

Those to Serve

July 12		July 19	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Kent Wroe
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Eddie Ray	Presiding:	David Smith
Paul Dillon	Bobby Parker	Lynn Adams	Bill Westmoreland
Paul Hamilton	Chris Lindelof	Rick Nudelman	Gheath Alatrash
Derek Mauney	Davy May	Larry Roberson	Anthony Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Closing Prayer	Loyd Wilson
Nursery		Nursery	
Maresha Scarsdale	Sarah Scarsdale	Stephanie Ray	Laurie Huckabee
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Charles Huckabee
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	D. Kelly & M. Turner	Communion	E. Priestley & B. Williams
Closing Prayer	Dick Case	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian
Nursery	Tracey Mauney	Nursery	Laurie Huckabee
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Demetris Kelly, Mike Turner, Dal Randle, Ross Genaro, Kyle Huckabee		*Eugene Priestley, Bob Williams, David Blair Jr., Craig Willeford, Gavin Finch	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	John Adams	Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval
Greeters		Greeters	
Derek & Tracey Mauney	J. Coe & J. Indest	G. & L. Fabian	B. & M. Williams
Lynn & Lucille Adams	Pete & Michelle Griffith	L. & D. Roberson	G. Lindelof & L. Taylor
Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown	Building Lock Up	Kevin Scarsdale
Wednesday 7/8		Wednesday 7/15	
Song Leader	Bobby Parker	Song Leader	Ross Genaro
Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson
Closing Prayer	Daniel Brown	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Devotional	Paul Cartwright	Devotional	Kevin Odom

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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

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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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HEY! THAT'S NOT FAIR!

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In sports there is a sense of fair play. In football, just one additional defender on the field can cost not only yardage but a whole new set of downs. In soccer, tripping or kicking can result in a penalty. If a player repeatedly violates the rules he gets a red card which means he is ejected and his team must play on without replacing him. In ice hockey ... I'm sure there are some rules because they do have penalty boxes. But I don't pretend to know how to distinguish between a penalty and the routine free-for-all that is allowed in the sport. In basketball, the team with the ball cannot have a man standing near the goal or anywhere in the "paint" for more than three seconds in a stationary position. It is considered to be an unfair advantage. In baseball, the team at bat is not allowed to "steal the signs" the catcher gives to the pitcher and a base runner cannot leave his base when a sacrifice fly is in the air. In sports, there are clocks to make sure none has an unfair advantage. There are marked lanes to make sure everyone plays in the designated playing areas. There are officials to watch every play and cameras to make sure the right call was made. Players are expected to know the rules and play by the rules so that it's fair for both teams.

Wouldn't it be nice if the spiritual warfare we are engaged in had such rules in place!

To speak out against the sin of homosexuality is to invite charges of being guilty of a hate crime, for which a more severe punishment is to be rendered. But while the entertainment industry glamorizes and legitimizes that sin, it belittles and ridicules the faith with a passionate hatred that is never sanctioned and often rewarded with more government grants.

To confess the name of Jesus, even in a prayer, can mean running afoul of the new "rules" in our new na-

tion which is now officially not a Christian nation. According to a news article that appeared in the York, Pennsylvania, *York Daily Record / Sunday News*, yesterday, July 6th, Gerry Stoltzfoos was supposed to have served as guest chaplain for the Pennsylvania state house of representatives where he was to have opened that day's business with a prayer. However, he declined to do so when he learned that his prayer would violate the new rules put in place by the democratic Speaker of the House. He was informed by a member of the Speaker's staff that he could not use the name "Jesus" in his prayer. The new rules require "guest chaplains to first submit their prayers in writing and then, if deemed necessary, agree to change their words to meet 'nondenominational' guidelines established by [Speaker] McCall's staff."

source: Erin James, reporter for the *York Daily News / York Sunday News*, June 30, 2009 http://ydr.inyork.com/ci_12683284

These examples are not proof that evil pervades to a degree never before witnessed. Overwhelming presence of evil is present in every generation:

- Noah was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5) and he had the company of only 7 other righteous people in his generation.
- Lot was "oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men; for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds" (2 Pet. 2:7,8).
- Elijah, the banished prophet, was pitted against the prophets of Baal who dined sumptuously daily at the queen's table. In spite of years of hardship endured by his countrymen because of ungodliness, none present that day would offer even the small moral support of claiming loyalty to God (1 Kings 18).
- Daniel found himself surrounded by powerful enemies who could manipulate the law and then use it to potentially cost Daniel his life for nothing more than his faith in Jehovah. The weight of law of the most powerful empire to date was used against him (Dan.

