

# Those to Serve

May 18		May 25	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Von Knight</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Dwight Ramsey</b>
Song Leader	<b>Kevin Odom</b>	Song Leader	<b>Gary Adams</b>
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	<b>Chris Lindelof</b>	Presiding:	<b>David Blair</b>
<b>Jeremy Brown</b>	<b>Gheath Alatrash</b>	<b>Kevin Odom</b>	<b>Bill Russell</b>
<b>Lynn Adams</b>	<b>Pete Griffith</b>	<b>Greg Fabian</b>	<b>Kevin Scarsdale</b>
<b>Dwight Ramsey</b>	<b>Ross Genaro</b>	<b>David Blair, Jr.</b>	<b>James Taylor</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Claude Anderson</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Bill Westmoreland</b>
Nursery		Nursery	
<b>Stacey Sandoval</b>	<b>Stephanie Ray</b>	<b>Amy Cuellar</b>	<b>Teresa Tuner</b>
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Paul Hamilton</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Eddie Ray</b>
Song Leader	<b>Bob Williams</b>	Song Leader	<b>Mike Turner</b>
Communion	<b>B. Russell &amp; C. Huckabee</b>	Communion	<b>P. Hamilton &amp; V. Knight</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Eddie Ray</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Bill Russell</b>
Nursery	<b>Debbie Brown</b>	Nursery	<b>Amanda Parsons</b>
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
<b>* Bill Russell, Charles Huckabee, Eugene Priestley, Kevin Ford, Anthony Sandoval</b>		<b>* Paul Hamilton, Von Knight, Lynn Adams, Kevin Ford, Ross Genaro</b>	
Announcements	<b>Ryan Parsons</b>	Announcements	<b>Ryan Parsons</b>
Video Camera	<b>Josh Hamilton</b>	Video Camera	<b>Kyle Huckabee</b>
Welcomers <b>David &amp; Brenda Blair</b> <b>Neil &amp; Fran Barnhill</b>		Welcomers <b>Clifford &amp; Nina Layton</b> <b>Chris &amp; Ginny Lindelof</b>	
Building Lock Up	<b>Clifford Layton</b>	Building Lock Up	<b>Chuck Huckabee</b>
Wednesday 5/14		Wednesday 5/21	
Song Leader	<b>Dwight Ramsey</b>	Song Leader	<b>Kyle Huckabee</b>
Opening Prayer	<b>David Smith</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Bobby Parker</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Tex Greene</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Bob Williams</b>
Devotional	<b>Greg Fabian</b>	Devotional	<b>David Blair</b>

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## Worship Times:

### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 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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# The Pearland Harvester

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## BENEATH THE BRANCHES OF THE SYCAMORE TREES



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The brief dialogue between Jesus and Zaccheus, and the reaction it garnered from those who witnessed it as recorded in Luke's gospel, must surely be a condensed version of what transpired. It is inconceivable that Zaccheus would have said only what is quoted. Even more incredible is the notion that the grumblers would have confined themselves to only those fourteen words of complaint that are cited. If hearing Jesus announce His intent to stay as a guest in Zaccheus' home elicited grumbling, the statement that Jesus made upon hearing Zaccheus's desire to rectify his fraudulent ways would definitely have created a firestorm of complaints! Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:9,10). To have been there and witnessed all that took place beneath that sycamore tree would have been a thrilling event to any of us. With the benefit of 20/20 hindsight we would have rejoiced and marveled with all that Jesus was saying.

Saving the lost was not just the Lord's claim. It is the theme of Scripture. We refer to the unfolding drama of fallen man, of God's fulfilled promise to send a redeemer, and His divine prescription for redemption as, "The Scheme of Redemption." It would be equally accurate to state that salvation is the goal and all that is written in the Scriptures draws the mind and soul to that goal.

