### **Family News**

### Congratulations

**To Boyce and Kathy Smithson** at the birth of their granddaughter, Olive Jane Huston. She weighed 6 lbs, 12 oz and is 19 inches.

### **Sympathy**

**To Kay Caraway** at the death of her mother, Joella Cannon. Services are pending,

### Rejoice

**Braden Anderson was baptized** on Wednesday. His parents are David and Renee Anderson.

### **Baby Shower**

Honoring Blake and Linsay Marion today from 2:00pm-3:30pm, at the home of Heather Blevins. Please bring gift cards and/or consumables.

Come and Go Baby Shower for Larissa Blankenship Riddle (daughter of Randy and April Blankenship) at the home of Mickey Allen, 2107 Boca Vista on Sunday, October 25, from 1:30pm-3:00pm. Larissa and her husband, Luke, are expecting a baby girl. Selections are at Babies R Us and Target.

### **Welcome New Members**

**Lisa Briggs** lives at 4500 Paluxy Hwy, 76048. Her telephone number is 817-964-1514. Lisa is the daughter of Lyndell Lockett.

**Ellen Kirk** has returned to Granbury. She lives at 2204 Cobblestone Ct., 76049. Her telephone number is 850-566-6267.

#### **Announcements**

**Special Presentation** on the rise of Islam and its impact on the world – Sunday, October 18, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, in the Worship Center (no Sunday evening

class in Room 5). The speaker will be Gladwyn Kiddoe, a native missionary in Jamaica, who has done extensive research on this subject. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about this relevant topic in our society today.

Benefit Dinner for Aaron McClelen, Saturday, October 24, at 5:00pm at Tolar High School. Dinner: Beef Tips, sides, dessert, and drink, \$10 for Adults, \$8 for children. Also, Silent and Live Auctions.

Men's Fly Fishing Trip to the Little Red River in Arkansas. Leave October 21 and return October 24. Cost is \$275 per person and includes accommodations and guide. Contact Mark Hackney at mhackney@granburycoc.net.

Wednesday Night Diner – October 14, 5:00pm - 6:00pm. The White Plate special includes Beef Tips on Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Dessert and Drink for \$5. Kid-friendly menu or Salad is also available for \$1 per item.

A big "thank you" for the response to the MAGI project. Please be reminded that boxes are due back in the church office no later than October 18, or on that day, you put your boxes on the stage in the auditorium along with \$7 placed in the box. Please mark the sex and age of the child on the end of the box.

The Christian Service Center wants to thank you for the plastic bags given to us for the Center to use. However, we are now required to use new bags only and no longer need plastic bags.

#### **Youth News**

#### **Save the Date - Encounter LE:**

November 20 - 22. This event is for high school students and is located on the campus of LCU. Further details about the event and cost will be announced soon.

### **Harvest Sunday**

Last Sunday, on behalf of the GCOC Missions Committee, John Knox announced the fundraising goal of \$200,000 for the Harvest Sunday contribution on November 8 to fund our foreign mission work in 2016. A brochure with a description of each mission effort GCOC supports was also distributed (now available in the bins in the hallway around the Worship Center).



...to the Glory of God

This year's theme is *Extending the Kingdom*, one of the components of GCOC's mission statement of *Following Christ to the Glory of God*. This theme is intentionally connected to the *Living Our Mission* devotional readings this quarter, with the focus of October's readings being *Supporting Our Missionaries*. Prayerfully consider what you will give or pledge on Harvest Sunday to provide for our mission partners around the world.

### **God Opens Doors in Mexico**

The sound of a metal door opening and then clanging shut reverberates throughout the building. It has a ring of finality and hopelessness to it – another criminal being locked away to suffer the consequences of his offenses. But to a group of about 40 inmates in this prison in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, this sound on a Monday has an entirely different meaning. It indicates that Othoniel Gutierrez, a local minister for the Church of Christ, is here to share words of hope and new life.

God is opening doors – literally and figuratively – through the prison ministry of GCOC's mission partner in this city of northern Mexico. In the past two years, 45 prisoners have been baptized into Christ. Othoniel describes it this way: "Behind these walls that are very high and thick, you will find a church very strong and free spiritually. Not even these walls so high can deter the work of God."

