

Those to Serve

August 10		August 17	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Dwight Ramsey
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Bob Williams	Presiding:	David Blair
Eugene Priestley	John Genaro	Kevin Odom	Bill Russell
Eddie Ray	Larry Roberson	Greg Fabian	Kevin Scarsdale
Kevin Odom	Kyle Huckabee	Larry Roberson	James Taylor
Closing Prayer	Ron Bazzy	Closing Prayer	Dal Randle
Nursery		Nursery	
Laura Odom	Laura Wilson	Amy Cuellar	Teresa Turner
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer	Eddie Ray
Song Leader	Bob Williams	Song Leader	Mike Turner
Communion	T. Greene & K. Ford	Communion	P. Hamilton & V. Knight
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Bill Russell
Nursery	Debbie Brown	Nursery	Laura Odom
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* Tex Greene, Kevin Ford, Jeremy Brown, Loyd Wilson, Josh Hamilton		* Paul Hamilton, Von Knight, Lynn Adams, Kevin Ford, Ross Genaro	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	John Adams	Video Camera	Josh Hamilton
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Claude & Leona Anderson		David & Brenda Blair	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Gary & Jen Adams	
Building Lock Up	Von Knight	Building Lock Up	Chuck Huckabee
Wednesday 8/6		Wednesday 8/13	
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Opening Prayer	Brian Pack	Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer	Mike Turner	Closing Prayer	Bob Williams
Devotional	David Blair	Devotional	Brian Pack

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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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DOMINICA MISSION REPORT

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The article space for this week's edition was to be dedicated to the articles submitted by the five ladies who were a vital part of our 2008 Dominica Mission Team. However, I did not receive all of the articles prior to the deadline so I will look forward to publishing them in the near future. I suspect that Tropical Storm Eduardo may have interrupted many of our routines and schedules this week.

My analysis of the mission effort is that it was an unqualified success. The planning and preparation for the trip was thorough, making it possible for a maximum effort to be made once we arrived in Portsmouth. The brethren in Portsmouth were, as always, very cooperative in accommodating us and in making our stay as productive as possible. I've been privileged to have been a team member of all four mission teams sent out from this congregation to Dominica. As a result, I see some tremendous benefits in these efforts and I would like to thank the eldership for their commitment to each of these trips. Some of those benefits include:

a unique pre-trip environment for spiritual development for each member of the team. Preparation meetings were an ongoing part of the effort and they afforded the team members an opportunity to get acquainted with one another as members of a cooperative effort. Necessary topics like travel requirements and federal and foreign regulations were covered, but the majority of time spent in these meetings dealt with techniques for sharing the gospel in a timely manner to people of a completely different culture. As difficult as it may be to talk to someone from your neighborhood about the gospel, the challenge is even greater when the neighborhood is in a different culture. There are cultural differences that manifest themselves in speech, in lifestyle choices, in educational values and in spiritual matters. Team members had to prepare themselves to take the gospel to the people of Portsmouth, but it had to be done in ways that we aren't

familiar with.

a unique environment for personal spiritual development. From the moment of departure until the moment of our return, there was an almost constant environment of prayer. Prayers for safe travel and for good health were vital. But as we focused on the work the subject of our prayers always centered on the people we met and with those that we studied with. What made it a unique environment is the fact for the duration of the time we were away from our families we were together as a team and focused on an effort. The same number of people could have devoted the same amount of time and effort to set up and conduct studies here in Pearland but it would not have afforded the same opportunities. Here, the work would have been done with the use of personal vehicles and it would have been conducted around time schedules convenient to us. There the work was done by foot and it was done in an environment where time is at best a secondary issue. Here the teaching would have been interrupted with telephone calls, television programs, eating out, picking up kids, commutes to and from work, shopping and countless other interruptions. There the work of teaching is conducted in unusual settings but largely without interruptions. Here the work would end each day and the workers would return to their own homes and each one would quickly and seamlessly integrate with the routines of home life. There we ended each long day of work with a worship service followed by a report and summation of the days efforts and then capped off with a devotional and prayer. It simply is not possible to duplicate in Pearland the spiritual atmosphere that blessed each member of the team while we were there. Here we would have been in our own homes every night and our daily cares and routines would have taken away from what we enjoyed while in Dominica.

a unique environment for gaining confidence in Christ. If I haven't communicated the fact that we were always



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH



Bay Area Wide Devo on Monday will be **HERE!** Please be at the building by 6:30.

