

Those to Serve

February 1		February 8	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	David Blair
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Von Knight	Presiding:	Bob Williams
Paul Dillon	Loyd Wilson	Nathan Scarsdale	Mike Turner
Lynn Adams	David Blair	Kevin Scarsdale	Ron Bazzy
Greg Fabian	Elijah Sandoval	Phil Godwin	Josh Hamilton
Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker	Closing Prayer	Clifford Layton
Nursery		Nursery	
Teresa Turner	Ashley Turner	Laurie Huckabee	Stephanie Ray
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Blair	Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	
Communion	E. Priestley & C. Huckabee	Communion	E. Ray & B. Parker
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	David Smith
Nursery	Stephanie Ray	Nursery	Jalyn Wick
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Eugene Priestley, Chuck Huckabee, Tex Greene, Dal Randle, John Adams		*Eddie Ray, Bobby Parker, Rick Stone, Kevin Ford, James Taylor	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Josh Hamilton	Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Eddie Ray & Oleda Putman		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Bill & Dianne Westmoreland		Chris & Ginny Lindelof	
Building Lock Up	Gary Adams	Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown
Wednesday 1/28		Wednesday 2/4	
Song Leader	Mike Turner	Song Leader	Wednesday
Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian	Opening Prayer	Night
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	With The
Devotional	Dick Case	Devotional	Master

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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 Tiohanan Evangelist
 Save, Benin West Africa

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WHAT REALLY MATTERS?

It's a vague and ambiguous question. To be redundant, it could have dozens of right answers. It needs a context to be definitive. It's the kind of question that many of us dislike for those very reasons. As presented, it would not be useful in the field of science. The astronomer would want it narrowed down to specific parameters and so would the botanist and the biologist. The mathematician would want more specifics and so would the linguist. There is no discipline of study that could be satisfied with the question without more information. But what isn't good enough for the intellect of man in any of the above areas, is often good enough when the subject involves spiritual matters.

In religious matters, "What really matters?" is best left alone. Set that question in a context such as truth, salvation, obedience, faith, or love and the arguments begin. Where religion is concerned, the unspoken theorem is "It doesn't really matter!"

In doing some research for a class, I came across an article that, based on the title, seemed to have great potential. It asked the question: "Is the Bible Inerrant?" Expecting to find good sound arguments for inerrancy based on rock solid points of logic, I was surprised to discover that the thrust of the article was twofold:

1.) **Scripture is not inerrant in many of its details.** The author pointed to numerous passages as examples of contradictions. There were, according to the article, contradicting bits of information in Luke's account of the birth of Christ which could not be reconciled to Matthew's account. The article then went on to note contradictions in the records of the gospel writers regarding things Jesus taught, miracles that He performed and the circumstances surrounding His death. It also treated accounts in the

Old Testament in the same manner.
 2.) **The fact that the Bible is not inerrant is of no consequence.** The position taken by the author was that those who accept the Bible as inerrant place an impossible strain on their faith. His point: – if it is all true, or none of it is true, – then the fact that the Bible has errors in it (such as those he lists in the article) makes our faith in the bigger picture impossible. In other words, we need to believe in Christianity and in the love of God without being tripped up in our faith by closely studying the Scriptures with all of its "minor blemishes and errors." Or, put another way, "What really matters" could be destroyed by what really doesn't matter.

It might seem to be the ravings of a lone lunatic and not worthy of the time spent refuting it. But the article was on a prominent website that offers itself as a "resource...for disciples who seek ever more intimate communion with Christ...and who seek to engage the world in loving witness as ambassadors of God's Kingdom." Without the Scriptures, what authority can we call upon in order to be a loving witness as ambassadors of God's Kingdom? If we have to accept as a matter of course that our Scriptures are filled with accounts that cannot be harmonized, and contain historical discrepancies, then how do we renew our own faith? How do we get others to believe in the unseen God, whose reality, power, and love for us are only fully revealed in Scripture?

