

Those to Serve

February 24

March 2

Morning Worship

Opening Prayer **David Smith**
Song Leader **Greg Fabian**

Communion

Presiding: **Bill Westmoreland**
Eugene Priestley **John Genaro**
Eddie Ray **Larry Roberson**
Kevin Odom **Kyle Huckabee**

Closing Prayer **Clifford Layton**

Nursery

Laura Odom **Laura Wilson**

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer **Neil Barnhill**
Song Leader **Bobby Parker**
Communion **T. Greene & C. Huckabee**
Closing Prayer **Gary Adams**
Nursery **Amanda Parsons**

Both Services

Ushers (*indicates head usher)

* **Tex Greene, Chuck Huckabee, Jeremy Brown, Loyd Wilson, Josh Hamilton**

Announcements **Ryan Parsons**

Video Camera **John Adams**

Welcomers

Claude & Leona Anderson
Lynn & Lucille Adams

Building Lock Up **Von Knight**

Wednesday 2/20

Song Leader **Bobby Parker**
Opening Prayer **Bill Russell**
Closing Prayer **Lynn Adams**
Devotional **Chris Lindelof**

Morning Worship

Opening Prayer **Von Knight**
Song Leader **Gary Adams**

Communion

Presiding: **Chris Lindelof**
Jeremy Brown **Gheath Alatrash**
Lynn Adams **Pete Griffith**
Dwight Ramsey **Ross Genaro**

Closing Prayer **Claude Anderson**

Nursery

Angela Parker **Michelle Griffith**

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer **Paul Hamilton**
Song Leader **Mike Turner**
Communion **K. Odom & C. Huckabee**
Closing Prayer **Eddie Ray**
Nursery **Debbie Brown**

Both Services

Ushers (*indicates head usher)

* **Kevin Odom, Charles Huckabee, Eugene Priestley, Kevin Ford, Anthony Sandoval**

Announcements **Ryan Parsons**

Video Camera **Josh Hamilton**

Welcomers

David & Brenda Blair
Neil & Fran Barnhill

Building Lock Up **Eugene Priestley**

Wednesday 2/27

Song Leader **Dwight Ramsey**
Opening Prayer **David Smith**
Closing Prayer **Tex Greene**
Devotional **Greg Fabian**

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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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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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THE PRICE TO BE MADE ALIVE

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A recurring theme of Paul's epistles has to do with what God has done for us through the sacrifice and resurrection of Christ. Specifically, the apostle speaks often of the fact that through the redemptive work of Christ we have been made alive. In those passages two key points are consistently raised. First, the message always demonstrates that death is the result of sin (Rm. 6:1-11; Rm. 6:13; Rm. 8:10; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13). And secondly, the message always proves that death is unconquerable except by redemption through Christ (Rm. 6:3-11; Rm. 7:4; Rm. 8:9,10; 1 Cor. 15:16-22; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13).

A careful student of the word will easily recognize that the last two verses cited are parallel passages; they say essentially the same thing. Of those two, the first leads the reader on to perhaps the most often quoted passage of that letter and one that is also the conclusion of Paul's point: (Eph. 2:5-10, with verse 8 containing the phrase most often repeated). The second verse also leads us to a conclusion, but it is a passage that isn't so often cited.

Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Paul points once again to the truth that sins or transgressions make us unrighteous and result in death (v. 13). And he shows yet again that the redemptive work

of the Savior brings life to the dead (v. 14). But note as well a few other things such as:

- *We are made alive together with Christ by the power of God* (v. 13). There is not only a comparison to His resurrection and our being made alive again (cf. v. 13 with v. 15), but there is an emphasis on our unique relationship with Christ – both are raised by God and raised in purity.
- *We could not have new life if the debt had not been canceled* (v. 14). Some of the beauty of Paul's inspired message may be lost on us due to the words chosen by modern translators. Both the NIV and the NASV speak of canceling. "...having canceled the written code" (NIV) and having "canceled out the...decrees" (NASV). But the KJV, the ASV and the NKJV have a different translation. They speak of "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances" (KJV), "having blotted out the bond written in ordinances" (ASV), and "having wiped out the handwriting of requirements" (NKJV).



