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Cross & Flame

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WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to share special events, celebrations, ministries, encounters with God, please email your article or information to Tyanne Rakowitz at tyanne@ykc.com. If you don't use email, please call Tyanne at 771-5210 to have your information included.



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Up in the Saddle – Loose Reins

By Pastor Mark

Friday Night Lights

To me there is nothing better than spending Friday nights watching local High Schools battle it out for pride and honor on the football field. This appointment has blessed me with two outstanding High Schools to follow, Louise and Ganado. Both have good teams, outstanding bands, excited cheerleaders, and dedicated coaches, directors, and fans. Both have kids who pour their heart and soul into the game, whether on the field or on the sideline. Two observations that have caught my attention during the past opening weeks. First, the parents, grandparents and others in the stands (like Angle and I) set a good example by NOT being overbearing, rude, or disrespectful of the opposing teams or referees. Oh they may criticize the officiating, but we all need humbling once in a while. Secondly, during the “moment of silence” someone always starts the Lord’s Prayer, which is picked up by the fans until it grows into a crescendo that speaks volumes about the faith of the communities. Players help opposing players up, and last Saturday, the Band at Ganado even had the opposing band come and sit with them to learn the Chop - Chop song (which is what our football players were accomplishing on the field!) Hum, better ask for forgiveness for that remark!

Jesus showed us how to convert through words and actions, which is stronger than any Bible verse that I could quote. To the communities of Louise and Ganado, thank you for standing tall in a world which seems more and more to dictate compliance over commitment.

God Bless!

For the Month of October

<i>Birthdays</i>	
October 1	Gerald Kubecka
October 4	Henry Keen
October 6	Billy Kelly
October 7	Elaine Rowland
October 7	Wesley Demicelli
October 7	Alyssa Bram
October 9	Thomas Bram
October 11	Kim Ellen Peters
October 16	Royce Knuppel
October 21	Mark Hlavaty
October 21	Cyndi Poulton
October 24	Lauren Delgado
October 28	Chris Green
October 28	Becky Yackel
October 31	Iris Danielson

<i>Flowers</i>	
October 4	OPEN
October 11	OPEN
October 18	Gary and Paula Kacer
October 25	OPEN

***Wishing all of our birthday “peeps” many blessings on their special day!
Happy Birthday!***

Prayer Corner...

Jason Peters, Charles Peel, Herbert Henry, Nelda Hensley, Justine Vesely, Jack and Joy Crabb, Sharron Dutcher, Arnold Johnson, Michelle Benavides, Imagene Kacer Sharon Watkins, Fay Knowlton, Everett Williams, Calvin Callies and Sandra Langford.

Church Members and family who are homebound:

Jewel Rosenquist, Clarence Counts, Edna Stanford and Gus Tegeler, Jr.

Church Members and family who reside in the Nursing Home:

Louise Pagel, Jesse Castillo

Family of:

Sandra Smith

All military personnel:

Thomas McDowell - US Army	Chance Poulton - USAF
Ben Smith - US Army	Jacob Uptain - USMC
Zachary Walker - US Navy	Jason Williams - US Army
Clinton Andel - US Army	Chris Green - US Air Force
Brett Wilkinson - US Air Force	
Richard Dolan - US Army (Afghanistan)	
Kevin Menefee - US Army (Afghanistan)	
Brendon Price - USAF (Dubai, United Arab Emirates)	
Carson Price - USAF (Kadena Airforce Base, Japan)	
Terrell Radford - US Navy (Yokoshoma Naval Base, Japan)	

**Prayer requests may be made by calling the Church office at
(361) 771-3750 or email Tyanne Rakowitz at tyanne@ykc.com.
Requests are kept on the list for one (1) month.**

What's happening...**Operation Christmas Child 2015
"Christmas in July"**

Operation Christmas Child...*It's Christmas in July and Operation Christmas Child 2015 is in full swing! We are very close to reaching our goal of \$1,500.00 but we're not there yet! We will continue to ask for monetary donations through the month of October. If you would like to support this ministry we ask that you:*

1. Take a tag off the tree that corresponds with the amount you wish to donate.
2. Fill out one of the red or green envelopes (these are located on the table by the tree).
3. Put the donation tag and your money in the envelope and put the envelope in the shoebox on the table.