The author's point is that we've made too much of the Scriptures by believing them to be inerrant and by so doing we have placed our faith in the Scriptures rather than on the Savior. Yet the Savior is revealed only in Scripture! If Luke's account of the Savior is suspect because of an alleged discrepancy with Matthew in some details, then how do we know that anything Luke records is correct? Luke claimed that he had made careful investigations and inquiries and then compiled an account of things that happened in the life of Christ.



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. High Devo will be a joint devo where we will host Westside this Sunday beginning at 4PM.

J.A.M will be February 7th from Noon to 2PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be **Healing the Crippled Man at the Temple Acts 3.** Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be **Peter & John in Prison, Then Released Acts 4.**



Luke stated that his purpose was so that the “exact truth” could be known (Luke 1:1-4). If the compiled account is in error, the exact truth cannot be known from reading Luke’s gospel. And if that first account, “about all that Jesus began to do and teach” is incorrect in its particulars, then what confidence can we have in the second volume – the book of Acts (Acts 1:1,2)? Volume two reveals a detailed, step-by-step plan of salvation. It also describes the function of the local church and gives its organization. But given the fact that Luke was wrong in some matters, can we know that he isn’t wrong in the details he gives about salvation, or the church? Since he traveled with Paul, and by Paul’s own admission, was a close companion, can we trust Paul’s writings? How do we know that Luke didn’t influence some of Paul’s thinking regarding the Christ?

meaningless, and in fact, an embarrassment to the Christian, if what is recorded in the Scriptures doesn’t really matter. Commands to examine everything carefully (1 Thess. 5:21) are impossible to keep two thousand years after the eye witnesses have died. We certainly can’t examine things carefully against what is taught in the Scriptures which contain so many errors. We have an impossible mission if we would seek to be loving ambassadors of God’s kingdom but cannot reliably speak of the kingdom from the Bible.

However, if we continue to insist, as I hope we always will, that the Scriptures are inspired and are inerrant, then we must act upon them and rely upon them as if, in spiritual matters, IT REALLY MATTERS!

Keep studying

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In Deepest Sympathy

Ed Orren, former member here, passed away earlier this week. Burial services are scheduled for Saturday in Comanche, Texas.

Jack Haltom, former member here, passed away this morning in Onalaska. We do not have funeral information as of print time.

January Birthdays

30 Lindsay Parker

February Birthdays

4	Laone Taylor	7	Leah Bateman
9	Paul Cartwright	12	Gary Adams
12	Avery Turner	15	Ruby Jo Knight
16	Andra Ramsey	21	Candice Dobson
23	Jacob Genaro	27	Gretchen Whitmire
29	Jeremy Blair		

February Anniversaries

9	John & Joy Sloan	14	Harold & Alice Moore
20	Pete & Michelle Griffith		

KEPT IN PRAYER

Varnell Allison is in Southeast Memorial Hospital, Room 102, with a blood infection.

Claude Anderson has been released from the hospital.

June Evans, is recovering from successful surgery.

Pete Griffith is home & doing much better. Thank you all for your prayers, calls and visits. *Pete & Michelle*

Dorendia Hamilton is suffering many health issues at this time.

Lauren Murphy, the Nudelman’s daughter, has been moved to The Courtyards of Pasadena. They appreciate your continued prayers and concern for Lauren.

Sybil Simon, Tracey Mauney’s grandmother, is still trying to recover from pneumonia.

Emily Zimmerman, Judy Indest’s niece, is home &

doing better. She is receiving IV antibiotics. Judy writes, “Thank you so much for your prayers, they worked.” *Judy Indest*

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Billie Dykes, 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:** Marvin Aly, Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Mark Brown, Mitzi Ledgerwood Brown, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Michael Fleury, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Samuel Knight, 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, Claudia Scott Wright.

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.
- **General Business Meeting** will be this Sunday evening following services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
- **Visit to Rossie Gilbert** will be tomorrow morning. We will leave the Annex at 9 A.M. Tonight is the deadline for signing up to go.
- **Wednesday Night With The Master** will be next week. Please sign an intent card on Sunday so that work areas can be scheduled.
- **Elders, Deacons and Ministers Planning Meeting** will be this Saturday from 9 A.M. till noon.