is a Christian missionary to the heavily Arab community of Dearborn, Mich. A graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas, he serves on the ministry staff of Sunset Church of Christ in Taylor, Mich., southwest of Dearborn.

PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (health—upcoming surgery, June 2)
 - **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**
 - **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**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe’s father—throat cancer)
 - **Josh Horn** (Jacob White’s cousin—health)
 - **Debbie Jalufka**
 - **Kevin and Victoria Johnson** (healthy pregnancy/baby)
 - **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat’s step-father, health)
 - **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason’s sister—health)
 - **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn’s brother—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

Pauline Alvarez is scheduled for surgery this Friday, June 2.

T.J. Reid, Nelle Hahn’s brother, was kicked by a bull and is facing a long recovery, likely at least three months.

Please continue to pray for the storm victims in Canton and Sealy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TEACHER ROTATION	SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4	2 years-Kindergarten.....Sharron Mason 1st-3rd Grades.....Cheryl Pitts 4th-6th Grades.....Debbie Fougerat 7th-12th Grades.....Ralph Mason Adult.....Clay Mason	2 years-K.....TBD 1st-6th Grades.....Zach Babb Teens & Adults.....Clay Mason

VBS Registration
Parents, if your child(ren) are planning to attend this year’s VBS, please pre-register **TODAY**. You may do so online at www.gonzaleschurchofchrist.org or you may pick up a registration form in the foyer and return it to Victoria Johnson. **This year’s VBS is June 11-14 from 6-8 p.m. and our theme is Maker Fun Factory.**

Fellowship Meal
Everyone is invited to join us **TODAY** for our monthly fellowship meal in the annex immediately following morning worship.

Singing at The Heights
Please join us **TODAY at 3:30 p.m.** at The Heights of Gonzales nursing home for our monthly singing.

Watermelon on The Square
Beginning **this Friday, June 2**, we will again be serving FREE watermelon at Confederate Square in downtown Gonzales during the Main Street Summer Concert Series every Friday evening in June. **The event runs 6-10 p.m.** If you are able, please arrive early to help with setup. Parking is also easier to find earlier in the evening. Next week’s concert features the Rocky King Band.

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.

VBS Decorator Needed
We are in need of someone to head up decorating efforts for VBS. Please contact Stacia Sweeney if you are able to help in this area.

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 Victoria your menu by Wednesday the week before.**

Memorial Wristbands
Gonzales Jr High FCA is selling wristbands in memory of Morgan Farrar, who would have been a 7th-grade cheerleader next year. The bands are \$2 each and all proceeds will be donated in Morgan’s name. Please see Kevin Johnson if you’re interested in purchasing a band.

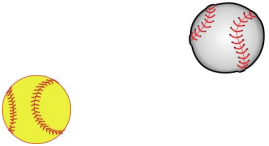
Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep
Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

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.

YOUTH ZONE

MONDAY, MAY 29
TEE BALL
BREWERS V. BLUE JAYS, 5:45 P.M. (FIELD 3)
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL
ASTROS V. REDS, 6 P.M. (FIELD 5)
TUESDAY, MAY 30
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
CUBS @ RANGERS, 7 P.M. (FIELD 2)



THURSDAY, JUNE 1
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL
ASTROS @ REDS, 6 P.M. (FIELD 5)
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
METS V. TIGERS, 7 P.M.
FRIDAY, JUNE 2
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
CUBS V. PHILLIES, 7 P.M. (FIELD 1)

Hunter Babb—Cubs (Shiner Baseball)
Madelyn Babb—Brewers (Shiner Tee Ball)

Caden Chrismon—Mets (Shiner Baseball)
Callie Chrismon—Astros (Shiner Softball)