

WELCOME VISITOR!

August 7th, 2022

We are very glad you worshipped with us today. We would like a record of your visit, so please take a few minutes and fill in the information below, tear this part off, and drop it in the offering plate.

(Please circle) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Help us to know your better:

- ☐ First time visitor
- ☐ New in the community
- ☐ Would like more information
- ☐ Would like personal visit
- ☐ I am looking for a church home

I am attending as a guest of: _____

Are you a member of a church?
Yes No

Name of church: _____

admission of wrongdoing and involves lowering oneself below another person you are in conflict with or are embarrassed to have wronged. It is human to be reluctant to issue an apology, but is it Christian to succumb to this reluctance?

In the age of lightning-fast information spread, easy proof with recording technology, and the potential for thousands to see anything digitally produced, we are certainly in the age of the public apology. From corporations issuing press releases over a minor slip up that cost thousands of customers to the celebrity who has to save their image for unsavory public displays, it seems as though public apologies comprise half of the headlines in the news. Yet, ironically, without the pressure of the masses making apologizing an inevitable obligation, we have a choice regarding whether or not we humble ourselves and make good with our neighbors and loved ones.

James 5:16 reads, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” Jointly, Luke 17:3-4 states, “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

To maintain our relationship with both God and our brethren, we must confess our sins—this is the very first step to improvement. While never easy to deliver, a sincere apology is an essential act to demonstrate spiritual maturity and personal growth. Both the act of living unrepentant of one’s sins, be it against God or man, and the act of admitting to one’s wrongdoing are both advertisements of the quality of one’s character, and therefore the seriousness of one’s relationship with God.

2 Chronicles 7:14: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



GONZALES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Is it too late to apologize?

Colin Schmidt

One of the most famous apologies in recorded human history was that of Emperor Henry IV of the Holy Roman Empire (now known as Germany). In 1077, Henry IV made the burdensome journey across the Alps to personally apologize to Pope Gregory VII after disregarding papal authority and appointing his own religious leaders. This action led to his official excommunication from catholicism, and Henry’s objective was to get himself reinstated. Barefoot and freezing, Henry knelt outside in the snow for three whole days, praying and begging for forgiveness, eventually receiving reinstatement. To add to the legendary status of this apology, Henry gave it an ironic twist in the end when he deposed Gregory VII just three years later, who then died in exile.

Despite its ending, this story was huge news in the Middle Ages, as it was not a common practice for an autocrat to prostrate himself in such a manner, especially in a time when governments and religious institutions clashed heavily over exertion of power. In spite of its insincerity, Henry IV’s actions actually improved relations between crowns and churches across the world, as it was accepted that no one was too big to apologize for one’s mistakes. Apologizing is never an easy thing to do; it is an

Our Schedule

Sunday	
Bible Class	9 AM
AM Worship	10 AM
PM Worship	1 PM

Wednesday	
Bible Class	7 PM

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Ronald DeShazo
Michael Krieger

Deacons

Patrick Adkins
Roberto Benitez
Tracy Boone
Harold Douget
Tim Schmidt
Ben Vallery

Ministers

James Eaves
Daniel Jaramillo

Attendance Record

Sunday
AM- 101
PM- 74
Wed- 93

LESSONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday

Bible Class: Demas

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:15-23

AM Sermon: Are You a Disciple of Christ?

PM Sermon: God's Will on Wisdom

Wednesday

Bible Class: Psalm 11

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bible Bowl Study July 31st to August 7th Ezra chapter 5. Don't forget to check your email for a link to the quiz. If you do not get an email please see Joel Watson. **Starting Monday August 8th begin reading Chapter 6.**

The Youth Mentoring Program will resume on August 14th and 28th. The girls and boys will both be meeting on these days.

August 7th following the afternoon services gifts for baby boy Jaramillo will be opened at the building. Cake and punch will be served.

September 9th Area Wide Singing here at the building @ 7 pm. Snacks will be provided. Please see Jerry Deslatte for details.

Youth Lock-In on September 31st @ the building. Be on the lookout for more info as the time draws closer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVO

~~7/27 Devon Teer~~

~~8/03 Blake Adkins~~

8/10 Ben Vallery

8/17 Hayes Boone

8/24 Tim Schmidt

8/31 Colin Schmidt

9/07 David Esmon

9/14 Patrick Adkins

9/21 Joel Watson

9/28 Shane Bryant

August Birthdays:

- ◆ 7th Asher Eaves
- ◆ 8th Bobbie Douget
- ◆ Burt Duplessis Jr

August Anniversaries:

- ◆ 11th Burt & Vickie Duplessis

Privileged to Serve 08-07-2022

AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	J Deslatte
Lord's Table.....	J Watson
AV Room.....	Patrick
Announcements.....	David Esmon
Security	Brent Stephens
AM Assembly	
Greeters.....	GCoC
Opening Prayer.....	S Bryant
Scripture.....	A Eaves
Closing Prayer.....	M Bryant

PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	D Teer
Closing Prayer.....	H Douget

Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	I Eaves
Invitation.....	Ben Vallery
Closing Prayer.....	T King

Privileged to Serve 08-14-2022

AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	T King
Lord's Table.....	J Deslatte
AV Room.....	Olivia/Colin
Announcements.....	D Esmon
Security	Tracy Boone
AM Assembly	
Greeters.....	GCoC
Opening Prayer.....	D Esmon
Scripture.....	H Boone
Closing Prayer.....	T Teer

PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	R Deshazo
Closing Prayer.....	F Dudley

Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	A Eaves
Invitation.....	Hayes Boone
Closing Prayer.....	W Pace

ATTENTION:

If you need to make a prayer request you may use this slip to provide details. Please put the slip in the collection plate or give it to one of the elders or deacons. If you are new or visiting please fill out the other side so we can get to know you.

Your Name:_____

Prayer Requests: _____

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Alternatively, you may text Patrick Adkins any updates to the prayer list. 225-205-7109