

## Those to Serve

August 30		September 6	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Kent Wroe</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Paul Hamilton</b>
Song Leader	<b>Greg Fabian</b>	Song Leader	<b>Kevin Odom</b>
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	<b>David Smith</b>	Presiding:	<b>Gheath Alatrash</b>
<b>Lynn Adams</b>	<b>Bill Westmoreland</b>	<b>Davy May</b>	<b>Pete Griffith</b>
<b>Rick Nudelman</b>	<b>Gheath Alatrash</b>	<b>Bobby Parker</b>	<b>Derek Mauney</b>
<b>Larry Roberson</b>	<b>Anthony Sandoval</b>	<b>Jeremy brown</b>	<b>Nathan Scarsdale</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Loyd Wilson</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Ben Ienamon</b>
Nursery		Nursery	
<b>Monica Blair</b>	<b>Laurie Maxcey</b>	<b>Stephanie Ray</b>	<b>Laurie Huckabee</b>
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer		Opening Prayer	<b>David Blair</b>
Song Leader		Song Leader	<b>Kevin Odom</b>
Communion		Communion	<b>C. Huckabee &amp; C. Lindelof</b>
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	<b>Gary Adams</b>
Nursery		Nursery	<b>Debbie Brown</b>
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
<b>*Eugene Priestley, Bob Williams, David Blair, Jr. Craig Willeford, Gavin Finch</b>		<b>*Charles Huckabee, Chris Lindelof, Dal Randle, Russell Genaro, Greg Fabian</b>	
Announcements	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>	Announcements	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>
Video Camera	<b>Elijah Sandoval</b>	Video Camera	<b>James Taylor</b>
Greeters		Greeters	
<b>L. &amp; L. Adams</b>	<b>L. &amp; D. Roberson</b>	<b>G. &amp; L. Fabian</b>	<b>B. &amp; D. Westmoreland</b>
<b>D. &amp; T. Mauney</b>	<b>B. Shock &amp; M. Harris</b>	<b>L. &amp; L. Adams</b>	<b>G. Whitmire &amp; L. Taylor</b>
Building Lock Up	<b>Kevin Scarsdale</b>	Building Lock Up	<b>D. C. Brown</b>
Wednesday 8/26		Wednesday 9/2	
Song Leader	<b>Wednesday</b>	Song Leader	<b>Wednesday</b>
Opening Prayer	<b>Night</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Night</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>With The</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>With The</b>
Devotional	<b>Master</b>	Devotional	<b>Master</b>

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### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 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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**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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## The Pearland Harvester

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## DISSENSION: THE DEVIL'S DIABOLICAL DEVICE

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Fighting, disagreeing, arguing. To have discord, contention, conflict or strife. To quarrel, dispute or bicker. There seems to be an almost endless supply of synonyms in the English language to capture and measure the intensity of our art for verbal divisiveness. It has often become a sport for some. Every seemingly innocent comment they make is, in reality, a coldly calculated move to steer a conversation toward some topic of dissension.

It is an art form that begins even before an infant learns to express thoughts in words and proper sentences. A lifetime becomes a proving ground for some in which every day and every situation becomes an opportunity to say something that begins or continues a point of dissension.

It leads to anger and it is fed by anger. It often operates in a vacuum of selfishness and in the absence of love. It does not end with debate, it transforms into action so that feet run toward the next opportunity to spread dissension and fists rise to oppress those who disagree.

It is not confined to the political arena, nor is it reserved for the friendly philosophical debate. It spreads to every facet of life. And it even sows its seeds of division and yields its destruction in the Lord's church. The sweet little silver haired sister with the sharp tongue who is quick to find someone to whisper to, chastise or complain about is an agent of dissension and discord just as much as the sharp tongued young man with youthful vigor and an absence of wisdom and discretion.

