

### TIME OF SERVICES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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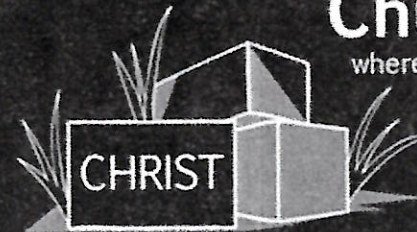
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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES  
CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF  
CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A  
DENOMINATION.**

## StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone  
1 Peter 2:7



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### Uvalde, Texas

Some 76 years ago my father was born in a little town called Uvalde, Texas west of San Antonio. My grandfather was preaching in that area for a time. I remember visiting there as a kid to see the little house dad lived in when he was a toddler. I imagined how full of hope his mother and father must have been in the potential of their child as he grew up in that west Texas town.

Today, 19 children lost their lives in that same town due to the vile actions of a single gunman. If only the gospel had been handed down the generations and was still thriving in that town. If only Jesus were still living in men's hearts and whispering to our consciences when tempted by hate. I cannot fathom the hurt of the mothers and fathers whose hearts have been crushed. The grief must be overwhelming tonight.

Yet, I do know Someone who can help us all. It is the same Jesus my grandfather preached there years ago. We keep trying to change laws but it truly starts with changing hearts. Letting Jesus rule in a person's heart means the standards of Jesus rule our lives. We respect and honor the life of every single individual. We don't take it. We forgive others rather than inflicting more pain and punishing them when we have been hurt. We sacrifice ourselves for the good of others rather than acting against their will. We pray, even for our enemies, rather than making ourselves the instruments of vengeance. We hope for something beyond the temporal pains of this life and share this hope with others.

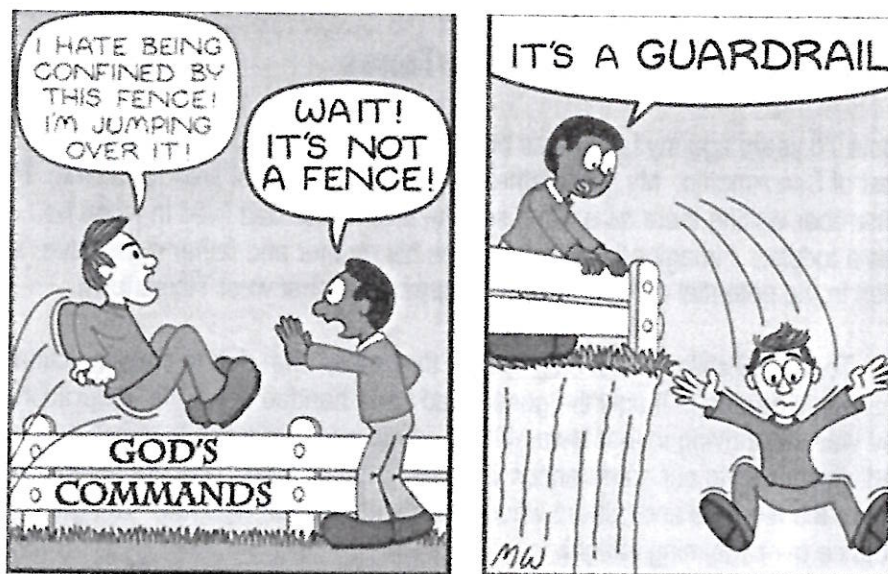
People need the Lord. We are failing by leaning upon our own wisdom. I



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We are creating anarchy when we choose to live by our own selfish standards rather than being ruled by the perfect and selfless Son of God. We will be full of rage until we learn the love and hope that is found in Jesus.

My heart aches for those who have been hurt by this sense-less act and for those whose dreams have been dashed. It is my prayer that the ugliness of evil helps someone to see how badly we need the beauty of Jesus in this dark world. -Joshua Welch



Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life,  
but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.  
- PROVERBS 19:16

**PARENTHOOD:** *If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!*

*The smartest advice on raising children is to enjoy them while they are still on your side.*

## *News/Notes/Quotes*

### THE SICK.

**Sherry Horton** had a serious medical procedure on her heart last week. She is now recuperation at home. **Alvis Brown** has been back in the hospital in ICU. He is improving some but still needs our prayers....**Leon Morgan** is still receiving treatment at Encompass..... **Lila Lands** is now back at home after a few weeks at Encompass ... **Beth Cossey** is shut-in at home but would love to have visits and calls... Continue to remember **Sharon Mans**, friend of Lynissa Davis who is still dealing with some health challenges... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village... **Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home. Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

**Hello Baby!** We welcome **Ms Collins Grace Camp** into the world. She was born last Monday to **Brenden** and **Stephanie Camp** and weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. We're glad to report that everyone is doing fine.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

July 17-21 – VBS – StoneRidge!

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS.** 1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Lands; 4<sup>th</sup> – Billie Johnson; 6<sup>th</sup> – Scott Stubblefield; 7<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Spencer; 11<sup>th</sup> – Brooke Lands; 12<sup>th</sup> – Dick Blackford; 13<sup>th</sup> – Levi Lands, Elsie Starr; 15<sup>th</sup> – Daelyn Bishop, Ryan Johns, Franny Pierce; 16<sup>th</sup> – Lori Watson; 20<sup>th</sup> – Brad Ledgerwood; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lucas McGregor; 26<sup>th</sup> – Trey Moody; 27<sup>th</sup> – Wanda Camp; 28<sup>th</sup> – Kathryn Dunman; 30<sup>th</sup> – Lavonda Townsley



*Cleaning up the environment will not remove the pollution of the soul.*