

Those to Serve

January 11		January 18	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Blair	Opening Prayer	Chuck Huckabee
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Paul Cartwright	Presiding:	Gary Adams
Claude Anderson	Kevin Odom	Jeremy Pettit	Ron Bazy
Eugene Priestley	Phil Godwin	Kevin Ford	Jeremy Brown
Ben Lenamon	Josh Hamilton	Eddie Ray	Anthony Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Loyd Wilson	Closing Prayer	Von Knight
Nursery		Nursery	
Maresha Scarsdale	Sarah Scarsdale	Jalyn Wick	Molly Godwin
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Mike Turner	Opening Prayer	Tex Greene
Song Leader	Bobby Parker	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	V. Knight & L. Adams	Communion	C. Layton & R. Genaro
Closing Prayer	Bill Russell	Closing Prayer	Gary Adams
Nursery	Laurie Huckabee	Nursery	Amy Cuellar
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Von Knight, Lynn Adams, David Blair, Jr., Jeremy Brown, Elijah Sandoval		*Clifford Layton, Russell Genaro, Phil Godwin, Kevin Scarsdale, Tim Godwin	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	James Taylor	Video Camera	John Adams
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Gary & Jean Adams		David & Brenda Blair	
David & Monica Blair		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	Bill Russell	Building Lock Up	Chuck Huckabee
Wednesday 1/7		Wednesday 1/14	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Ross Genaro
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Von Knight
Devotional	Master	Devotional	Paul Cartwright

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class.....7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-485-2436
Greg Fabian 281-485-2436
Von Knight 281-485-2436
Clifford Layton 281-485-2436

DEACONS

David Blair – Building & Grounds
Chuck Huckabee – Finances
Chris Lindelof—Benevolence
Kevin Odom – I.T.
Eddie Ray – Education & Missions
Mike Turner— Worship Services

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
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ON KEEPING...

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Solomon wrote, “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven— A time to give birth and a time to die; A time to ... (Eccl. 3:1-8). It is one of the best known passages in all of Solomon’s writings, and was even a hit tune for a Rock and Roll band called *The Byrds* in 1962. Included in Solomon’s list of things that have an appointed time is the statement, “A time to keep and a time to throw away” (3:6).

We prove that to be true every time we do a little “Spring cleaning.” And we don’t even wait until Spring to do it. We’ve all seen the trash heaps in people’s front yards in the days following Christmas. Among the trash sacks are couches, tables, lamps, etc. For the owners, these items no longer have a use and the space they occupied in the home needed to be reclaimed so that newer acquisitions could reside there. What had been kept is now thrown away.

Some of the things we keep have no real value to us, not even a sentimental value. When we realize that it’s not too difficult to part with such things. We sometimes say, “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure,” but we could be just as accurate at times if we were to say, “Yesterday’s treasure is today’s trash.” As long as we see a value in something we have at the house, even if that value is just sentimental rather than monetary, we can’t stand to part with it. It might be boxed up and relegated to the attic or the farthest recesses of the closet. It might be in the garage or the storage shed. It might be something that we will only “discover” once or twice every few years and upon finding it again we will promptly say “I forgot that I had that.” But no matter how infrequently we “discover” such things, as long as we still assign some value to

them, parting is such bitter sorrow.

There are other possessions that we keep which hold a great deal of value to us. We keep in them in the sense of retaining a possession but we also keep them in the sense of protecting them because of their value. There are a number of things that the Scriptures teach us to keep, not in the sense of accumulating possessions but in the sense of protecting and nurturing a thing that we possess.

Paul stated that he had **kept the faith** (2 Tim. 4:7) and earlier he had charged Timothy with the responsibility of “keeping faith” (1 Tim. 1:19). In both instances the act of keeping was not in the sense of warehousing but of guarding and nurturing faith as a highly prized possession. In contrast, Hymenaeus and Alexander had not been so careful with the result of now having a shipwrecked faith (1 Tim. 1:19,20).

We are to preserve or **keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace** (Eph. 4:3). There are a variety of ways this teaching is translated in our Bibles. The KJV, ASV, NIV, and NKJV all use the word “keep” while the NASV, RSV and NRSV use words like “preserve” and “maintain.” The Greek word denotes that which is kept in the sense of guarding, protecting or preserving. Therefore all of these translations have accurately translated the original thought.

