

Those to Serve

January 18		January 25	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chuck Huckabee	Opening Prayer	Eddie Ray
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Gary Adams	Presiding:	Chuck Huckabee
Jeremy Pettit	Ron Bazy	John Genaro	Derek Mauney
Kevin Ford	Jeremy Brown	Ross Genaro	Mike Turner
Eddie Ray	Anthony Sandoval	Chris Lindelof	Kyle Huckabee
Closing Prayer	Von Knight	Closing Prayer	David Smith
Nursery		Nursery	
Jalyn Wick	Molly Godwin	Tracey Mauney	Heather Brown
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Tex Greene	Opening Prayer	Derek Mauney
Song Leader	Bob Williams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	C. Layton & R. Genaro	Communion	G. Fabian & B. Russell
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Clifford Layton
Nursery	Amy Cuellar	Nursery	Michelle Griffith
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Russell Genaro, Phil Godwin, Kevin Scarsdale, Tim Godwin		*Greg Fabian, Bill Russell, Pete Griffith, Gheath Alatrash, James Taylor	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	John Adams	Video Camera	Nathan Scarsdale
Welcomers David & Brenda Blair Greg & Linda Fabian		Welcomers Lynn & Lucille Adams Clifford & Nina Layton	
Building Lock Up	Chuck Huckabee	Building Lock Up	Eddie Ray
Wednesday 1/14		Wednesday 1/21	
Song Leader	Ross Genaro	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Clifford Layton
Closing Prayer	Von Knight	Closing Prayer	Gary Adams
Devotional	Paul Cartwright	Devotional	Eddie Ray

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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

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

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Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister
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 Save, Benin West Africa

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TRAINS, PRAISE AND MOTIVATION

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In that great body of teaching given by our Lord and recorded in Matthew's gospel, known to all as the "Sermon on the Mount," there is a great deal of instruction and teaching on the danger of improper motivations. In fact, the entire sixth chapter deals with improper motivations. For those of us who see a three point sermon in every passage...

1. The motivation to seek the praise of men is seen in *how* and *where* some choose to pray, to give alms or even to observe a fast (6:1-18).
2. The motivation to seek after the treasures of this life leads to hoarding things perishable, at the expense and neglect of things eternal. It also indicates a spiritual myopia that leaves the soul in darkness as the motivation for perishable treasure leads the heart further and further away from truth (6:19-23).
3. These self centered motivations promote a craving without satisfaction (a state that is the polar opposite of that described in Mt. 5:3-13) and that creates a needless cause for anxiety (6:24-34).

Giving our attention to the first of those three points, it is obvious that one of the unfulfilling rewards of improper motivation is the praise of men. It is unfulfilling for two reasons. First, because it brings no reward from the Father (6:1). Second, it is also unfulfilling because the praise of men *is* the reward in full measure (6:2,5,16). The praise of men is never satisfactory; it always leaves us wanting more attention, more notoriety, and more resentment at not being noticed. The prescription is to be motivated towards the praise of God. It leads to doing, praying and fasting in solitude - intentionally unnoticed by men, but results in a divine reward (6:4,6,14,18).

Another disadvantage in wanting the praise of men is that men are poor judges of character. Our estimations of greatness can cause even the best of us to heap praise and opinion on the wrong people. It even happened to Samuel who would have selected Eliab as the second king of Israel (1 Sam. 16:6,7). To be hungry for the praise of men, only to discover that some of those they have deemed worthy to praise were really unworthy leaves only a feeling of disgust and discouragement.



There is some debate, largely a wrangling over wording, as to who received the first Medal of Honor. One man received a Medal of Honor for an act of heroism in an Indian battle in Arizona that took place in February of 1861. The resolution to award a Medal of Honor to non-commissioned officers and privates who "most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities, during the present insurrection (Civil War)" was signed into law by President Lincoln almost 18 months later. It was the earliest action for which a medal was awarded, but Army Assistant Surgeon Bernard J. D. Irwin did not receive it until 1894. Nor was it issued for actions and bravery during the Civil War. Hostilities would not begin until April of 1861, and the war would start in South Carolina, not Arizona. Francis Brownell was the recipient of a Medal of Honor for actions taken on May 24, 1861 but it was not awarded to him until January of 1877.

