

# Ministry & Volunteer Rotations

## ISF

Weekly—Charlie Mills  
Feb. 23—Cody Chrismon  
March 1—Ross Hendershot  
March 8—Randall Sweeney  
March 15—Ralph Mason  
March 22—Perry Winegeart  
March 29—Henry Lind

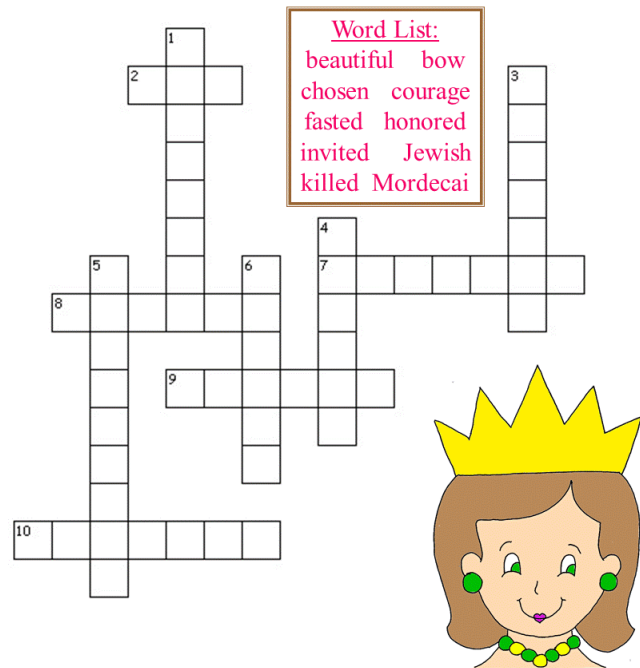
## SONG LEADER

March 1—Perry Winegeart  
March 8—Cody Chrismon  
March 15—Phil Sweeney  
March 22—Ross Hendershot

## SECURITY

Feb. 23—Zach Babb  
March 1—Henry Lind  
March 8—John Schumacher  
March 15—Ralph Mason  
March 22—Cody Chrismon  
March 29—Ross Hendershot  
April 5—Perry Winegeart

## Esther Crossword



- Across**  
2. Mordecai refused to do this to Haman, so Haman decided to get rid of all the Jews.  
7. Esther could not approach the king unless he \_\_\_\_ her first.  
8. Haman and the king didn't know that Esther was this.  
9. Esther prayed and \_\_\_\_ for three days before she went to the king.  
10. Esther was full of this as a young Queen who wanted to do the right thing.
- Down**  
1. The name of Esther's cousin.  
3. Mordecai was \_\_\_\_ by the king because he saved his life.  
4. Esther could've been \_\_\_\_ for going to the king without permission.  
5. Young Esther won the king's heart because she was so \_\_\_\_.  
6. God made Esther queen because she was \_\_\_\_ to save the Jews.

## COMMUNION PREP

February—Sweeney  
**March—TBD**  
April—Mills

## TEACHER ROTATION (DECEMBER—FEBRUARY)

### SUNDAYS

2-4 yrs—Stacia Sweeney  
K-2nd grades—Cheryl Pitts  
3rd-6th grades—Jennifer Epley  
JH/HS—Kevin Johnson  
Adults—Rotation

### WEDNESDAYS

2-5 yrs—Lauren Babb  
1st-6th grades—Debbie Fougerat  
JH/HS girls—Haley Ratliff  
Adults—Cody Chrismon

## Notes


# WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!  
Guests, so that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card from the pew rack and place it in the collection plate when it passes or leave it on the end of your pew.

## FEBRUARY 23, 2020

## Today's Service

Song Leader—Ross Hendershot

#718—*We Shall Assemble*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#123—*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

#2—*We Praise Thee, O God*

### PRAYER

#387—*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*  
#382—*Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

### LORD'S SUPPER

### OFFERING

#474—*Thank you, Lord*

### SERMON

#902—*Nothing But the Blood*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXHORTATION & CLOSING PRAYER

John Schumacher

## Meeting Times

### SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Study—9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—10:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Bible Study—6 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

## Leadership

### PREACHING MINISTER

Charlie Mills

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION

Cody Chrismon, Kevin Johnson,  
John Schumacher

### FACILITIES

Zach Babb, Perry Winegeart

### FINANCE & BENEVOLENCE

Zach Babb, Ross Hendershot, Henry Lind

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

TUESDAY, FEB. 25  
Mason Ratliff

**GONZALES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1323 SEYDLER STREET  
GONZALES, TX 78269  
830-672-2200

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# God's here now, are we usable now?

When you're in the middle of a decision and there's two sides and you have to go with one, does the size of the group influence your decision. What I mean is siding with the majority play into your decision as to go one direction or the other. I believe the majority of people stuck between a decision will go with the majority. Why? Well because if more people do one thing how wrong can it really be. This is a question many face every day and often times the majority isn't always the right way to go. Last week in chapter 19 of The Story we saw what was going on with the minority who decided to go back to Jerusalem as they were commanded to multiple times by God through multiple prophets (Isaiah 48:20; Jeremiah 50:8, 51:6, 29:10). This week we see what is going on with the Majority in Chapter 20.