Like any goal, salvation is an obtainable goal rather than merely a dream, because a plan is revealed by which it is obtained. For His part, the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost, according to a divine plan

set forth before the foundations of the world were laid. Nothing was left undone in carrying out this plan. Thus on the cross the Savior could honestly and correctly say, "It is finished" (John 19:30). No corners were cut, no shortcuts were taken and nothing was circumvented to ease the process.

Though accused of abolishing the Law, Jesus clearly stated that He came to accomplish or fulfill what was written in the Law in every minute detail (Matthew 5:17,18). And He also stated that anyone who set aside or annulled the least of the commandments would be least in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:19). That dire promise was followed by an even more dreadful promise: "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven" (v. 20). The clear implication was those who saw themselves as the epitome of righteousness were the least righteous of all because they did cut corners, took shortcuts and circumvented the divine plan and taught the same to others (vs. 19,20).

The plan to seek and save lost Zaccheus (and lost you and me) would have failed the goal of salvation if anything was changed or left off. Jesus went through the entire ugly process and endured the pain and the shame of the cross so that a repentant Zaccheus (and repentant you and me) could be saved.

We have lent only empty words of false promise and false hope when we attempt to stand under the sycamores of our generation and call down the sinners we see, but offer them a plan of salvation that differs from the revealed plan of the New Testament.

We don't know all that was said on that footpath in Jericho, underneath that sycamore

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**YOUTH EVENTS**

**JR. & SR. HIGH**



Jr. & Sr. High devo will be Sunday hosted by the Turners and Cuellars. There will also be a devo on the 25th.

Camp Bandina applications are past due but spots are still available.

Camp Brazos Valley applications need to be turned in on or before the 25th.

**J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH**

J.A.M. will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for other exciting activities.

**Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade**

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Cain Kills Abel

Gen. 4. Wednesday evening will be Adam's Descendants

Gen. 5.



**BENEATH THE BRANCHES...**

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tree, but we do know from the text what is needed to know to see the love of God and His compassion for a sinner. We don't know all that was said on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:40), but we do know all that is needed to benefit ourselves and others with God's saving love. We cannot enjoy the goal of salvation if we alter the divine plan that achieves it. If we water down the message or tack on our own ideas we have become no better than those whom Jesus said will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

We've all been in the sycamore tree and even now our footpaths take us beneath the trees that afford other lost sinners a distant glimpse of the Savior. We have the honor of inviting them to know the Redeemer through what has been revealed. Lets' be faithful in our service and in our speech - we can afford to do no less. And let's be looking upward among the branches for their sakes - they cannot afford for us to do less! Keep studying. *D. C. Brown ©2008*

*The Exodus  
"God Delivers"*



*Vacation Bible School  
June 22nd-25th, 2008*

**May Birthdays**

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**

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**

Shawn Cravens fell on Sunday and strained his knee very badly.

Cooper Gartrell is doing well following his most recent chemo treatment.

Clifford Layton will undergo hip replacement on May 20th.

Lauretta Wilson underwent surgery this afternoon. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Chuck Banyai, Sheila's husband, underwent surgery on Monday. He is progressing well and hopes to be released Saturday.

Latina Dykes, Billie's niece, will undergo heart surgery on May 22nd.

Cookie Edwards underwent successful surgery on Tuesday.

**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 Morgenthaler.

**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.
- **Senior Sunday** will be on June 1st. We will be honoring our graduating seniors, **Sarah Adams & Tim Godwin**.
- **Dominica Team Meeting** will be this Sunday from 4:00 to 5:30 in the Annex.

**Volunteers Needed**

- **To help unload the Cartwrights**—The moving truck will arrive sometime between May 19 and 22. We need volunteers to help unload the truck. Please sign up in the foyer, you will be contacted when help is needed.
- **VBS volunteers** for crafts, group guides, etc—Please sign up on the list in the foyer.
- **Drivers for Bay Area Wide Devos**—there will be devos every Monday evening from June 16 thru Aug. 11. We will be hosting on 2 occasions, the rest of the weeks, we need sponsors/drivers to accompany our teens to Bay area churches. There is a list & sign up sheet in the foyer.