Actually the first to receive the coveted Medal of Honor were a civilian spy by the name of James J. Andrews and 19 volunteers who aided him in his failed attempt to steal a locomotive from the train yards in Atlanta and drive it to Chattanooga where he intended to use it to destroy the railway switching yards and thereby economically and militarily strangle the South. Andrews was captured by Confederate forces and brought back to Atlanta where he was hanged as a spy on June 7th, 1862. Eight of Andrews' Raiders were also executed

YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. High Devo will be Sunday evening at the Mauney's home.

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 Great Commission Matt. 16: 16-20; Luke 24; 44-49.** Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be **Jesus' Ascension Luke 24: 50-53; Acts 1; 9-12; Mark 16:19.**



as spies, the rest were imprisoned. Eight would eventually escape and the rest would be released in a prisoner exchange. On March 25th, 1863, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton presented the first medals ever presented to six of Andrews' Raiders.

Those six men stole a train! They failed to keep it and failed to use it as they had intended. They never fired a shot! When they tried to surrender, they offered to lay down their arms and renounce their loyalty to the Union in exchange for avoiding the hangman's noose. From prison they wrote letters to Jeff Davis asking for clemency. How did they come to be the first men decorated with a medal that is symbolic of everything that is great about this nation? The answer is less than flattering – the Union needed something to cheer about and nothing had gone their way to date. In retrospect,

there was nothing particularly praise worthy in a failed attempt to steal a locomotive and commit sabotage.

Even receiving the praise of a nation and being awarded its highest honor is less satisfying when one thinks of who those first recipients were and why they were decorated. But when praise and glory and honor (1 Peter 1:7) is given by the Father who sees what is done in secret (Mt. 6:4) we can know for sure that: 1.) Nothing this world has to offer will be sweeter. 2.) None that receive it will be guilty of surrendering to the enemy and renouncing their faith in Christ. 3.) History will never reveal that our God used poor judgment in saying, "well done!" His motivation will be true. So we must examine ourselves and make sure that our motivation is also true.

Keep studying

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January Birthdays

14	Valerie McHargh	15	Deborah Roberson
18	Sheri Ford	20	Bobby Parker
21	Donald Mickan	21	Kevin Odom
25	Ethan Brown	30	Lindsay Parker

Thanks

Hazel Childress wishes to express her extreme thanks for the cards that are sent to her & Doyal. She says they are truly an uplift to their spirits.

Class On 1 Peter

Our class met for the second session on the epistles of Peter last night. It was very encouraging to see that everyone from the first class returned and we had one new member join us. Which brings our number to 14 in all. There is still room and opportunity—I hope you will plan to join us!

- DC

KEPT IN PRAYER

Billie Dykes is doing well with her rehab.

Elias Elcure came forward Sunday evening asking for prayers for his spirit and faith.

June Evans, who will undergo surgery on Thursday for breast cancer.

Rick & Jean Nudelman have requested our prayers as Lauren was turned down again yesterday afternoon for a care facility that could better meet her needs. They are quite discouraged and need our encouragement and prayers.

Mark Brown, D. C.'s cousin, had heart surgery yesterday to repair the aneurysm and is doing well.

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

Robinson Family on the loss of their son, Eric, to a seizure disorder. Eric was a friend of Erica Matte.

Samantha Taliaferro & family on the passing of Joshua last weekend. Services were held today in Sweeny.

Claudia Scott Wright, granddaughter of Claudia Martin, has been battling cancer and must undergo additional tests this week.

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:** Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Michael Fleury, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Katy Ramsey, Lt Col Robert Reese, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Penny Waldrum, 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.
- **New Phone Directory** is going to be printed soon. Please check the list on the bulletin board to see if your information is correct. Initial as correct or make any needed changes.
- **Communion Preparation Sign Up Sheet for 2009** is on the bulletin board. If you could volunteer for a month please sign the list.
- **Westbury Christian School** invites Prospective Students and Families (age 3- Grade 12) to our Open House on Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 PM. This is a great time to tour the campus, visit with teachers, and look at textbooks and curriculum. Come and see what Westbury Christian has to offer! Anyone who would like to know more about WCS is welcome to attend.