

Those to Serve

January 27

February 3

Morning Worship

Opening Prayer **Brian Pack**
Song Leader **Kevin Odom**

Communion

Presiding: **David Blair**
Mike Turner **Kevin Scarsdale**
Bob Williams **Chuck Huckabee**
Phil Godwin **Josh Hamilton**

Closing Prayer **Neil Barnhill**

Nursery

Laurie Huckabee **Angela Parker**

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer **Claude Anderson**
Song Leader **Dwight Ramsey**
Communion **E. Ray & B. Westmoreland**
Closing Prayer **David Smith**
Nursery **Jalyn Wick**

Both Services

Ushers (*indicates head usher)

* **Eddie Ray, Bill Westmoreland, Rick Stone, Brent Lindelof, James Taylor**

Announcements **Ryan Parsons**

Video Camera **Elijah Sandoval**

Welcomers

Clifford & Nina Layton
Chris & Ginny Lindelof

Building Lock Up **D. C. Brown**

Wednesday 1/23

Song Leader **Kyle Huckabee**
Opening Prayer **Clifford Layton**
Closing Prayer **Gary Adams**
Devotional **Kevin Odom**

Morning Worship

Opening Prayer **Chris Lindelof**
Song Leader **Greg Fabian**

Communion

Presiding: **Clifford Layton**
David Blair, Jr. **Bobby Parker**
Russell Genaro **Von Knight**
Eddie Ray **Taylor Griffith**

Closing Prayer **David Smith**

Nursery

Stacey Sandoval **Teresa Turner**

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer **Bill Russell**
Song Leader **Bobby Parker**
Communion **P. Hamilton & L. Adams**
Closing Prayer **Ryan Parsons**
Nursery **Amy Cuellar**

Both Services

Ushers (*indicates head usher)

* **Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, David Blair, Elijah Sandoval**

Announcements **Ryan Parsons**

Video Camera **Kyle Huckabee**

Welcomers

Derek & Tracey Mauney
Greg & Linda Fabian

Building Lock Up **Chuck Huckabee**

Wednesday 1/30

Song Leader **Kevin Odom**
Opening Prayer **Von Knight**
Closing Prayer **David Blair**
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

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
Ryan Parsons Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
Save, Benin West Africa

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In every large city's downtown district there are slums and eyesores that embarrass city fathers and civic leaders of every ilk. Urban renewal projects seek to reclaim those areas. The renovation project of an old two-story row house, 10 blocks from the White House, is one example. Its storied history is documented by *This Old House*. The 2,950-square-foot single-family townhouse was built around 1879. There was just barely enough architectural evidence and historical records available to enable the owners of the property to envision what this house once looked like. Condemned as a public health hazard, it has been home to squatters and crack addicts for years. Looters have long ago removed everything of value inside. Plumbing, wiring, fixtures, fireplace mantels, cabinetry, moldings, windows, floorings, plaster and banisters. If was deemed valuable it was stolen, if not, it was burned.

Are you thinking right now, "I'm glad I don't live in Washington D.C. or any other place where people do things like that"? Your homeowner's association, which can crank out nasty letters over the most insignificant and often imaginary transgression, would never let things come to such a state of affairs where you live...right?

Our Wednesday night class is examining reasons why it is credible to believe in the biblical claim for inspiration. We've noted, and will continue to note, the as-

sault against God's word being authoritative by men who claim to be followers of the Son. Think of the ruin they contribute to. The nice rich leather covers of your Bible and the gilt tipped edges of those carefully bound pages mask a shell of corruption and ruin. You love God because He is so good to others? Liberal scholars would have you believe that the God of the New Testament that loved so much is an unknown interloper who managed to upstage the angry vengeful God of the Old Testament. Their arguments, if allowed influence, erode and strip away the statements of Paul and James (1 Cor. 8:4,6; Gal. 3:20; Eph. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Jas. 2:19).

