

Ministry & Volunteer Rotations

ISF

Weekly—Charlie Mills
March 8—Randall Sweeney
March 15—Ralph Mason
March 22—Perry Winegeart
March 29—Henry Lind
April 5—Cody Chrismon
April 12—Ross Hendershot

SONG LEADER

March 15—Phil Sweeney
March 22—Ross Hendershot
March 29—Jared Coburn
April 5—Perry Winegeart
April 12—Cody Chrismon

SECURITY

March 8—John Schumacher
March 15—Ralph Mason
March 22—Cody Chrismon
March 29—Ross Hendershot
April 5—Zach Babb
April 12—Perry Winegeart
April 19—Henry Lind

COMMUNION PREP

March—Hendershot
April—Mills

TEACHER ROTATION (MARCH—MAY)

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

Notes

Nativity Word Search

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angels
Christmas
donkey
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Jesus
Joseph
king
manger
Mary
nativity
salvation
sheep
shepherds
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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.

MARCH 8, 2020

Today's Service

Song Leader—Cody Chrismon

#287—*There Is a Redeemer*

CALL TO WORSHIP

#96—*I Stand in Awe*

#97—*I Sing Praises*

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8—Hunter Babb

#176—*Lamb of God*

1 PETER 2:21-24 & PRAYER—Zach Babb

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

#382—*Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Shout to the Lord

HEBREWS 2:14-17—Caden Chrismon

SERMON

#470—*Victory in Jesus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXHORTATION & CLOSING PRAYER

Phil Sweeney

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

Sunday, March 22

- Singing at The Heights

Saturday, March 28

- W.A. Meek Memorial Service

Sunday, March 29

- Men's Meeting
- 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal & Egg Hunt

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

Today

Callie Chrismon

Saturday, March 14

Ross & Shelley Hendershot (28th)

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Your defense should start from the beginning

Sometimes no matter how well we know things, when asked why? We can't answer. There is a challenge to verbalize things you feel strongly about. It seems it should be easy. When we love something so much it should be easy to tell or convince people as to why they are our favorite things. You can ask a child why is that torn and worn blanket so special? Why is a raggedy doll still your favorite toy? The responses can range from a simple because, or I don't know. These are my children's responses any way. You know there is a strong meaning behind the beloved doll or blanket, but it may not be verbalized.

The Apostle Peter challenges us by saying, "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15). Peter gives us three challenges that make up one; be ready, have a good attitude, and give an answer. These can all be hard but that last one is the foundation for the other two. We must be prepared to defend our hope in Christ from those who don't know or would oppose God's truth. "The defense and confirmation of the gospel" (Philippians 1:7). How can we do this? Where do we even start?

Throughout the entire Old Testament God has been hinting at something big; something complete, something perfect that will solve the world's problems! The problem we see from very early on in existence is sin. God has said He has a plan that will ultimately put mankind back into the intended relationship with Him. Coming to the New Testament we now see that Jesus is that plan. He is the ultimate problem solver. He is the reason for the hope in every Christian.

That needs to be the start of our defense. God made a promise to bring mankind back into a relationship with Him. Throughout time he has doubled down on that promise. God has made a step in the ultimate sacrifice by manifesting Himself in the form of a human. Being the begotten son Jesus, the Messiah. This isn't the end of our defense, but it is the beginning. Intersecting point from promise to the eventual Death, Burial, and Resurrection. My challenge for you starting this week is to form your reasoning or defense for what and why you believe what you believe. It needs to convey the importance and urgency of the message but as well as the love and grace. Despite what are gifts are we need to be able to verbalize why we radically give our lives to a Man who radically changes the world.

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
- **Marilyn Irvin**—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
- **Carrie Pitts**—health
Don's mother
- **Don Pitts**—health
- **Sharon Saint**—health
Zach Babb's mother
- **Dana Spradlin**—health
- **Nancy Tuttle**—health
Peggy Walls' sister
- **Lorin Watson**—health
Victoria Johnson's father
- **Susan Williamson**—health
Lauren Babb's mother

Carrie Pitts, Don's mother, is recovering from a heart attack.

Sharon Saint is hospitalized at Houston Methodist with an infection and increased liver numbers.

By the Numbers

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Bible Study—45
Sunday Morning—60
ISF residents—13
Wednesday—40

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

	LAST WEEK	YTD
Offering	\$1,537	\$17,189
Special	\$100	
Budget	\$2,253	\$20,277
Difference	(-\$616)	(-\$3,088)

Announcements

ANNEX SUPPLY ROOM CLEAN OUT

The extra room in the annex is being cleaned and re-organized as a supply room. **Everything was moved out to tables in the annex.** Items are on display. 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 graveside memorial service for W.A. Meek is being held 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

Please join us **Sunday, March 29**, for a 5th Sunday fellowship meal and our annual egg hunt for the kids. Following the egg hunt, we will have games for all ages, including the much anticipated return of Bunny Bingo! **Please bring candy to stuff eggs and prizes for our games no later than Wednesday, March 25.**



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

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 9

JR. HIGH TRACK & FIELD
SHINER @ HALLETSVILLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

GONZALES V. CUERO, 5 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD
GONZALES @ ALAMO CITY MILE

SHINER @ INDUSTRIAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

GONZALES @ NAVARRO, 5 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

GONZALES @ LOCKHART



CADEN CHRISMON—SHINER HS BASEBALL
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