

Those to Serve

June 8		June 15	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Loyd Wilson	Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Bob Williams	Presiding:	Kevin Odom
Kevin Scarsdale	Chris Lindelof	Lynn Adams	Loyd Wilson
Russell Genaro	Jeremy Brown	David Blair, Jr.	Mike Turner
Dwight Ramsey	Taylor Griffith	Pete Griffith	Anthony Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Von Knight	Closing Prayer	Ben Lenamon
Nursery		Nursery	
Canova Genaro	Julee Genaro	Donna Russell	Angela Parker
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Brian Pack	Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash
Song Leader	Bobby Parker	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	C. Huckabee & B. Russell	Communion	B. Parker & Bill W.
Closing Prayer	Ryan Parsons	Closing Prayer	Von Knight
Nursery	Michelle Griffith	Nursery	Teresa Turner
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* Charles Huckabee, Bill Russell, Rick Stone, Craig Willeford, Elijah Sandoval		* Bobby Parker, Bill Westmoreland, Brent Lindelof, Eugene Priestley, Tim Godwin	
Announcements	Ryan Parsons	Announcements	Ryan Parsons
Video Camera	Josh Hamilton	Video Camera	James Taylor
Welcomers Derek & Tracey Mauney Greg & Linda Fabian		Welcomers Tex & Pat Greene Larry & Deborah Roberson	
Building Lock Up	Kevin Odom	Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown
Wednesday 6/4		Wednesday 6/11	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	Brian Pack
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Lyn n Adams
Devotional	Master	Devotional	Gary Adams

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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

Ryan Parsons Youth & Family Minister

Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
Save, Benin West Africa

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CALL A SPADE A SHOVEL

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This particular company deals only with churches and I suppose that insulates them from some of the rudeness that telemarketers must surely put up with constantly. They are always polite, articulate and in a very subtle way they are high pressure salesmen. You hardly get the polite greeting out of your mouth before they launch into phase one of their pitch. It always starts off with, "Pastor, we are a ministry..." And with those words the first nerve of the three or four I've got left gets pinched in a big way.

About 20 seconds into his spiel I started trying to shut him down. It's a bit like stopping a bull dozer with a twig – you can try but you're just going to get run over. However, I persevere and eventually interrupt his lengthy recital. I tell him that we are not interested in the videos – we know that we don't have to pay anything up front, we know that we are going to receive them on a trial basis for 30 days and that if we don't want them we can kindly return them (paying for the shipping of course). I conclude with a repeat of my theme: we aren't interested in buying anything.

"But pastor, we aren't trying to sell anything..."

"Yes you are," I say with just a little less patience now.

"No pastor, we are a ministry and we are..."

"No sir, you are not a ministry – you are a private, for profit company. You produce a quality product and you market it to churches with every intention of recouping all your expenses and making a profit."

On Tuesday I took a phone call while at the office that turned out to be a salesman. This particular salesman informed me that he was with a company in Dallas that produces videos for churches. I get a phone call from his business at least once a quarter. For ten years we have been saying "no thanks," and for ten years they have continued to call.

"If you are not interested in making money from the product, just let me know - I might want a dozen of them. If the product truly deals in a biblical way with issues that concern Christians, and if it communicates that message in a medium that people can connect with, I am not opposed at all to making it available to as many people as possible. But I am not interested in buying anything at this time. So if you are truly a ministry, then send me a dozen copies that I can keep, at no expense."

"Sir, we have to make a profit to cover our business expenses. We can't just give our product away."

"I understand and I don't expect you to – if you are a business. But if you truly are a ministry why not model your ministry to the New Testament?"

Our phone conversation was pre-maturely terminated at this point by the caller.

I don't object to people trying to earn a living from what they produce, that too is a biblical principal. My objection is to the manipulative technique of disguising the sale by referring to the process as a ministry. It is no different than calling the screaming and hate filled messages of Jeremiah Wright or Michael Pfleger the gospel of Jesus Christ!

When the time comes, and it has, that Satan sends out wolves who operate in sheep's clothing we need to be willing and ready to point out the obvious differences. A telemarketer styling his business as a ministry is relatively benign (annoying, but benign), but denominations that preach the very opposite of the gospel message and call themselves by names that sound very Christian (such as Trinity United Church of Christ) is hardly benign. You will have numerous opportunities in the months to come to defend the truth regarding the gospel, and the one church that Jesus purchased with His own blood. I hope you'll have the courage to point out things that are not true and invite the uninformed to have a better understanding of what is true.

Phone's ringing, I better take the call...keep studying.

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Camp Brazos Valley applications need to be turned in ASAP.

J.A.M will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for summer details.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old-6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be God Lets Satan Tempt Job (Job 1). Wednesday evening will be Satan Attacks Job's Body (Job 2).



Calling all Bandina Campers

Meet at the building on Sunday morning at 7:00 AM to load the van, worship and get on the road by 8:00 AM. Please direct any questions, concerns or complaints to Ryan or Paul at 281-485-2436.

VBS Registration Forms are available in the foyer. Everyone start inviting your friends to come with you.

Greetings from Wisconsin, Happy to receive all of your little notes. I enjoy and read the newsletter each and every week. Give my love to everyone. Much love, Suzy Jones XXOXXOXO

June Birthdays

- 4 Betty Pridgen 7 Kevin Scarsdale
10 Von Knight 11 Charlyne Harper
11 Brent Lindelof 16 Dallas Maxcey
18 Dwight Bateman 18 John Gartrell
20 Jeremy Brown 21 Carol Ann DeWeese
21 Chris Lindelof 23 Debbie Brown
23 Gheath Alatrash 26 Bill Kirby
28 Katie Barnes 28 Ben Lenamon
30 Crystal Pack

June Anniversaries

- 6 Larry & Deborah Roberson
7 Neil & Fran Barnhill
7 Kevin & Laura Odom

KEPT IN PRAYER

Cooper Gartrell will undergo his heaviest day of treatments thus far on Monday. He will be rather sick for approximately three months. We pray that he handles this as well as possible and that perhaps his reaction will not be as severe as expected.

Becky Hopkins has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. It is said to be contained and removable with surgery that has yet to be scheduled.

Clifford Layton is recovering from hip surgery.

Ed Koob is home recovering from having a heart stint placement. Wilma Koob has been under the weather with flu like symptoms.

Adam Parker has been ill and fighting high fevers for over a week.

Vi Price is home but is still in quite a bit of pain.

Bill Westmoreland has been diagnosed with melanoma on his arm.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: Betty Bazzy, 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, Alexander & Elliott Barahona, 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

- Von Knight is the contact elder for June. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Knight.
Wedding Shower in honor of Alan Pearson & Megan Case will be this Sunday in the Annex at 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited-YES, men that means YOU!! Alan & Megan are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target & WalMart. The wedding is to be August 2nd in Long Beach, MS.
Dominica Meeting for this Sunday has been cancelled.
Secret Sisters will be Monday, the 12th, at 7:00 PM at Big Humphrey's.