Chapter 20 is dealing with the book of Esther. Chronologically this book is between Ezra chapter 6 and Ezra chapter 7 in which we have about a 58-year period. However, the events in Esther only deal with a 20-year period beginning around 483 or 484 B.C. So, the events in Esther happened between the 1st return of the Jews with Zerubbabel and the 2nd return of the Jews with Ezra. This book is unique for several reasons. The author is unknown, but some believe that either Ezra or Mordecai may have penned it. This book has been described as an island because it is unique as it does not mention God, it does not refer to the Law of Moses, and none of the other books in the Bible quote this book. The book of Esther mainly deals with the history of those Jews who did not return back to Jerusalem because they chose to stay in Persia. While God is not specifically mentioned in this book, when you read it you can see God's providence at work so that His people and the bloodline of Christ would be preserved.

There are many great lessons that we can and should learn from this book. However, there are three I want us to keep in mind this week. This book teaches us how God is watching out for us and He is working in the background. We don't always have to have a prophet telling us what God expect from us, or wondrous actions to confirm God's presence. We just have to have faith that He is doing so. As Paul said in Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." This book also teaches us the importance of always being ready to serve God. We may not know when or even how. Sometimes we may have to make a hard choice like Esther did, but we must be willing to do it when we know it will bring honor and glory to God. This is why Paul tells us to be ready for every good work in Titus 3:1. God is always present. The question is "are we a usable vessel for His works and purposes?"

## Prayers

- **Diane Acock**—health  
Lauren Babb's step-mother
- **Pauline Alvarez**—health
- **Norma Anderson**—health  
Cheryl Pitts' friend
- **Jennie Chrismon**—health
- **Dawn Clarke**
- **Paul Faires**—health  
Joyce's son
- **Steven Faires**
- **Justin Gammons**
- **Nelle Hahn**—health
- **Russ Hahn**—health
- **Brandon Jiron**—health  
Paige Mills' cousin
- **Kerri Johnson**  
Paige Mills' mother
- **Curtis Jones, Sr.**—Alzheimer's
- **Curtis Jones, III**—Army
- **Mandy Kasper**—health  
Winegearts' daughter
- **Jeanette Laging**—health
- **The Latham family**
- **Sharron Mason**—health
- **Martha McCarter**—health  
Lauren Babb's grandmother
- **Ted & Christalina Muniz**—  
marriage
- **Kevin Noack**
- **Oretha Pennock**—health  
Debbie Fougerat's mother
- **Freeman Pickett**—health
- **Don Pitts**—health
- **Sharon Saint**—health  
Zach Babb's mother
- **Calvin Salois**—health  
Winegearts' son-in-law
- **Dana Spradlin**—health
- **Casey, Barbie & Elianna Timms**—  
Elianna's health
- **Nancy Tuttle**—health  
Peggy Walls' sister
- **Lorin Watson**—health  
Victoria Johnson's father
- **Susan Williamson**—health  
Lauren Babb's mother

## By the Numbers

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Bible Study—34  
Sunday Morning—42  
Wednesday—25

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

	LAST WEEK	YTD
Offering	\$1,533	\$13,071
Special	\$400	
Budget	\$2,253	\$15,771
Difference	<b>(-\$320)</b>	<b>(-\$ 2,700)</b>

## Announcements

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please join us in the annex **TODAY** following morning service for our monthly fellowship meal. Everyone is invited!

### SINGING AT THE HEIGHTS

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

### ANNEX SUPPLY ROOM CLEAN OUT

The extra room in the annex is being cleaned and re-organized as a supply room. **Everything will be moved out to tables in the annex by March 1.** Items will be on display for about a week. If you have any items or supplies you want to keep, please pick them up from the annex. Supplies that can be used again will be kept and those not claimed or needed will be discarded.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: COMMUNION PREP

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. Please sign up in the foyer.

### NEW TEACHER ROTATION BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

#### SUNDAYS

2-4 yrs—Lauren Babb  
K-2nd grades—Cheryl Pitts  
3rd-6th grades—Jennifer Epley  
JH/HS—Zach Babb  
Adults—Rotation

#### WEDNESDAYS

2-5 yrs—Kathy Schumacher  
1st-6th grades—Paige Mills  
JH/HS girls—John Schumacher  
Adults—Charlie Mills

## Weekly Events

### SUNDAY EVENING

There is a small group that meets each Sunday evening from **5-6 p.m.** The Lord's Supper is available.

### TUESDAY MORNING

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 meets **Tuesday at noon** in the annex.

## Youth Sports & Activities

### MONDAY, FEB. 24

*HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL*  
SHINER @ HALLETTSVILLE, 4:30 P.M.

*HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS*  
SHINER TOURNAMENT

### TUESDAY, FEB. 25

*HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL*  
GONZALES @ BUDA JOHNSON, 6 P.M.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 27

*HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD*  
SHINER @ EDNA

### FRIDAY, FEB. 28

*HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL*  
GONZALES @ POTH, 5 P.M.  
*HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL*  
SHINER @ HALLETTSVILLE TOURNAMENT (JV)

*JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD*

### SHINER @ EDNA

### SATURDAY, FEB. 29

*HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD*  
GONZALES @ NAVARRO

*HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL*

SHINER @ HALLETTSVILLE TOURNAMENT

CADEN CHRISMON—SHINER HS BASEBALL, TENNIS  
CALLIE CHRISMON—SHINER JH TRACK & FIELD  
JACY CHRISMON—SHINER HS TRACK & FIELD  
BROOKE EPLEY—SHINER JH TRACK & FIELD  
MEGAN EPLEY—SHINER HS TRACK & FIELD  
COACH KEVIN JOHNSON—GONZALE HS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD  
CASSIDY PITTS—GONZALES HS SOFTBALL

IF YOU HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRAYER REQUESTS YOU WISH TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT: VICTORIA JOHNSON AT 325-518-9205 OR VICTORIA@GONZALESCHURCHOFCHRIST.ORG