

Those to Serve

July 19		July 26	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kent Wroe	Opening Prayer	Clifford Layton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	David Smith	Presiding:	Chuck Huckabee
Lynn Adams	Bill Westmoreland	Pete Griffith	Jeremy Brown
Rick Nudelman	Gheath Alatrash	Demetris Kelly	Ross Genaro
Lary Roberson	Anthony Sandoval	Bobby Parker	Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	Loyd Wilson	Closing Prayer	Ben Lenamon
Nursery		Nursery	
Stephanie Ray	Laurie Huckabee	Monica Blair	Laurie Maxcey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charles Huckabee	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	E. Priestley & B. Williams	Communion	C. Lindelof & E. Ray
Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer	Daniel Brown
Nursery	Laurie Huckabee	Nursery	Amy Cuellar
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Eugene Priestley, Bob Williams, David Blair Jr., Craig Willeford, Gavin Finch		*Chris Lindelof, Eddie Ray, John Genaro, Dal Randle, Josh Hamilton	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval	Video Camera	Kyle Huckabee
Greeters		Greeters	
G. & L. Fabian	B. & M. Williams	G. & J. Adams	K. & M. Scarsdale
L. & D. Roberson	G. Lindelof & L. Taylor	M. Harris & J. Coe	D. & T. Mauney
Building Lock Up	Kevin Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	Clifford Layton
Wednesday 7/15		Wednesday 7/22	
Song Leader	Ross Genaro	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer	Eddie Ray
Devotional	Kevin Odom	Devotional	Greg Fabian

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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
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David Blair – Building & Grounds
Chuck Huckabee – Finances
Chris Lindelof—Benevolence
Kevin Odom – I.T.
Eddie Ray – Education & Missions

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D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
 Save, Benin West Africa

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THE GATEWAY



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Last night I watched the 80th “Midsummer Classic” (a.k.a. – the All Star Game) and witnessed the National League go down in defeat to the cheat...ah... American League – again. Once again, there wasn’t much to cheer about (hasn’t been since 1996), but the game was played in one of the great cities of this nation and played against the backdrop of one of its greatest icons – The Gateway Arch.

The Gateway Arch was constructed from February 12, 1963 to October 28, 1965. At a height of 630 feet, it is the highest monument in the United States. It was built to commemorate, among other things, the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The Upper Louisiana Territory stretched from the southern border of present Arkansas northward to parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. It did not extend to the West coast, but it did make US expansion to the Pacific Ocean an evitable reality. Officially, the United States took possession of the Upper Louisiana Territory on March 10th, 1804. The transfer took place over a two day period in St. Louis near the location where The Gateway Arch stands today. Meriwether Lewis was an official witness to those signatories that made the transaction complete. Within days of that signing, he and William Clark would set out from their winter quarters near St. Louis to explore the lands drained by the Missouri River. Their exploration is known as the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

I thrill at all The Gateway Arch represents. Knowledge of the lands above and to the west of St. Louis extended only a few miles north of the city. Beyond, lay lands inhabited by people, animals and plants unknown to the new nation that now possessed it. In the years preceding the expedition about ten thousand Americans were living illegally in the Upper Louisiana Territory and in the years following the expedition that

number would grow exponentially. Virtually all of those emigrants, both past and future, came through St. Louis. It was literally the gateway to the west, and west was ever the direction of progress, hope and opportunity!

Upward is, of course, the real direction of progress, hope and opportunity. Fallen man has no hope, can make no further progress and can gain no additional opportunity in this dark world of sin. Unless there be something beyond, we are doomed to be, as Paul once said, “most miserable” (1 Cor. 15:19 KJV). What lies beyond this life is not only hidden by an impenetrable veil, but it remains nothing more than fantasy and wishful thinking unless there be One who, having died and departed this life, came from the other side and demonstrated that there is life beyond the grave. For that purpose Christ came and to that end His gospel message can be summarized in one great statement: **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me”** (Jn. 14:6).

The Gateway Arch is 630 feet tall and at its base it is 630 feet wide. It is wide enough that light aircraft have flown between its giant legs. But 630 feet is a microscopically small measurement when one considers how vast the Upper Louisiana Territory was and all that lay ahead in the westward expansion to the Pacific. It represents that narrow strip of land on the west bank of the Mississippi that formed the bluff where the village of St. Louis was started. It was the jumping off point into a new life, in a new world. It was the only viable place to begin. Prudent pioneers didn’t attempt another route. More than that, it was the gateway city to a future of great opportunity and promise.

Jesus said, **“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”** (Jn. 10:10). We’ve hurt our cause, rather than help it, if we only convey the significance of coming to God through Jesus as “the way.” He also said

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



BAWD will be at Sweeny-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 Gives Instructions for the Temple** (1 Chronicles 22–29) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be **Aged David is Warned; Solomon Made King** (1 Kings 1).



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that He was “the life.” People aren’t interested in a new “way” unless it offers something greater than what is presently theirs. Jesus offers “life” eternal and it is an “abundant life.” It calls for a pioneering spirit. It is a willingness to leave all that is familiar behind us so that we sometimes have to give up everything to follow Him. In exchange for what is surrendered, Jesus said, **“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life”** (Mt. 19:29).

Tens of thousands of Americans travelled westward, the great majority doing so after the favorable reports of the Lewis and Clark Expedition began to circulate. Very few turned back. For most, leaving everything and everyone behind, was an act that meant “no turning back.” It is that same kind of spirit that is demanded of those who would come to the Father through Christ. Jesus said, **“No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”** (Lk. 9:62). Paul was one that left behind a life of promise and counted it a

loss, **“for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus”** (Php. 3:7). And his boasting was never again centered on the things of this life to which he was crucified to (Gal. 2:20), instead Paul would write, **“may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”** (Gal. 6:14).

He is “the narrow gate” that leads to life (Mt. 7:13,14), He is “the door” through which we must enter to be saved (Jn. 10:9). Today, He is exalted beyond any monument that man could build and still He invites, saying, **“Come unto Me...if anyone is thirsty, let Him come to Me and drink...work for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you... I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die”** (Mt. 11:28; Jn. 7:37; Jn. 6:27,28; Jn. 11:25,26). Truly, He IS the Gateway!

Keep studying, D. C. Brown ©2009

KEPT IN PRAYER

Mary Clem Noe is in Park Manor Rehab undergoing therapy for the neuropathy in her legs.

Jerry DeWeese, son of Carol Ann DeWeese, is hospitalized in Conroe in very serious condition.

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.

Pat Stewart, friend of Lisa Bazzy Zeringue, has received news that her cancer has returned.

J. D. Taylor, friend of Chuck Huckabee, undergoing brain cancer treatments has been released from the hospital. They feel as though they have the meds regulated.

Dan Tuller underwent open heart surgery last week. The Tullers visited with us while in town for their sons surgery.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Lianne Biegay, LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, June Evans, Cooper Gartrell, Elaine Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Becky Hopkins, 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, Jim GodwinDee 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

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

20 Charles & Ramona Huckabee	25 Paul & Judy Dillon
30 Loyd & Laura Wilson	31 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.
- **Drivers Needed for Bay Area Wide Devos** this summer. There is a sign up sheet on the “Coming Events” bulletin board.
- **Meals On Wheels** will be July 27–31. If you are able to help, please contact Leah Bateman.

...and just for grins...

