

Those to Serve

June 28		July 5	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Chuck Huckabee
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Mike Turner	Presiding:	Chris Lindelof
Kent Wroe	David Smith	John Genaro	Ron Bazy
Rick Nudelman	Craig Willeford	Russell Genaro	Ben Lenamon
Terrell Shobe	Kyle Huckabee	Pete Griffith	Josh Hamilton
Closing Prayer	Chuck Huckabee	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery		Nursery	
Laurie Huckabee	Stephanie Ray	Canova Genaro	Julee Genaro
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer	Eugene Priestley
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	E. Priestley & T. Greene	Communion	V. Knight & C. Layton
Closing Prayer	Bob Williams	Closing Prayer	David Blair
Nursery	Debbie Brown	Nursery	Nina Layton
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Eugene Priestley, Tex Greene, Paul Hamilton, Loyd Wilson, James Taylor		*Von Knight, Clifford Layton, Phil Godwin, Tim Godwin, Logan Finch	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval	Video Camera	Anthony Sandoval
Greeters		Greeters	
Von & Rubye Jo Knight	Bob & Mitzi Williams	Clifford & Nina Layton	Ron Bazy
B. & D. Westmoreland	Derek & Tracey Mauney	David & Brenda Blair	David & Monica Blair
Building Lock Up	Bill Russell	Building Lock Up	Von Knight
Wednesday 6/24		Wednesday 7/1	
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Wednesday
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Night
Closing Prayer	Kevin Odom	Closing Prayer	With The
Devotional	Eddie Ray	Devotional	Master

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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

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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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GOD'S WISDOM

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SOLOMON EMPHASIZED the surpassing value of wisdom in ways sure to resonate with men and women of reason. His most effective way was anthropomorphism – attributing human motivation, characteristics, and behavior to wisdom. Proverbs 8 describes wisdom as though she were a beautiful woman who calls out (Prov. 8:1) rather than whispers. She does not offer a fleeting glimpse only to those whose practiced eyes know where to look, she stands in the most prominent place on one's path (v. 2). She stands at the gates of the city, at the very portals that one must enter before engaging in any enterprise or activity within that city (v. 3). Solomon promoted wisdom as being neither elusive nor impractical. To the latter point he characterized wisdom as a woman who argues her value by saying, **"All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing crooked or perverted in them. They are all straightforward to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge"** (vs. 8,9).

Today, straightforward speech seems rare indeed. We often talk about the "bottom line," but we layer on so many pointless ideas and strategies that often the "bottom line" becomes invisible – not just to others, but to ourselves! Here's a little story that gets the point across...

A newly employed salesman stunned his bosses with his first written report, for it demonstrated quite clearly that he was nearly illiterate. He wrote, "I seen this outfit who aint never bought ten cents worth of nuthin from us and sole them some goods. i am now going to Chicawgo."

Before they could fire him, a second report arrived and it read, "I came to Checawgo an sole them haf a millyon." Hesitant to dismiss the man, yet afraid of what would happen if he didn't, the sales manager transferred the problem into the company president's lap.

The next day the staff were amazed to the see the

salesman's two reports on the bulletin board, with this memo from the president: *"We ben spendin two much time tryin to spel instead of trying to sel. I want everybody should read these letters from Gooch, who is doin a grate job, and you should go out and do like he done!"*



Jesus said, **"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."** (Luke 19:10). Everything else was secondary to that purpose. What's the biggest goal in your life? Jesus said, **"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."** (Matthew 6:33). Is there anything you need to achieve that's greater?

SOLOMON PROMOTED wisdom as the single most valuable agent for change – positive change – that anyone could possess. Today, we market that concept with a different word – we call it a new "philosophy." A 19th century philosopher once said, "Philosophers have only interpreted the world differently; the point is, however, to change it."²

Isn't that the difference between Christianity and all other religions and philosophies? No other teaching has had greater positive impact on mankind than has Christianity. It changes the heart of a man, one man at a time, and in so doing, it has elevated the poor, brought equality to the sexes, raised the value of life, set men free and brought wars to a standstill. Unfortunately, the philosopher who wrote those sage words became the father of a philosophy that changed nothing before it ultimately failed. His name was Karl Marx.