Does nature's beauty inspire you to sing "How Great Thou Art?" It is an unsubstantiated belief that could only be reached by subjective means because, as liberal scholars all agree, the creation accounts in Genesis are allegorical. Since they aren't true accounts, you could take them out of your Bible. But doing that is like taking the foundation from your town home! No foundation leaves little for floor joists to rest upon and fails to allow them to support the studs and pillars. And of course that makes roof integrity anything but. You admire Abraham's faith in committing to sacrifice his son on an altar? Nonsense! Every liberal knows that those Jews the Assyrians, and later the Babylonians, subjected simply gave such fanciful stories as the Abraham and Isaac motif as a way of explaining why they didn't go into human sacrifices like other nations did. That not only requires you to disregard narratives of the Old Testament, but it also re-



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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



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

J.A.M. will be Saturday, February 9th from Noon—2PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Brothers Eat at Joseph's House Gen. 43. Wednesday evening will be Joseph's Cup Found in Benjamin's Sack Gen. 44.



Camp Hensel applications are in, see Ryan for info and applications.

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quires you to think of faith as something other than it represents itself to be in the New Testament. If Abraham never did such a thing, his model of faith which is so prominently featured in the New Testament, can't be the model for genuine faith and faith can't originate from hearing the word (Rom. 10:17). Faith must instead be the substance of subjective thoughts and speculations.

the Lord's claims to come again and receive us to Himself?

These liberals have, with their attacks, become the looters that break the windows, steal the furnishings, destroy the fixtures, strip the copper wiring and burn the banisters. Then they want to take over the gutted ruins and occupy it with their corrupt version of Christianity. They aren't wearing gang insignia, and they don't have a gangsta posture, or affect The Godfather in their heavy handed tactics. They don't even reside in lecture halls of Harvard or Yale (at least not all of them), they live in your city and in your subdivision and they stand in pulpits in your town. The truth is that we could use a little urban renewal right here. And if we succeed, it will be because we understand Peter's warning that judgment begins with us (1 Peter 4:17) and so we rise to give a defense of the faith (1 Peter 3:15). For that cause we must keep studying.

Every miracle of the Bible is a contradiction and an impossible event that no educated person can accept at face value. They become cause for a suspension of belief. Yet the apostle John said that they were causes for belief (John 20:30,31). If God did not empower Samson to slay a thousand Philistines with the jaw bone of an ass, if Moses was not divinely empowered to turn the Nile to blood, then a virgin could not give birth to child, nor could that child grow into a miracle worker that would die and resurrect from the grave! If we can't believe in Samson's feats because such fantastic claims are a suspension of belief, how do we believe

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New Members

We are pleased to announce that **Ron & Betty Bazzy** and their daughter **Terry Brown** have placed their membership with us. Due to a camera malfunction, we do not have pictures this week but will next week.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazzy has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Cooper Gartrell continues to undergo chemo treatments.

Nina Layton is feeling some better & hopes that her treatments will end this week.

Clifford Layton is undergoing tests towards the scheduling of back surgery.

Nelda Dyes, a sister of Clifford Layton, remains in rehab and is expected to return to East Texas at the end of the month.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: LaRue Case, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford,

Louise Farmer, Rossie Gilbert, Frances Humphries, Rebecca Morganthaler. **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Delta Burner, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Glenda Martin Garner, Ainsley Garza, Mike Green, Bob & Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Margaret McKinney, Larry Wayne Martin, Shawna Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Sue Pinch, Clairette Pool, Katy Ramsey, Norma Ray, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kelly Stein, Kay Taliaferro, Victor Trevino, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

So that we might keep our Continuing Needs list current, if you asked for a name to be placed on this list or you have information on someone on this list, please give Laurie an update. We would like to determine if there are any changes that need to be made.

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.
- There will be a very brief **Parents Meeting** Sunday evening in the Training Room.
- Volunteers are needed for **hosting Jr & Sr High devos**. Sign up sheet on Youth bulletin board in foyer.
- **General Business Meeting** will be Sunday, February 3rd, following evening services.
- **Golden Agers Game Day** will be Monday, February 4th, at 11:30 AM in the Annex.
- **Wednesday Night With the Master** will be Wednesday, the 6th.

January Birthdays

25 Ethan Brown 30 Lindsay Parker

February Birthdays

7 Leah Bateman 12 Gary Adams
12 Avery Turner 14 Louise Farmer
15 Rubye Jo Knight 16 Andra Ramsey
21 Candice Dobson 23 Jacob Genaro
27 Gretchen Whitmire

February Anniversaries

9 John & Joy Sloan 20 Pete & Michelle Griffith