

The Life Letter

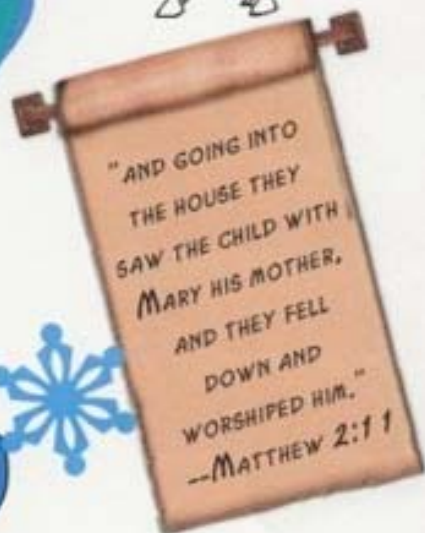
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"AND GOING INTO
THE HOUSE THEY
SAW THE CHILD WITH
MARY HIS MOTHER,
AND THEY FELL
DOWN AND
WORSHIPED HIM."
--MATTHEW 2:11

January 2020

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday
School
10:30 am. Fellowship &
Refreshments
11:00 a.m. Morning
Worship



Church Office Hours:

Mon. -Thurs. 10:30-5:30
(closed for lunch)
Fri. the Office is closed
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Our Mission Statement:

"We share the Good News of Jesus Christ by:
Gathering in Worship, Growing in Christ's Image,
Giving and Serving, Going and Witnessing, Glorifying God."



NOTE OF THANKS

We give thanks for all of you, and the continued opportunity to be a part of this community of faith and its work and worship in the name of the Lord during 2019. As we begin the year ahead, 2020, may it be a year lived in the awareness of God's love, guidance and care and seek to reflect such in our daily lives.

The Advent and Christmas season has been made richer for us by the many good wishes, cards, congregational gift, and gift from Presbyterian Women. But you have also gifted us in so many ways large and small with your prayers, support, and friendship. Thank you.

Carl and Carole McCauley

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 19

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Gonzales will be held following worship on Sunday, January 19. Agenda for the meeting includes:

1. 2019 membership report
2. 2019 year-end financial report
3. 2020 proposed budget
4. Election of three persons from congregation-at-large to the 2020 Nominating Committee
5. Vote on updated and revised bylaws (separate email for more details)
6. Progress report-Gonzales Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee
7. Any other business of a congregational nature that may properly come before this community of faith.





News & Events!!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!
We have 3 ENTHUSIASTIC NEW
SESSION MEMBERS WHO WERE
ORDAINED AND/OR INSTALLED ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020. THEY

ARE:

ROGER RIVERA
PATRICIA TIEKEN
NOELL INCE

Thank you for your willingness to
do THE LORD'S WORK!!

G.C.A.M.

Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministry

Presbyterians are asked to give
peanut butter, jelly, and crackers,
boxed dinners, canned meat, and/or
bagged noodles to GCAM for the
month of January.



Year to Date Church Finances as of December 31th, 2019

Contributions	\$200,829.23
Dividends, Royalties, Interest	\$ 14,066.36
Rentals	\$ 10,420.00
Total Income	\$225,315.59
Total Expenses	\$182,279.21

**All contributions to General Assembly are designated for our
missionaries or for Disaster Relief.

January 2020

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Sat

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5 Service of Ordination/ Installation Communion Lay Reader: Roger Rivera	6 Epiphany PW Council 4:00 p.m.	7 PW Circle #2 5:15 p.m.	8 Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	9 Emmaus Reunion Group meets 6:00 p.m.	10	11	
12 Lay Reader: Brenda Tuma Flowers: Marle & Jean Ollom	13 PW Circle #1 3:00 p.m. Mission Comm.-4:45pm Session 6:00 p.m.	14	15 Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	16	17	18	
19 Nursing Home Worship Flowers: Bitsy Johnson ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	20 MLK Day	21	22 Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	23	24	25	
26 Lay Reader: Warren Pettus Flowers: Carl & Judy Swords Worship Comm after church	27	28 Work for Food Group 6:30 p.m.	29 Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	30 	31		
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January Birthdays

