

Those to Serve

February 8		February 15	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Blair	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Bob Williams	Presiding:	Mike Turner
Nathan Scarsdale	Mike Turner	David Blair, Jr	Bobby Parker
Kevin Scarsdale	Ron Bazy	Russell Genaro	Von Knight
Phil Godwin	Josh Hamilton	Eddie Ray	Nathan Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Clifford Layton	Closing Prayer	David Smith
Nursery		Nursery	
Laurie Huckabee	Stephanie Ray	Amy Cuellar	Tracey Mauney
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson	Opening Prayer	Bill Russell
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	E. Ray & B. Parker	Communion	P. Hamilton & L. Adams
Closing Prayer	David Smith	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Nursery	Jalyn Wick	Nursery	Laura Odom
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Eddie Ray, Bobby Parker, Rick Stone, Kevin Ford, James Taylor		*Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, David Blair, Tim Godwin	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval	Video Camera	Kyle Huckabee
Welcomers Clifford & Nina Layton Chris & Ginny Lindelof		Welcomers Derek & Tracey Mauney Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown	Building Lock Up	Chuck Huckabee
Wednesday 2/4		Wednesday 2/11	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Mike Turner
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	Von Knight
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	David Blair
Devotional	Master	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
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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

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
 Save, Benin West Africa

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DO WE HAVE FOREKNOWLEDGE?

We've all heard the depressing news releases earlier in the work week in regard to cabinet nominees and their issues. That, along with the stimulus plan have so dominated the news this week that hardly any mention was made about the last minute play that decided the outcome of the Super Bowl. When was the last time the Super Bowl was a dead issue less than 24 hours after it was over? That may be the most telling indicator of all that things are a mess.

Riding home from the office Tuesday evening, I was listening to the news on my radio and I heard an even more disturbing bit of economic news. As of Tuesday, the \$900 billion dollar stimulus package includes \$1 billion for the 2010 Census, which has a projected cost overrun of \$3 billion. I'm still mulling that one over and trying to understand how it could be determined a year before the census is taken that it's going to be over budget by \$3 billion – and we can fix it by giving it \$1 billion. There just seems to be something wrong with that, and wrong on a lot of different levels! But wouldn't you like to have that kind foreknowledge?

Foreknowledge is something that is largely the purview of the Almighty. It is a word rarely used in the New Testament, occurring only seven times and almost always in regard to God's foreknowledge. Nevertheless, it is used twice in the New Testament in regard to man's foreknowledge; and is it the same quality of foreknowledge ascribed to God?

Divine Foreknowledge

Scripture uses the noun form of the Greek word *prognosis* [pro-nō-sis] two times (Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:2). In

both instances it is a word used by the apostle Peter. On the day of Pentecost he said, ***"this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God..."*** And years later, Peter's inspired pen informs us that his letter is addressed to those ***"chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father..."*** The significance of these statements is that foreknowledge is an immutable attribute of God. In other words, take foreknowledge away and God would not be God!

The word is also found in verb form (*proginosko* - prō-gin-ō-skō) with three of its occurrences having reference to God's foreknowledge.

1. Paul tells us that ***"...God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..."*** (Rm. 8:28,29).
2. Later, in that same letter, Paul writes, ***"God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew..."*** (Rm. 11:2).
3. Peter tells us that the pre-incarnate Christ was known to God in eternity past. ***"For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you"*** (1 Pet. 1:20).

In all of the above passages, foreknowledge is an attribute of God describing a divine knowledge of things to be - even before creation occurred. With that foundation and understanding of the word, it might seem surprising to find it also used in Scripture in reference to man's foreknowledge.

Human Foreknowledge

In two New Testament passages the verb form of the word is used to speak of man's foreknowledge.



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. High Devo will be February 15th at the home of the Scarsdales.

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 **Ananias & Sapphira Lie Acts 5.** Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be **Seven Men Chosen; Stephen Arrested Acts 6.**



1. Paul told Agrippa that his accusers, the Jews, **“have known about me for a long time”** (Acts 26:5). Agrippa is hearing Paul’s case as a courtesy and out of curiosity, for the case has already been appealed to Caesar (25:12). The case against Paul had included the accusation: **“...we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him. We wanted to judge him according to our own Law”** (Acts 24:5,6). Paul’s defense to Agrippa is that their characterization of Paul was unfounded and that they themselves knew of his good character and had known of it for a long time before they accused him.
2. As Peter ends his last epistle, he writes, **“You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness”** (2 Pet. 3:17). It is clear that Peter has warned them of things to come and warned them for the purpose of preparation and victory. We would say it this way: “To be forewarned is to be forearmed.”

inctions as to the quality of foreknowledge that each possesses.

- *God’s foreknowledge is timeless.*
- *God’s foreknowledge is a self-determined knowledge.*
- *Man’s foreknowledge has an origin.* The Jews had known about Paul for a long time, but that knowledge certainly did not predate Paul, let alone go back to eternity past. It began with their generation.
- *Man’s foreknowledge is dependent upon information either supplied or derived.* It is foreknowledge known empirically (as was the case with the Jews who accused Paul) or it is known because it has been supplied (as in the warning that Peter issues).

I don’t know how much “foreknowledge” went into projecting a \$3 billion short fall in a program not yet begun. It seems more likely to my jaded mind that this is a ploy to tap into the \$900 billion that might be set aside to stimulate our economy. But I do know that you and I can possess a degree of true foreknowledge by having it supplied to us from the One who is the fore-knower. For that reason, we ought to always look to and trust in His word.

Keep studying

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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 remains in Southeast Memorial Hospital, Room 102, with a blood infection.

Leah Bateman will undergo surgery on February 18th.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Cooper Gartrell, Dorendia Hamilton, 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 Bar-

nes, Leonard Dunford, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morgenthaler. **Others:** Marvin Aly, Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Mark 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 Taliarero, 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.
- **Secret Sisters** will meet on Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Annex. Please bring a pot luck dish.
- **Meals On Wheels** is this week, please remember your time slot if you volunteered.
- **Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting** will be Saturday, the 14th. Breakfast will be at 8 AM at Kelley’s and the meeting will begin at 9 AM.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, the 14th, at 8 AM at Kelley’s Restaurant.
- **Men Vs. Boys Paintball.** Feb. 21st at Paintball Zone on Dixie Farm Rd. \$25.00 per person if we get at least 20 people. So please sign up if you are interested and invite your friends.

Have a little left over space so I thought I would share a few of my favorite funnies...