Paul told Timothy, “**keep yourself free from sin**” (1 Tim. 5:22). Clearly the thought behind “keep” is more than having a thing as a possession. It is to keep something in a protected place. For those who grow weary of historical references, I apologize in advance, but in medieval times the feudal system of Europe offered protection for the peasants only if they could escape to the castle. And when the castle itself was under attack and in danger of being breached the place of safety was the castle’s “keep” – a castle within the castle



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. High Devo will be January 18th.

J.A.M will be January 24th from Noon to 2PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be **The Resurrected Jesus Appears To More Disciples Luke 24: 13-43.** Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be **Jesus Appears to Thomas and Speaks with Peter John 20: 24-31; 21: 1-15**



meant to protect when all else failed. That is the idea behind what Paul instructed Timothy.

Keeping can also imply usage. On one occasion a man came to Jesus with the question, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" (Mt. 19:16). In response, Jesus told him to "keep the commandments" (17) and eventually the man replied, "all these things I have kept" (20). The quality of keeping in these statements has to do with observance or usage. Jesus did not want this man to keep a plaque in his house or a marble statue in his yard with the Ten Commandments inscribed. He wanted this man to observe the Law and the man understood that. We can't say we keep the teachings of Christ merely because we carry a Bible with us at all times, we have to practice, observe or make use of the teachings of the Christ in order to keep them.

There can be great value in throwing some things away instead of keeping them around. If they don't serve

the purpose intended throw them out. Sin packages itself as the greatest self-help possession one could own. But the bottle, the pills, money, power, etc. which all promise happiness and peace fail.

If they do not benefit us eternally then their value is limited at best. Therefore an obsession over keeping and amassing such things is detrimental. For this reason Jesus said, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). If what we treasure offends or harms the soul it is better to part with it than to keep it (Mt. 5:29,30).

If we choose to keep, we need to choose wisely and then we need to wisely keep. Keep can mean a lot of things. And because that is true, I hope you will...

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New Addresses

Brian & Crystal Pack
24707 Waterline Ln
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New Class On 1 Peter

Our class met for the first session on the epistles of Peter last night. It was a very encouraging thing to see that so many turned out. There were thirteen present and this included five men, one of them being a deacon. I took that as a very positive sign. The introductory material was covered last night and next week the study of the text begins. There is still room and opportunity—I hope you will plan to join us!

- DC

KEPT IN PRAYER

Billie Dykes is in rehab in Flower Mound following hip replacement surgery. She is expected to be there approximately 2—3 months. The office has an address if you care to send cards.

June Evans, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Mitzi Ledgerwood Brown, former Southeast member, is hospitalized in Lubbock. She is facing chemo treatments in the near future.

Michael Fleury, Michelle Griffith's brother, has redeployed in Iraq again.

Lt Col Robert Reese, son-in-law of the Wilsons, has been deployed to Saudi for a 12 month tour. Keep Robert and his wife, Sondra, in prayer.

Penny Waldrum, daughter of Dolly & Antone Gullo, has undergone extensive surgery for stomach cancer.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone, Jason Talley, Bill Westmoreland. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. **Others:** Mark Brown, Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Bruce Welch, Elaine Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Greg Fabian** is the contact elder for January. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Greg.
- **Elders Deacon & Ministers Breakfast** will be Saturday at 8 AM at Kelley's. Meeting will begin at 9 in the library.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday at 8 AM at Kelley's.
- **Parents Meeting With Paul** this Sunday following evening services in the Annex.
- **Secrets Sisters** will meet on Monday, the 12th, in the Annex. We will be drawing new names at this meeting. **ALL LADIES** who would like to participate in Secret Sisters are invited to this meeting.

January Birthdays

4	Kevin Ford	4	Wanda Kirby
4	James Taylor, Sr.	7	Ryan Parsons
8	Jeanette Hays	12	Leona Anderson
14	Valerie McHargh	15	Deborah Roberson
18	Sheri Ford	20	Bobby Parker
21	Donald Mickan	21	Kevin Odom
25	Ethan Brown	30	Lindsay Parker