Often justified, but only from a self-righteous attitude, it can be employed with the intention of righting a perceived wrong in the local congregation. But anything motivated by the wrong spirit within can never result in a righteous outcome (Mt. 7:16-20). Paul reasoned against

those who, by their tongues, spread dissension when he wrote, **"For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOUR-SELF.' But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh"** (Gal. 5:14-16).

When Paul listed the deeds of the flesh, which is in opposition to the Spirit of Christ, he listed seven evil deeds of the flesh which take their place alongside such deeds as immorality, impurity and idolatry. Those seven are: **"enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions"** and **"factions"** (Galatians 5:20). Paul reminds the reader that **"that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God"** (Gal. 5:21). We are commanded to put aside **"anger, wrath, malice, slander and abusive speech"** (Col. 3:8). Our angry outbursts seldom accomplish what we want and never do they result in God's will. As James wrote, **"for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God"** (James 1:20).

Let's resolve as a church family to not let our tongues be the devil's diabolical tool for dissention and division. Not every decision reached by the elders will be agreed upon in all of its particulars by every member, especially if they are not aware of all the circumstances. Not every statement uttered by a class teacher will be understood as intended by the teacher. Not every sermon preached will suit the tastes of every brother or sister who hears. But remember this, the mark of spiritual maturity is not sowing discord with our tongues, but loving our neighbor as ourselves. For every bad thought we can obsess over and dwell on until it leads our tongues into sin, there are pure, lovely and excellent things to dwell on. It is those things that we should always think on (Philippians 4:8). In so doing, we'll be known to all for our gentle spirit, not our contentious spirit (Philippians 4:5).

Keep studying, ✍️ D. C. Brown ©2009



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr & Sr High Devo will be Sunday, September 6th.

Bison Daze at Harding University will be September 24-27. Any 9th-12th grader interested in going needs to sign up on the Events bulletin board. The cost is \$40.00.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old-6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be Knowledge (Proverbs) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be Rehoboam, King of Judah; Jeroboam, King of Israel (1 Kings 12).



KEPT IN PRAYER

Claudia Martin will undergo outpatient surgery on Tuesday, September 1st.

Cindy (Shoemake) Morris, former member, underwent an appendectomy on Tuesday.

J.D. Taylor, 14 yr old friend of Chuck Huckabee, undergoing testing & is fearful his cancer has returned.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Terry Brown, 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, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morgenthaler.

Others: Timothy Anderson, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt,

Mark Brown, Pat Burkett, Delta Burner, Bobbie Chenuault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, George Dunn, Michael Dykes, Leanna Fink, Michael Fleury, Rachel & Joe Glaze, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Lola Hill, Cliff Hollingshead, Kaye Hopkins, Leslie Hunt, George & Sandra Kassos, William Kay, Samuel Knight, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Jim & Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Diane Plumb, 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.

Friends & Family Day



August 30th

Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal and singing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Greg Fabian is the contact elder for August. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Greg.
• Wednesday Night With The Master will be next Wednesday as well as tonight. Please sign an intent card on Sunday so that work areas can be planned.
• Friends & Family Day will be Sunday the 30th. We will have a POT LUCK lunch following morning services, then a song service and no evening services.

August Birthdays

- 26 Charlie Layton
27 Wanda Knight
30 Josh Hamilton

August Anniversaries

- 29 Ben & Susan Lenamon
31 Ed & Wilma Koob

September Birthdays

- 3 Dillon Wick
4 Kristen Alatrash
5 Janice Lemoine
6 Pete Griffith
7 Cooper Gartrell
8 Rick Nudelman
14 Dorothy Cherry
14 Chuck Huckabee
15 Monica Blair
16 Ben Maxcey
16 Bill Russell
17 Julee Genaro
18 Landon Brown
20 Berna Dyes
22 Becky Hopkins
22 Stephanie Ray
23 Greg Fabian
23 Canova Genaro
24 Ricky Pearson
26 John Sloan
30 Lianne Biegay

September Anniversaries

- 16 Bobby & Angela Parker
16 James & Laone Taylor
30 David & Brenda Blair