

Those to Serve

May 11		May 18	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Von Knight
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Bill Westmoreland	Presiding:	Chris Lindelof
Eugene Priestley	John Genaro	Jeremy Brown	Gheath Alatrash
Eddie Ray	Larry Roberson	Lynn Adams	Pete Griffith
Kevin Odom	Kyle Huckabee	Dwight Ramsey	Ross Genaro
Closing Prayer	Clifford Layton	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery		Nursery	
Amanda Parsons	Laura Wilson	Stacey Sandoval	Stephanie Ray
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Neil Barnhill	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Dwight Ramsey	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	T. Greene & C. Huckabee	Communion	B. Russell & C. Huckabee
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Eddie Ray
Nursery	Laurie Huckabee	Nursery	Debbie Brown
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* Tex Greene, Chuck Huckabee, Jeremy Brown, Loyd Wilson, Taylor Griffith		* Bill Russell, Charles Huckabee, Eugene Priestley, Kevin Ford, Anthony Sandoval	
Announcements	Ryan Parsons	Announcements	Ryan Parsons
Video Camera	John Adams	Video Camera	Josh Hamilton
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Claude & Leona Anderson		David & Brenda Blair	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Neil & Fran Barnhill	
Building Lock Up	Von Knight	Building Lock Up	Clifford Layton
Wednesday 5/7		Wednesday 5/14	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Dwight Ramsey
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Tex Greene
Devotional	Master	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
Greg Fabian 281-485-2436
Von Knight 281-485-2436
Clifford Layton 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
Ryan Parsons Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
 Save, Benin West Africa

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LABORS IN BENIN

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The work that you allowed me to do in Africa has been done to the best of my ability. I am confident, very confident, that the Lord is blessing it and that He will continue to bless it. You have encouraged those brethren we support as evangelists in the Savé region. You encourage them financially, both on an ongoing basis and with the gift that you sent through me. You have also encouraged them representatively through me as I represented you in all of my visits, my teaching and my preaching. You can know for certain that those who labor in that area think very highly and have great respect for you. At the same time, I hope that I represented them and their needs as I spoke of them to you in my report on Sunday morning. These men are working in conditions that would seem all but impossible to us.

They go from village to village and have need of an interpreter even when I am not there. Or at the least, they must translate what they say in one tongue to the language of others who have come to hear their message.

They are dedicated men who have received training to varying degrees to do their work. Paul has the benefit of three years at BTC. He was in the first graduating class of that school of preaching. Pascal has perhaps a year of training at BTC but was not able to finish. Renée, Jonas and Theophilus have only the training in Scriptures that Paul has been able to give them in the field.

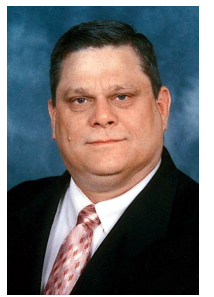
All of these men are multi-lingual, with Pascal being able to speak in more languages than the others. Pascal's father worked for the state rail system and as it expanded across the country, his father moved the family from location to location. This enabled Pascal to

learn the dialects and languages of several different tribes. He now uses this ability to do the Lord's bidding.

Each of these evangelists is also literate and conversant in French. This allows them to read and study the Bible. Each of them owns a copy of the Bible, though it should be noted that their Bibles are badly worn out copies that are taped together and, generally speaking, are falling apart. However, their preaching points and the congregations they serve are made up of adults who cannot read French and who do not have a written language for the dialects and tongues they speak.

The government does provide free public education up to about the Jr. High level (after that, the parents must pay for any further education their children receive). That means that a generation of children are growing up right now who may have the ability to read and understand the Scriptures if a Bible could be placed in their hands. I see that as a priority need in the next several years. For the present, their parents must hear the truth from the mouths of those you support as full time evangelists. They are limited in what they can learn and can retain by not having access to the Scriptures. This means that even the lessons they are taught have to be limited in scope. The false doctrines they are exposed to, and they get plenty of exposure, cannot be thoroughly discredited by in-depth studies such as we are accustomed to. Their reliance upon the credibility and the knowledge of the speaker leaves them vulnerable to false teachings. Our preaching brethren have a great burden to proclaim the truth in love and to instill respect and obedience to the written word of God.

My lessons presented to the preachers at the seminar in Savé were on a level that is far above the capacity of the average member in the village churches to comprehend. But those who attended have some training and are literate, so I was able to deal with some very in-depth issues and challenges that they face and provide



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. High devo will be Sunday at the home of the Odoms.

Camp Bandina applications are due NOW.

Camp Brazos Valley applications need to be turned in ASAP.

J.A.M. will be May 10th from noon to 2:00 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Man, Woman & Their Garden Home Gen. 2. Wednesday evening will be Adam & Eve Sin Gen. 3.



a “thus saith the Lord” for everything. They are dealing with all of the false teachings that you are aware of, plus those false teachings of Christian denominations that are indigenous to Africa, which we know nothing of. Finally, they are having to overcome the animistic pagan religions that have enslaved the people of Benin for centuries. But they are overcoming all of these obstacles through the power of the word.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

Keep studying. D. C. Brown ©2008

May Birthdays

7	Bill Westmoreland	8	Heather Brown
9	Jean Adams	9	Janice Pearson
9	Murrell Hill	12	Kaya Lindelof
14	Jalyn Wick	17	Glenda Cashiola
18	Audrey Nelson	18	Jara Go
19	Dick Case	19	Adam Parker
20	Fran Barnhill	20	David Blair
24	Pat Greene	24	Jacob Parsons
25	Brenda Langford	31	Kyle Huckabee

May Anniversaries

10	Ryan & Amanda Parsons
13	Claude & Leona Anderson
14	Gary & Jean Adams
17	Derek & Tracey Mauney
17	Brian & Crystal Pack
17	Larry & Lou Ann Phillips
18	Kevin & Maresha Scarsddale
31	Bruce & Becky Hopkins

KEPT IN PRAYER

Neil Barnhill is undergoing an MRI tonight.

Cooper Gartrell will undergo a very heavy day of treatments on Friday. Please keep the entire family in prayer.

Kyle Huckabee received good results from his biopsy. He will continue to be monitored. Thanks so much for your prayers.

Clifford Layton will undergo hip replacement on May 20th.

Chuck Banyai, Sheila’s husband, will undergo surgery at Southeast Memorial Hospital on Monday. He will be in the hospital for 7 days, please no visitors but cards will be greatly welcomed.

Mandy Greer received a good report from the doctor.

Thomas Morrison, infant relative of the Barnhills, passed away on Tuesday.

Aurelio “Fred” Medel, friend of Marsha Bradbury’s, suffered a stroke on Thursday.

In Continuing Need: *Our Members:* Betty Bazy, LaRue Case, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Chase Shelton, Rick Stone.

Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Louise Farmer, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler.

Others: Timothy Anderson, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Bob & Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Jeanette Leonard, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Sue Pinch, Clairette Pool, Joan Pollock, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Greg Fabian** is the contact elder for May. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Greg.
- **Bridal Shower** in honor of **Megan DeWeese** will be Sunday, May 18th, in the Annex at 4:00 PM. Megan & A.J. are registered at Linens-n-Things and Wal-Mart.
- **Secret Sisters** will be Monday, the 12th, at 7:00 PM at Big Humphrey’s.

