Announcements

The Ladies' Newcomer Committee invites all ladies who have placed membership in the last year to come for dinner on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30pm, at the home of Betsy Dennis, 3415 Abe's Landing Ct. The committee will be providing the food. Please join us!

Spring Fling – Luncheon honoring widows and widowers - Saturday, April 30, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Center. If you are a widow or widower and would like to attend, please RSVP to Sue Coppersmith at 817-219-5511.

Paluxy River Community Band Spring Concert - Tuesday, April 26, 7:00pm at the Glen Rose High School auditorium. Admission is free. Several GCOC members are a part of this band, so come and show your support!

First Sunday Welcome Lunch – The Climbers and Seekers classes invite visitors and new members who have placed membership since May 2015 to be their guests for lunch in the Dining Hall of the Fellowship Center on Sunday, May 1, immediately following the 10:45 worship service.

Men4God

Men's Breakfast Canceled – The men's breakfast scheduled for May 5 has been canceled due to a conflict with the National Day of Prayer Breakfast that morning. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support this community event. The Men4God breakfast will be rescheduled at a later date.

Connections Group

The Sawyer Group will meet tonight at 6:00pm at the Sawyer home for a potluck dinner. Everyone is invited to attend.

GCOC Youth

Senior Banquet – Saturday, May 7, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Everyone is welcome. Graduating seniors this year include: Reagan Clarkson, Jasmine Hearst, Carlie Lyman, Dakota Paulo, and Cody Welch. Please RSVP at www.granburycoc.net (on the youth page). Deadline is today if you plan to attend.

Summer Camps – For dates, information and to register, go to www granburycoc.net/ministry/youth. Early bird deadline is May 15.

April Mission of the Month

The GCOC Mission of the Month for April is Cuauhtémoc, Mexico. Othoniel and Paloma Gutierrez, along with their sons, Tony and Dany, serve as our mission partners in this city of more than 150,000 souls.

One of the highlights of their ministry is conducting a weekly radio program called *My Great Family*. Othoniel and periodic guest speakers address issues that are especially relevant to families. Materials such as Bibles, books, and DVDs are given away each week. Paloma mans the phone during the broadcast to receive the listeners' questions and requests for materials and, most importantly, take down their contact information. In the first year of operation in 2015, seven people were reached for Christ as a direct result of this ministry.

Please pray for the Gutierrez family as they continue to serve the families of Cuauhtémoc and the surrounding area. To God be the glory!

Loving Our Neighbors

"And who is my neighbor?" Jesus' response to the law expert who posed this question, as recorded in Luke 10, was to tell the story of a man who was attacked, robbed, beaten, and left for dead by the side



of the road. Three different people had an opportunity to help the man, but only one took the time and effort to do so. Jesus' point was that we have a responsibility to actively help those in need around us – whoever they may be.

When reading this story, we may fail to realize that sometimes those who consistently and willingly render aid to others in crisis may themselves be neighbors in need as well. This can especially be the case with those who serve as "first responders" in our community – those in emergency services, such as law enforcement officers, EMTs, paramedics, and firefighters. Being the first on scene in crisis situations day after day can be very stressful. Even simple, everyday pleasures that we take for granted, like eating at a restaurant, can be difficult for them when they have to leave a half-eaten meal to answer a call for help, constantly be on their guard against those who are hostile to authority, or silently endure thoughtless, snide remarks from other patrons. All of this takes an emotional toll after a while.

Last fall, God opened a door for us at GCOC to minister to this particular need. Every Tuesday, GCOC members provide a home-cooked meal for approximately 70-80 first responders of Hood County. The lunch is served from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Christian Service Center so they can come whenever they have a free moment and have a safe place to eat, relax and visit with one another. It has been a tremendous blessing for everyone involved. To see the smiles, hear the conversations, and experience the heartfelt gratitude of these public servants – who put their lives on the line for us and our community every day – completely overshadows any sacrifice it takes on our part to provide this service.

The Wednesday morning ladies' Bible class has served as the base of support for this ministry. Since this class recesses for the summer, the Sunday morning Bible classes are being asked to share in this commitment through the summer months. The ministry organizers will be visiting each class soon to provide more details and instructions. Let's be eager and willing to embrace this good work and do what we can to ensure its success. After all, it's up to us to show the world what loving our neighbors is all about.

Jan Knox



Bible Reading Plan for April 2016 Genesis, Joshua Judges, Ruth

This plan was specially designed to correspond with John's sermon themes in 2016. It is available now in the adult Bible classes and information centers, so pick one up today!

Sympathy

To Jim and Brenda Mertz at the death of Brenda's mother, Dorothy Matthews.

To Elvin Haigood and Joel and Debbie Martin at the death of Elvin's wife and Debbie's mother, Eloyce Haigood. Graveside service was Saturday in San Angelo.

Prayer Requests

Members, Relatives & Friends in Hospital/ Rehab

Mae Colburn-Harbor Lakes, Tim Hunt-Harbor Lakes, Bill Moore – Harbor Lakes Rehab Members

Mary Adams, Wiley Clarkson, Sally Gallegos, Alma Gilliam, Jada Green, Margie Kirby, Lana Weaver, Arlene McMillan, Mary Beth Moore, Conrad Mullin, Lynda Robinson, Bob & Norma Sisk, Neva Toler, Bobbie Van Liew, Rosemary Willenborg, Eve Woolverton

(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.

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Attendance Report

Sund	lay, i	April	17,	2016	

Sunday Bible Class	260
8:15 am Assembly	597
10:45 am Assembly	na
Sunday pm Assembly	na
Life Groups	na
Sunday pm Total	na

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship	8:15am & 10:45am
Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30am
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00pm
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 Snowbarge
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

Tyler Wiggains Children's Minister



Following Christ to the Glory of God

April 24, 2016 Worship Leader – John Duty

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE #3 Halleluiah, Praise Jehovah #100/#101 Holy Ground Medley #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Body Life - Call to Worship - Prayer Stephen Windham I'm Happy Today

Kids' Time

Tyler Wiggains #1014 Jesus Loves Me

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE #902 Nothing But the Blood

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD ... Sermon: Peace and Reconciliation: Only In Christ John Knox

> GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND ... #111 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE ... In Christ Alone The Lord's Supper Prayers 8:15 Van Vernon/10:45 Doug Dobbins

GOD'S PEOPLE BRING OFFERINGS... Contribution Prayer 8:15 Van Vernon/10:45 Doug Dobbins #837 I Need Thee Every Hour

GOD SENDS US TO LOVE AND SERVE #492 Only in Thee Ephesians 1:3-7 **Benediction Prayer** 8:15 Biff Hatton/10:45 Mark Hughes