

Those to Serve

| June 21 | | June 28 | |
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| Morning Worship | | Morning Worship | |
| Opening Prayer | Greg Fabian | Opening Prayer | Kevin Scarsdale |
| Song Leader | Paul Cartwright | Song Leader | Gary Adams |
| Communion | | Communion | |
| Presiding: | Ron Bazzy | Presiding: | Mike Turner |
| Demetris Kelly | David Blair | Kent Wroe | David Smith |
| Daniel Brown | Ross Genaro | Rick Nudelman | Craig Willeford |
| David Blair, Jr. | Gavin Finch | Terrell Shobe | Kyle Huckabee |
| Closing Prayer | Eddie Ray | Closing Prayer | Chuck Huckabee |
| Nursery | | Nursery | |
| Stacey Sandoval | Teresa Turner | Laurie Huckabee | Stephanie Ray |
| Evening Worship | | Evening Worship | |
| Opening Prayer | Clifford Layton | Opening Prayer | Bobby Parker |
| Song Leader | Paul Cartwright | Song Leader | Gary Adams |
| Communion | L. Adams & J. Brown | Communion | E. Priestley & T. Greene |
| Closing Prayer | Chris Lindelof | Closing Prayer | Bob Williams |
| Nursery | Angela Parker | Nursery | Debbie Brown |
| Both Services | | Both Services | |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher) | | Ushers (*indicates head usher) | |
| *Lynn Adams, Jeremy Brown, Dal Randle, Larry Roberson, Nathan Scarsdale | | *Eugene Priestley, Tex Greene, Paul Hamilton, Loyd Wilson, James Taylor | |
| Announcements | Paul Cartwright | Announcements | Paul Cartwright |
| Video Camera | John Adams | Video Camera | Elijah Sandoval |
| Greeters | | Greeters | |
| L. & L. Adams | G. & J. Adams | Von & Rubye Jo Knight | Bob & Mitzi Williams |
| K. & Maresha Scarsdale | G. Lindelof & G. Whitmire | B. & D. Westmoreland | Derek & Tracey Mauney |
| Building Lock Up | Greg Fabian | Building Lock Up | Bill Russell |
| Wednesday 6/17 | | Wednesday 6/24 | |
| Song Leader | Ross Genaro | Song Leader | Paul Cartwright |
| Opening Prayer | Terrell Shobe | Opening Prayer | David Smith |
| Closing Prayer | Claude Anderson | Closing Prayer | Kevin Odom |
| Devotional | Chris Lindelof | 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

Greg Fabian 281-485-2436

Von Knight 281-485-2436

DEACONS

David Blair – Building & Grounds

Chuck Huckabee – Finances

Chris Lindelof—Benevolence

Kevin Odom – I.T.

Eddie Ray – Education & Missions

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister

Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
Save, Benin West Africa

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I took our house guest to the downtown aquarium last week; it was the first time for both of us. I have driven by the big Ferris Wheel many times in the past and knew just where to go. Because of the heat, I elected to take the pickup (actually, the heat would not have kept me off the bike if it were just me, but a 14 yr old teenager with long blond hair...it just seemed like the right thing to do). The pickup doesn't have built in GPS like my bike, but I didn't think I needed any help getting there...knew right where to go...sort of...well, maybe not.

I went down every street in the downtown area, twice! A couple of times I got close enough to see that stinking Ferris Wheel but both times I was in the wrong lane, or going the wrong direction. Frustrated, but determined, I eventually arrived at the aquarium. Getting out of the pickup, I noticed my cell phone, reminding me for the first time that I had built in GPS on my cell phone. I was not about to confess that to the teenager with me. She is of the generation who can manipulate a cell phone and text with her thumbs faster than yours truly can finish off a bowl of Bluebell ice cream. She was texting someone the whole way and I don't even want to know what it was about.

They gave us paper bracelets to wear once the tickets had been purchased. I hate bracelets, and as a matter of policy I don't wear them. But apparently, they are sticklers for the rules at the downtown aquarium. So, I put mine on as hastily as I could, trying all the while not call attention to myself. I didn't know that I had it on inside out. The 14 year old teenager found it very amusing when some old guy pointed this *faux pas* out. She laughed the whole time she was texting.

The fish in the main exhibit area were interesting. I

could have done without the piranhas and saw no call whatsoever for a 28 feet long anaconda python to be inside a fish aquarium. Nor could I understand why a White Bengal Tiger was on display. But the bracelets said we could see all the exhibits and see them all we did. They allowed us to "pet" the sting rays but I opted to just "see" them. Once back outside, we took a train ride into a tunnel that was under several hundred tons of water - shark infested water.

I don't do water ... on top of, in, nor under.