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



BAWD will be at Katy Church of Christ. We will LEAVE the Annex at 5:45 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be David's Song of Deliverance (2 Samuel 22) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be David Numbers The People (2 Samuel 23 & 24).



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6). In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul mentioned ten specific sins that were prevalent in the society that the brethren in Ephesus lived among. Then, Paul plainly and without subtlety told the brethren of Ephesus, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16,17).

We are commanded to be steadfast and immovable (1 Cor. 15:58) and resist the devil (James 4:7). These obligations would be unbearable, impractical and impossible were it not for the faithfulness of God who always provides a way of escape in every temptation (1 Cor. 10:13) and who stands with us so that even when it seems we are more outnumbered than Noah, Lot, Elijah or Daniel, we can be victorious because "greater is He who in you than he who is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4). Keep studying, D. C. Brown ©2009

Satan isn't concerned about a sense of fair play. The rules are no impediment to his schemes. But that doesn't mean all hope is lost.

We want to congratulate Charlie Layton for his spirit and actions while attending this year's session of Camp Bandina. Charlie received a very special letter shortly after he returned home which reads...

June 25, 2009
Dear Charlie,
At our recent session of Camp Bandina the Counselors and Staff nominated you for the award of "Best Boy Camper."
Although only one boy can receive the award, I wanted you to know that the counselors and staff saw in you the qualities of Christian maturity, cooperation and leadership for which we look in choosing the Best Camper. The fact that you were nominated is an outstanding recognition. It is very easy for me to see why you were nominated!
We enjoyed your being with us at Camp and hope that it was very special year for you.
Very truly yours,
Cecil A. Hutson



I want to thank Josh Hamilton for the great job he did last Sunday evening. It is obvious that Josh benefited from his time at the camp for young preachers at Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver.

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KEPT IN PRAYER

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

Tex Greene & family as they continue to mourn Pat's passing.

Chase Shelton is undergoing outpatient testing after a brief hospital stay last week.

Harold Awbry, former member, is home and doing much better.

Jim Godwin, brother of Phil Godwin, has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Cliff Hollingshead, brother of Minnie Harris, is having cardiac and chemo complications. He is home from the hospital but is still in need of our prayers.

J. D. Taylor, friend of Chuck Huckabee, undergoing brain cancer treatments remains in the hospital. They are trying to get meds regulated to prevent seizures.

In Continuing Need:

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

July Birthdays

Table with 4 columns: Date, Name, Date, Name. Rows include Linda Fabian, James Taylor, Jr., Logan Brown, Erica Blair, Neil Barnhill, Jack Cherry, Taylor Griffith, Kylee Fabian, Shane Harder, Amy Cuellar, Jenna Genaro, Sarah Scarsdale, Suzy Jones, Leah Gartrell, Laura Odom.

July Anniversaries

Table with 4 columns: Date, Name, Date, Name. Rows include Charles & Ramona Huckabee, Paul & Judy Dillon, Loyd & Laura Wilson, Jack & Dorothy Cherry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Gary Adams is the contact elder for July. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Gary.
Elders Deacon & Ministers Meeting will be Saturday. Breakfast at Kelley's at 8 AM and meeting at 9 in classroom.
Ladies Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday at 8 AM at Kelley's.
Secret Sisters will be Monday the 13th, at 7:00 PM at Kelley's Restaurant.
Drivers Needed for Bay Area Wide Devos this summer. There is a sign up sheet on the "Coming Events" bulletin board.