SOLOMON ACCENUATED wisdom's clarity. Wisdom's words (God's words) are not ambiguous, they are plainly spoken and **"straightforward to him who understands"** (Prov. 8:9). But that doesn't mean that men won't often miss the point. The fault, however, is ours rather than God's. The biblical teaching on baptism is not ambiguous, even though the many things taught by religious leaders would seem to argue that it is. Biblical teaching for Christian conduct is not vague, even if the conduct promoted in today's pulpits is often contradictory. We still have

YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



BAWD will be at Channelview Church of Christ. We will LEAVE the Annex at 6:15 PM.

Leave for Camp Thousand Oaks on Saturday.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

**Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be Ahithophel & Hushai Counsel Absalom(2 Samuel 17)
Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be Absalom is Killed (2 Samuel 18).**



Continued from pg 1 to be diligent in order to accurately handle the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

One day in seventeenth-century England, while he was at the pulpit, a preacher received a note from one of his church members asking for prayers for her husband. It seems her husband had joined the British Navy. The note read: "Timothy Whitfield, having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety." The preacher had a little trouble seeing things up close (sound familiar?) and he read this aloud: "Timothy Whitfield, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."³

The Bible is God's wisdom, given to us in words carefully chosen by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:12,13). It leads to but one understanding and one common practice. If all who read it understood that God doesn't need any of us to put words in His mouth, there would be no confusion about one body, one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father (Eph. 4:1-6).

Keep studying! *D. C. Brown © 2009*

¹ as quoted in Sparkling Illustrations A-Z, p. 63.

² *ibid.* p. 52.

³ *ibid.* p. 49.

June Birthdays

26	Oleda Putnam	28	Ben Lenamon
28	Katie Barnes		

July Birthdays

3	Nina Layton	5	Larry Roberson
6	Gabriel Alatrash	6	Leon McHargh
8	Linda Fabian	12	Shane Harder
16	James Taylor, Jr.	17	Amy Cuellar
19	Logan Brown	22	Jenna Genaro
23	Erica Blair	23	Sarah Scarsdale
24	Neil Barnhill	25	Suzy Jones
27	Jack Cherry	27	Leah Gartrell
27	Taylor Griffith	27	Laura Odom
31	Kylee Fabian		

July Anniversaries

5	Kevin & Sheri Ford	19	Tom & Brenda Langford
20	Charles & Ramona Huckabee	25	Paul & Judy Dillon
30	Loyd & Laura Wilson	31	Jack & Dorothy Cherry

I would like to thank each and every one for your cards and gifts for my graduation.

In Christ,
Josh Hamilton

KEPT IN PRAYER

Claude Anderson is in Methodist Hospital with a chronic ailment that has worsened.

Lianne Biegay & Becky Hopkins both are trying to better the lives of their grandchildren and are dealing with custody issues.

Lucy Gartrell has returned to the hospital with jaundice issues.

Cooper Gartrell is at home in isolation. His counts are very troubling and prayers are requesting specifically that his blood counts go up.

Gartrell, Bateman, Smith and Lenamon families are very concerned about Cooper and are in need of our prayers.

Ed Koob suffered a heart attack last Saturday.

David Smith suffered torn ligaments & other injuries to his knee. He is also very concerned for his children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Rick Stone was released from the hospital on Tuesday evening but still in need of many prayers as he is not doing well. He is suffering from complications of his MS.

Pat Wagoner received good reports from her heart tests.

Jim Godwin, brother of Phil Godwin, has recently been diagnosed with cancer that may have metastasized.

Dustin Knight, son of Phil & Mary Knight and grandson

of Von & Rubye Jo, is in Southeast Memorial ICU dealing with blood clots.

George & Joyce Akpabli are the proud parents of a newborn baby boy. Prince K. Akpabli arrived on Sunday the 21st.

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 Morganthaler.

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.

We rejoice that **Autumn Taylor** and **Taylor Harder** were both baptized last week at Camp Bandina. Please keep these new sisters in your prayers. They are the granddaughter and the great-niece of Brenda Riggs respectively. (pictures next week)

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.

- **Camp Thousand Oaks Campers** meet at the Annex at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday. You will need to bring a sack lunch.
- **Wednesday Night With the Master** will be this week. Please sign an intent card on Sunday so that work assignments can be determined and dinner can be prepared.