

Do you Hear, or is it Silent?

If you have ever had children or have been around children a lot, you know it can get a little loud. We generally hear laughing and yelling when they’re excited even though you are only two feet away. It can sometimes be hard to not become used to some of these things and not even realize it until it’s gone. We live in a day where communication is so easily accessible. Paige and I once had a couple of brothers in our care and we would take up an average of eight smartphones combined a week. How they were able to get these with no money and limited time away from the children’s home staff still has us baffled. We tend to drop everything to have some form of communication with others. When we have the kids yelling, calling out for mom and dad nonstop, or when we have the ability to communicate at our fingertips it’s not an issue. Until it stops.

Sometimes we don’t miss a voice until it goes silent. I wonder if the Israelites felt the same anxiety we do when the voices and communication stops. At the end of the Old Testament there is a period of 400 years often referred to as “the silent years.” Years without any prophets or leaders whose words or lives were recorded in Scripture. Years where there was no voice from God. Before the silence, Ezra read the word of God to the people. His desire was that they rebuild the wall around Jerusalem for protection. And God’s greater desire was to rebuild the hearts of his people. The men, women, and children gathered together. They heard the word. They understood the word. Then they did the word.

You can hear God’s voice in the same way these people did. Through his words. God’s word was never about the voices that spoke to them or read them today. It’s about His voice. When you hear it there will be a response. The Israelites wept. Others have repented. Still others have heard good news and rejoiced. And you? If you hear it today, it can rebuild your life. The final three authors of the bible had similar messages leading into this silent period. Pray, faithfulness to God and others, and worship. These messages are the same messages we still talk about today, a key component of restoring our individual relationship with God. When we here God’s voice through the scriptures does it lead us to continual restoration of self and others

Prayers

- **Diane Acock**—health
Lauren Babb’s step-mother
 - **Pauline Alvarez**—health
 - **Norma Anderson**—health
Cheryl Pitts’ friend
 - **Family & friends of Wayne Brown**
 - **Jennie Chrismon**—health
 - **Dawn Clarke**
 - **Paul Faires**—health
Joyce’s son
 - **Steven Faires**
 - **Justin Gammons**
 - **Nelle Hahn**—health
 - **Russ Hahn**—health
 - **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

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of former member **Wayne Brown**, who passed away on Tuesday.

By the Numbers

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE		WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	
Bible Study—44		LAST WEEK	YTD
Sunday Morning—53		\$2,481	\$15,552
ISF residents—14	Offering	\$2,253	\$18,024
Wednesday—27	Budget	\$228	(-\$ 2,472)
	Difference		

Announcements

ANNEX SUPPLY ROOM CLEAN OUT
The extra room in the annex is being cleaned and re-organized as a supply room. **Everything is being moved out to tables in the annex.** 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.

W.A. MEEK MEMORIAL SERVICE
A memorial service for W.A. Meek is being held at the building on **Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m.** Prior to the service, the church is hosting a meal at **noon** for the family. **Members are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert item.** Meat will be provided. We will also host dessert and coffee after the service. We are planning the meal for approximately 50 people. Volunteers are also need to help serve. **Please contact Debbie Fougerat if you are able to help or have questions.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: EGG HUNT
Mark your calendars for our annual egg hunt on **Sunday, March 29.** More details to follow.


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, MARCH 2
Jr. High Track & Field
SHINER @ WEIMAR


TUESDAY, MARCH 3
High School Baseball
SHINER v. VICTORIA ST. JOE, 4:30 P.m.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
High School Tennis
SHINER @ HALLETTSVILLE TOURNAMENT, 8 A.M.


THURSDAY, MARCH 5
High School Softball
GONZALES @ SCHULENBURG TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
High School Softball
GONZALES @ SMITHVILLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
High School Softball
GONZALES @ SCHULENBURG 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.