The Lord is also opening doors through Othoniel's weekly radio ministry entitled, "Mi Gran Familia" (My Great Family), which addresses family issues. Since the program's inception about a year ago, Othoniel has consistently received opportunities to share his faith with listeners, and nine people have responded by putting on Christ in baptism.

You can share in *Extending the Kingdom* by giving on Harvest Sunday, November 8, and by praying for Othoniel and his work. He makes the following request taken from Colossians 4:3 – "We continue to request your prayer for us that our Savior continues to open doors for the preaching of the gospel." Let's honor his request, both today and throughout the coming year.

Jan Knox



### **Supporting Our Missionaries**

**Sunday:** 10/11 - Send aid repeatedly as they have need. Philippians 4:15-16

**Monday:** 10/12 - Pray for their physical and spiritual health. 3 John 1:2

**Tuesday:** 10/13 - Pray for their ability to endure hardship. 2 Timothy 2:3

**Wednesday:** 10/14 - Join in their struggle by praying for them. Romans 15:30

**Thursday:** 10/15 - Pray for their rescue from unbelievers. Romans 15:31

**Friday:** 10/16 - Pray that their service is acceptable. Romans 15:31

**Saturday:** 10/17 - Pray they will be refreshed together with us. Romans 15:32

### **Prayer Requests**

# Members and Relatives and Friends in Hospital/Rehab

Frankie Deckard – Regency Hospital Rehab, Aaron McClelen – Cooks Rehab, Caroline Monday – Courtyards Rehab in Ft. Worth

#### **Members**

Jo Lynn Bullock, Kay Caraway, Charlie Carmichael, Don Drake, Alma Gilliam, Jacque Honecker, Mary Beth Moore, Michael & Marcie O'Dell, Harold Renninger, Ernestine Shugart, Bonnie Vance, Bobbie Van Liew, Don & Sue Wiggins

(Note: For a complete list of prayer needs or to submit a prayer request, go to www.granburycoc.net and click on the *Prayer* tab.)

### **Attendance Report**

#### Sunday, October 4, 2015

Sunday Bible Class	388
8:15 am Assembly	194
10:45 am Assembly	299
Worship Assembly Total	493
Sunday pm Total	72
Life Groups	21
Sunday pm Total	93

### **Harvest Sunday Report**

Total Committed	\$203,000.00
Total Contributed	\$188,402.00
Yet to Come	\$14,598.00

### **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Morning Worship	8:15am 8 10:45am
Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00pm
Sunday Spanish-speaking Bible Class	4:00pm
Sunday Spanish-speaking Worship	5:00pm
Wednesday Evening	6:30pm

#### **Elders**

David Anderson	Billy Martin
Jeff Berryman	Ronnie Roberts
Mike Blevins	Ike Sawyer
David Casey	Richard Snowbarger
Joe Daugherty	Bob Spies
Mike Gilbert	Ira Wright

### **Ministry Staff**

Harold Durham Minister of

Community Services

**John Duty** Worship and Body Life Minister

> Michael Grayson Youth Minister

Mark Hackney
Administrative Minister

John Knox Preaching Minister



## Following Christ to the Glory of God

October 11, 2015

Worship Leader - Tyler Wiggains

#### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE...

10,000 Reasons #578 We Will Glorify #2 We Praise Thee, O God #396 No Not One

#### GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE...

Cornerstone

The Lord's Supper Prayers 8:15 Pat Guy/10:45 David Andrews

#### GOD'S PEOPLE BRING OFFERINGS...

Contribution Prayer
8:15 Pat Guy/10:45 David Andrews
Body Life Announcements
Jody Gilbert
I'm Happy Today

#### Kids' Time

Kevin Brown #1014 Jesus Loves Me #508 A Wonderful Savior

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD...

Sermon: We Are the "Overseeing Church"

John Knox

#### GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND...

Worthy Is the Lamb Shout Hallelujah

#### GOD SENDS US TO LOVE AND SERVE...

Benediction Prayer 8:15 Biff Hatton/10:45 Doug Dobbins