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH

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

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be **Quail and Manna Given (Ex. 16)**. Wednesday evening lesson will be **No Water, War with Amalek (Ex. 17)**.



out of our environment and comfort zones while one these trips – let me say it this way: NOTHING is comfortable about setting up studies in the heat of the day in a country and in a culture that is foreign to all that we are accustomed to.

Satan has ruled the lives and hearts of those we studied with and made their simple lives so complicated! He has caused them to see their problems as insurmountable and he has discouraged in every way their ability to know and be comforted by the Scriptures. Every day we were confronted with questions and situations that are not routine in our culture – yet always the word of God was adequate for every challenge that came our way. The hours of preparation and study that went into getting ready for the trip, the sincere and fervent prayers that were on our lips and in our hearts, and the encouragement that each mem-

ber of the team received from other team members on a daily basis resulted in a growing confidence in our Lord and in our ability to be His servants.

Lives changed as a result of every mission trip we have commissioned to island nation of Dominica. For many on that island, the gospel presented to them has changed them. But it also changed and matured each person sent out from this congregation. For that we are grateful and say to one and all, “Thank you for the blessing of your encouragement and your participation in this effort.”

DC

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazy, Cooper Gartrell and Bill Westmoreland continue their chemo treatments.

Wayne Dees, son of Daisy Dees, remains under hospice care.

Clyde Griffith, Pete’s father, is hospitalized in Indiana following heart surgery.

Voyce Drachenburg, former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

J.D.Taylor, a friend of Chuck Huckabee, has had his brain cancer reappear.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: Betty Bazy, LaRue Case, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Louise Farmer, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenuault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael

Dykes, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Kerry Lemoine, Jeanette Leonard, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Joan Pollock, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

Bob Grigg, a former minister here, passed away last week. The family has asked for donations to be made in Bob’s memory to the Africa Mission work—F.A.C.E. You may make those donations through our congregation (memo as F.A.C.E. or Africa) or get the address from Laurie to send them directly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Gary Adams** is the contact elder for August. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Gary.
- **Jr High & Sr High Lunch Bunch** will be Thursday at 12 Noon.
- If you can **help the Parsons load the moving van** on Saturday, please contact Ryan.
- **Farewell For the Parsons**—We will have a pot luck lunch on Sunday honoring Ryan, Amanda & Jacob as they head off to Searcy. If you need any further information, see Nina Layton or Debbie Brown.

Thank you very much for your prayers and concern for my son. Larry., during his recent heart problems. He is doing well and I thank you very, very, very much.
In Christian love,
Billie Dykes

August Birthdays

August Anniversaries

6	Nina Partin	8	Judy Dillon	18	Noah & Murrell Hill	20	Gheath & Kristen Alatrash
8	John Adams	9	Dorothy Kirkland	29	Ben & Susan Lenamon	31	Ed & Wilma Koob
9	Russell Genaro	10	Nathan Scarsdale				
11	Billie Dykes	12	Loyd Wilson				
13	Evelyn Lawhon	15	David Smith				
15	Rick Stone	15	Michael Turner				
17	Brenda Blair	19	Lou Ann Phillips				
19	Clara Odom	22	Laurie Maxcey				
22	Robbie Alatrash	24	Jaden Wick				
26	Charlie Layton	27	Wanda Knight				
30	Josh Hamilton						