- 2 Joe Pat Nance, Laurel Ince
- 4 Diane McCaskill
- 6 Emiliano Cannan
- 7 Iris Anna Mohrmann
- 11 Andy Hohenshell, Tyree Lampkin
- 12 Nicholle Tieken, April Whitescarver
- 14 Sharon Edwards
- 15 Irene Bertrand
- 19 Christianna Cannan
- 20 Aaron Tieken
- 21 Dana Munsch
- 23 Pat Myers
- 24 Casey McKee
- 25 Sheila Wright, Carl Swords
- 26 Tom Hamilton
- 28 Beth Newman
- 31 Clara Lampkin



Anniversaries

- 7 Steve & Kathleen Ehrig
- 15 Kenneth & Lisa Davis
- 17 Steiner & Christie Eberle
- 19 Steve & Sarah Liberti



January 19 is Nursing Home Worship

Texan--????
 The Hearts and Hands Group will go to the Heights
 **Anyone interested is invited to meet at the Heights at 9:45 a.m.



Prayer Concerns:



- *family & friends of Carlton Bierschwale-Joann Hedrick's dad
- *John Zaitz-Genora Young's son-in-law
- *Grant Berry-week old baby with heart problems, Doris Pardy's great nephew
- *family & friends of Ken Mosher
- *family & friends of Raymond Parr-Margaret's brother-in-law
- *Kyndel Zella-Diane McCaskill's niece
- *family & friends of Nelwyn Lewis
- *Caleb Maldonado-copperhead bite, related to Robert Rand
- *Jeanne Black & family-hospice, Lori Gray Black's mother-in-law
- *Ross Tieken-recovering from hip surgery
- *family & friends of Tommy Tharp
- *family & friends of Leon Netardus
- *Genora Young's son-in-law's father had heart attack
- *Florence Cummings-home recovering
- *Linda Fullilove-eye surgery, friend of Ellen Gray
- *Johnny Saenz-cancer, Ellen Gray's friend

Ongoing Prayers needed:

- Patricia Thompson & Bobby (husband & caregiver)-friends of Ellen Gray
- Paul Powleson
- Frenzel family
- Margie Issacson-macular degeneration-Ellen Gray's & her mom's friend
- Jerry Bivins-at the Heights
- Olivia Harless-at the Heights
- Patricia Darilek-at the Heights, Peggy & Brenda's mother
- Elsie Mosher
- Clair Adams-Anne Marie Aubin's mother
- Lynn & Janet Smith
- Mary Ann Kridler-Jean Ollom's cousin
- Glenda Mercer Johnson-Jean Ollom's cousin
- Charles & Melissa Johnson & needs in Zambia all service men & women
- Pray that we continue to be a church of prayer and Bible study, discerning God's will





Thank You!!!



Thank you all for thinking of me this Christmas season. It is always nice to be remembered, especially in such a warm and delicious way! May the coming year bring each of you health and God's blessings.

Thanks again,
Merle Ollom



Dear Presbyterian Church,
Thank you all so much for sending me a letter full of encouragement and for providing me with a Walmart gift card. Both of these gifts will help me very much. On that note, I have been thriving at A&M in my academics and extracurriculars. Thank you again for your generous support.

Gig Em,
Bailey Blair

P.S. The extracurricular activities that I have joined are class councils, Jiu Jitsu, and Building Researchers and Innovators in Neuroscience Society (B.R.A.I.N.S.). I absolutely love Texas A&M! I am making so many friends and enjoying my studies! I hope you all are doing well as I do think of y'all often.

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank you for the generous Walmart gift card. Thank you also for taking the time to write me your well wishes and kind words. You have taught me how important kindness is. I will continue to remember you in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Diana McGarity



Presbyterian Women

Dear Ladies,

Thank you all so much for the baby clothes and supplies you gifted us. Isaiah will look so cute in everything. Isaiah is 2 1/2 months now and about to celebrate his very first Christmas! He is a happy little boy and growing so fast. We all appreciate your generosity and can't wait for Isaiah to meet the church family!

Many thanks,
Rigo, Shanan, & Isaiah Barre



NOTE:

The Come and Take It Squares appreciate the opportunity your church offers to dance in your fellowship hall each Monday night. Now we want to offer you a chance to join the fun. We are offering lessons beginning in January. On Monday, January 6, we will have a free "open house" for interested folks to come and see what square dancing is like. Then we will begin lessons on Monday, January 13. All events are at 7:00 p.m. in your beautiful fellowship hall, and we would love to have some of you join us. Teens to seniors are welcome and will enjoy the exercise and fellowship. If you have questions, call 830-672-7384. Hope to see you there!