Our goal is to raise \$1500.00 so that we can pack 60 shoeboxes!

A Church-Wide Family Packing Party has been set for Sunday, November 8th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The shoeboxes will then be blessed during the Worship Service on Sunday, November 15th.

If you should have any questions, please contact Angela Adrian or Perri Raz. Thank you for supporting OCC!

Blessings,
Angela Adrian

Ganado Christian Youth Fellowship (GCYF)...*meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm. For ages 6th grade through 12th grade. Come and enjoy!*

Kids of the Kingdom (Sunday School)...*meets on Sundays at 10:15am! Ages Kindergarten through 5th grade! Come and have some fun!*

Joint Worship Service (Ganado and Louise) and Church Picnic has been set for **Sunday, October 18th**! Worship will begin at 10:30am at the historic Texana Church in Brackenridge Park, then immediately following worship, we will drive over to the pavilion across the highway in the Texana Park for a potluck luncheon. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE 18TH IN GANADO!**

Confirmation Class (Ganado and Louise)...a Confirmation Class for youth ages Jr. High and Sr. High will **begin on Sunday, October 18th at 6:30pm** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark.

Want to volunteer in (Ganado) but just don't know where? Here are some of the areas we need your help! Kids of the Kingdom (Sunday School)! It's not too late! Reading at Ganado Elementary and Kiddy Kampus! In the Nursery! A Photographer! College Care Kits! And, believe it or not! A Christmas Program! The Advent Season is just around the corner! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark or Tyanne Rakowitz.

Seniors saying “Thank You”!

Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to continue my education at Texas State. The scholarship will help in many ways, but most important, help me achieve my athletic training degree.

Thank you,
Taylor Mirelez

A few kind words from Ganado ISD!

First United Methodist Church,
Good schools make good communities; and good communities make good schools! The luncheon you provided for our teachers and staff reveal why we feel so blessed with the opportunity to work with the children of Ganado ISD. Your efforts compliment the passion we have to meet the needs of our students. Thanks again!

Every student counts...every student matters.

Go Maidens and Indians!
John Hardwick, Jr.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE (JANUARY –AUGUST):

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
August	9,464.42	8,550.31	914.11
	Received to date (January-August 2015)		\$53,198.14
	Spent to date (January-August 2015)		\$59,684.91
			(\$6,486.77)

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30am Kiddy Kampus	2	3
4 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Kids of the Kingdom	5	6 8:30am Kiddy Kampus 5:30pm Praise and Worship Practice 6:30pm Square Dance	7	8 8:30am Kiddy Kampus	9 10:00pm After Game Football Social	10
11 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Kids of the Kingdom 6:30pm College Care Kits Meeting	12 6:00pm CPR Training	13 8:30am Kiddy Kampus 5:30pm Praise and Worship Practice 6:30pm Square Dance	14 5:30pm FROGS RG Holy Molys RG 6:30pm GCYF	15 8:30am Kiddy Kampus	16 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering (Edna)	17
18 10:30am Joint Worship Service and Church Picnic 6:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation Class	19 6:00pm Administrative Council Meeting (Ganado)	20 8:30am Kiddy Kampus 5:30pm Praise and Worship Practice 6:30pm Square Dance	21 5:30pm FROGS RG Holy Molys RG 6:30pm GCYF	22 8:30am Kiddy Kampus	23	24
25 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Kids of the Kingdom 4:00pm Nursing Home Worship Service	26	27 8:30am Kiddy Kampus 5:30pm Praise and Worship Practice	28 5:30pm FROGS RG Holy Molys RG 6:30pm GCYF	29	30	31

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