We stayed in that tunnel for an irritatingly long time while our teenaged "engineer" sat there texting someone. Next we went to ride the Ferris Wheel. As a rule, Ferris Wheels tend to take one up to heights that I don't care to be at while pivoting uncontrollably on two small bearings that may or may not have been properly greased. But I had a guest to consider, so to the Ferris Wheel we went. About half way up I volunteered that I had not been on one in nearly 30 years. Then she informs me that she doesn't like Ferris Wheels. This she could have texted before we ever got on!

Upon leaving the aquarium, I left my bracelet behind and made my way directly to the I-45 south HOV lane. Never missed a lane or made a wrong turn. Still, I was aggravated with myself for not remembering to use my GPS to find the aquarium and a little aggravated for getting a might anxious on the Ferris Wheel.

Life without the Lord is like that. At best you have only a vague idea about where you should go, but you never find the way (Jer. 10:23). I know that someone reading this is wondering why I just didn't stop and ask for directions. Two reasons: 1.) I'm a man - we don't do that, and 2.) navigating the traffic in downtown Houston is tricky and stopping for any reason isn't wise. By



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



BAWD will be HERE on Monday! Please arrive by 6:30 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be **Absalom's Conspiracy** (2 Samuel 15) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be **David is Cursed** (2 Samuel 16).



the time I was willing to ask, it was too late to do it. Life decisions are often made on the fly, in the heat of the moment, when there isn't time to stop and consider. It's true we could be prepared in advance by arming ourselves with an understanding of the times and a knowledge of what we should do (1 Chron. 12:32), but foregoing opportunities to pray and study means that when it's crunch time we're only going to fail.

The python, the tiger, the piranhas and the sharks were never really a threat. The Ferris Wheel made its revolutions and eventually disgorged us. The anxious moments were unnecessary; we had followed the rules and were safe. In life we do tend to get anxious for nothing (Philp. 4:6,7) and we forget that we're going down a path already blazed by The Forerunner (Heb. 6:20). Still, it's always best to be safe and to avoid situations where undue risks are forced upon us. We don't need to live on the edge when the Lord is willing to hold us close. I've done the Ferris Wheel and survived, but I think I will stick to things that aren't so risky. That's why I avoid flying as much as possible, limit my water involvement to the daily shower...and ride my Gold Wing whenever I can. ✍ D. C. Brown ©2009



Lucy Loren Gartrell was welcomed into the family by John, Lacey, Cooper & Leah. She was born on Thursday the 11th and weighed in at 6 lbs 12oz. She remains in the Methodist Hospital but is progressing nicely.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the over-the-top graduation party. It meant so much to Davy & I. We also enjoy the new Bibles. Thank you all for your love and support.

Sincerely,

Sarah Scarsdale & Davy May

KEPT IN PRAYER

Cooper Gartrell has been released from Texas Children's and is doing much better.

David Smith suffered a fall last Thursday. He suffered torn ligaments & other injuries to his knee.

Pat Wagoner was admitted to the hospital today for testing on her heart.

Rich Fairservice, Brenda Blair's brother, underwent bypass surgery but has suffered further complications. **Brenda** has gone to New York to help take care of him.

Richard Galonek, Eddie Ray's brother in law, underwent double bypass and then suffered a collapsed lung. He is improving & hoping to be released to home on Thursday.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, June Evans, Cooper Gartrell, Dorendia Hamilton, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Claudia Martin, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone, Jason Talley, Bill Westmoreland.

Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morgenthaler.

Others: Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Mark Brown, Pat Burkett, Delta Burner, Bobbie Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Leanna Fink, Michael Fleury, Rachel & Joe Glaze, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Leslie Hunt, William Kay, Samuel Knight, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Lt Col Robert Reese, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Pat Stewart, Kay Taliaferro, J.D. Taylor, Penny Waldrum, Bruce Welch, Elaine Wilson, Claudia Scott Wright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for June. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **Drivers Needed for Bay Area Wide Devos** this summer. There is a sign up sheet on the "Coming Events" bulletin board.
- **Bay Area Wide Devo** will be held **HERE** on Monday, June 22nd. Our teens need to be here by 6:30 to greet our guests. We are in need cookies, homemade or otherwise, for this event. There is a sign up sheet on the "Upcoming Events" bulletin board.

June Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------|
| 18 | John Gartrell | 18 | Dwight Bateman |
| 20 | Jeremy Brown | 21 | Chris Lindelof |
| 21 | Carol Ann DeWeese | 23 | Debbie Brown |
| 23 | Gheath Alatrash | 26 | Oleda Putnam |
| 28 | Ben Lenamon | 28 | Katie Barnes |

July Birthdays—1st Half

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| 3 | Nina Layton | 5 | Larry Roberson |
| 6 | Gabriel Alatrash | 6 | Leon McHargh |
| 8 | Linda Fabian | 12 | Shane Harder |

July Birthdays—1st Half

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| 5 | Kevin & Sheri Ford |
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