Each of the translations cited are accurate because the Greek word does mean to cancel and it does mean to blot or wash away. It was used for wiping out a memory of an experience and also for the act of washing out the writing on a papyrus (Rienecker, Rogers, *Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament*, p. 574). The metaphor of wiping out and washing away in order to write something new, something different is a beautiful metaphor and it precisely conveys the grace of forgiveness.

- *We could not have new life if the debt had not been taken away* (v. 14). That debt is ours sins which are exposed by the Law. An excellent explanation of this in great detail is found in the seventh chapter of Romans. It is a debt

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. High devo will be February 24th. It will be in the Annex & hosted by the Turner & Cuellar families.

Stay tuned for details on J.A.M.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Daniel 2. Wednesday evening will be The Fiery Furnace Daniel 3.



Camp Hensel applications deadline is March 2nd!!

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beyond our ability to repay. There are thousands of empty houses today because the debt proved to be too great to repay (even over time). In many cases the homeowners have simply walked away. While the government may protect the right to walk away from insurmountable debt regardless of fault, the debt of sin is something that no man can walk away from. Unless God takes the debt away, the debt is there. It won't go away and we can't walk away – so our loving God takes it away!

parts of the Law. Their teachings would have the effect of nailing the Savior to a cross and leaving Him there, while resurrecting for all time a Law that only results in irreconcilable debt.

Paul's recurring theme is worthy of repetition. There is nothing that needs to be understood more than this theme. We are in debt and cannot repay. Because we cannot walk away, our unrighteousness will follow us into eternity resulting in death. Today we are but dead men walking unless God does something about that debt for us. He gives us eternal life and life with the Savior. He took away the results of our sin and the impediment to our walk by nailing to the cross and we could do neither. He paid the highest price in order to make us alive.

Keep on studying. D. C. Brown ©2008

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- "The best vitamin for a Christian is B1"
- "Under same management for over 2000 years"
- "Soul food served here"
- "Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk!"
- "You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving"
- "Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church"
- "We should be more concerned with the Rock Of Ages, instead of the age of rocks"
- "Reputation is what people think about you. Character is what people know you are"

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazy as she continues to undergo her chemo treatments. She received another treatment today.

Cooper Gartrell has returned home & hopes to get his next treatment on Friday.

Clifford Layton will undergo back surgery tomorrow at Methodist Hospital.

Chase Shelton, grandson of Joy Sloan, is hospitalized in Galveston in an ICU unit. He is not doing well & the entire family is in need of your prayers.

Rick Stone will undergo some testing on Monday.

Joan Pollock, a member in Sweeny & friend to several of our members, is critically ill following a heart attack.

Steve Mason, Tracey Mauney's co-worker, has been quite ill for a while now & needs prayers for healing and strength.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: LaRue Case, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Rick Stone. **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, 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, please give Laurie an update. We would like to determine if there are any changes that need to be made.

February Birthdays

21	Candice Dobson	23	Jacob Genaro
27	Gretchen Whitmire		

February Anniversaries

20	Pete & Michelle Griffith
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March Birthdays

3	Claudia Martin	4	D.C. Brown
6	Taylor Cuellar	18	Taylor Harder
19	Sandy Stone	24	Eddie Ray
25	Evelyn Cordell	29	Judy Indest
29	Craig Williams		

March Anniversaries

9	D.C. & Debbie Brown	17	John & Julee Genaro
22	Greg & Linda Fabian	31	Russell & Canova Genaro

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **Family Encampment** will be February 29—March 2 at Huntsville State Park. If you intend to go, please see Ryan ASAP!!
- **Sounds of Glory** will perform this Saturday evening at 7:00 PM at Watters Rd in Pasadena. If you are interested in attending, please see Fran Barnhill,
- **General Business Meeting** will be Sunday, March 2nd.
- **Golden Agers Game Day** will be Monday, March 3rd, at 11:30 AM in the Annex.