

Those to Serve

September 6		September 13	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Gheath Alatrash	Presiding:	Ron Bazzy
Davy May	Pete Griffith	Phil Godwin	Chuck Huckabee
Bobby Parker	Derek Mauney	Paul Dillon	Greg Fabian
Jeremy Brown	Nathan Scarsdale	John Genaro	Matthew Fabian
Closing Prayer	Ben Lenamon	Closing Prayer	Kent Wroe
Nursery		Nursery	
Stephanie Ray	Laurie Huckabee	Stacey Sandoval	Michelle Griffith
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Blair	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	C. Huckabee & C. Lindelof	Communion	D. Kelly & E. Priestley
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Eddie Ray
Nursery	Debbie Brown	Nursery	Donna Russell
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Charles Huckabee, Chris Lindelof, Dal Randle, Russell Genaro, Greg Fabian		*Demetris Kelly, Eugene Priestley, Ross Genaro, Loyd Wilson, Gavin Finch	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	James Taylor	Video Camera	John Adams
Greeters		Greeters	
G. & L. Fabian	B. & D. Westmoreland	L. & L. Adams	S. & B. Feezel
G. & J. Adams	G. Whitmire & L. Taylor	D. & M. Blair	G. Lindelof & J. Hays
Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown	Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown
Wednesday 9/2		Wednesday 9/9	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Daniel Brown
Devotional	Master	Devotional	David Smith

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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

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 Tiohanan Evangelist
Save, Benin West Africa

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100% RIGHT CAN STILL BE WRONG

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Recently I tried to recall the song title of a little ditty that was popular 20 years ago. I had a part of the melody stuck in my head but couldn't recall the words, who sang it, or even what the song was called. My OCD kicked in and I could not let it go ... so ... to the internet (that modern answer to *Encyclopedia Britannica*).

With almost nothing to go on, my searches weren't turning anything up so I tried a resource that I've used once before. I went to Yahoo! Answers.com and typed in my request. Having cast my bread upon the waters, I waited. Within hours song title suggestions began to pour in. Although there were several suggestions that were wrong, a few actually did suggest the right song. FYI, the right song is entitled, "Wrong" by Waylon Jennings.

About a week later, I received another email from Yahoo! Answers.com which informed me that voters at the website had voted on the "best answer" to my question. It seems that 100% of those polled chose a song by Clay Walker entitled, "Then What." Each voter who cast a vote for "Then What" received three points because they had ultimately selected the "best answer to my question." I have no idea what those three points are worth, but the bottom line is this...100% of the voters chose the wrong song title.

That pretty much sums up the world's views on Christianity. Truth is not derived from God's word but from a consensus of opinion. The correlation between consensus and "truth" is somehow logical and reasonable. A parent that is reasoning which a child who just made a bad choice hears that child say in self defense, "But everyone was doing it!" The predictable response comes swiftly, "If everyone jumped off a cliff would you do it?" "If everyone robbed a bank, would you?" Then a teaching opportunity about subjective thinking and reality follows. "Just because everyone does it, doesn't make it right!"



The following Sunday, the same parent gets the child to a place of worship where what is taught about God and truth is wrong. Where what is taught about sin and forgiveness is wrong. Where what is taught about the plan of salvation and the role of the church is wrong. Where what is taught about worship, giving and service is wrong. On Monday, that parent has a conversation with a co-worker about Christianity and faith. It is pointed out that many of their religious teachings and practices are not in keeping with what is written. But even after looking at the Scriptures and seeing the contrast between the traditions of men and the precepts of God, the man-made religions are tenaciously clung to. After all, it's a huge church and everyone seems to be so happy and so loving. It isn't verbalized, but in essence what they are saying is this, "But everyone is doing it!" Like the voters on Yahoo!Answers.com, what is right is determined by the majority opinion rather than on what God has said on the matter.

Faith still comes by hearing the words of Christ, rather than the words of men (Rom. 10:17). Hearing the gospel still means hearing and learning things taught by the Son (Jn. 6:45). It is a matter of gladly receiving the gospel (Acts 2:41), hungering for the ways of God (Mt. 5:6), and receiving in humility the word which is able to save souls (James 1:21).

The world says that following the consensus opinion makes one wise. Christ says that hearing the words of the gospel and doing them is what makes one wise. To hear them and not do them because "everyone else" is doing something different is the very definition of foolishness (Mt. 7:24-27). As you hear the Lord's teaching, are you reminded of the parent's logic to the foolish child?

Letting the internet community vote of the "best answer" to your questions is ludicrous! But so is making spiritual choices that have eternal consequences, based on which church in town has the largest crowds and seem the happiest! With both the internet and religion, you can go with the answers that 100% think are right and still be wrong!

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 at the home of the Taylors.

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 *Jeroboam's Doom Prophesied* (1 Kings 13) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be *Prophecy of Jeroboam; Treasures of Jerusalem Stolen* (1 Kings 14).



A couple of Thank You's

Dear Friends,
It was so nice of you and appreciated more than words can say. Thank you all for remembering my birthday. Love & God bless you, **Suzie Jones**

Dear Brethren,
You all were such a comfort to us during the difficult days of our Pat's sudden illness & subsequent death. Pat's memorial service meant so much to us in our sorrow. The special service, wonderful singing and comforting prayers were a balm to our aching hearts. Thank you so very much, precious sisters, for the food you prepared & served. We can't imagine what we would have done without you! Your thoughtfulness and kindness to our family was so very meaningful and will long be remembered by each of us.
Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus,
Family of Pat Greene
P.S. Oh, how you brothers and sisters at Pearland exemplify Psalm 119:76

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for September. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **General Business Meeting** will be Sunday evening following services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
- **Elders, Deacons & Ministers Meeting** will be Saturday, the 12th.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, the 12th.
- **Ladies Retreat** hosted by Westside Church of Christ in Alvin will be September 11-12. The cost is only \$10, which includes 2 meals. There is a flyer on the Upcoming Events board with more details and the R.S.V.P. information.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Claudia Martin is recovering well from her Monday procedure.

Lola Hill, Eddie Ray's aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer. She has a tumor in her throat and spots on her lungs & kidneys. Please pray for her strength as well as their entire family.

Rowena Layton is undergoing tests in Japan. **Bryan** is out to sea.

J.D. Taylor, 14 yr old friend of Chuck Huckabee, test results are not favorable.

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 Morganthaler.

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.

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		

Attention Cooks!!!

We are going to compile a church cookbook. Please contribute recipes from any and all categories including: appetizer/snack, main dish/casserole, soups, salads, breads, vegetables, desserts, misc. We also want to have recipes for special diets such as Weight Watchers, diabetic, heart healthy, etc. You may add a short statement such as family favorite, tradition for certain holidays, passed down from family or friends, etc. Remember to put your name on it so we can give you credit. This is for all cooks—women, men, teenagers...

Any questions, contact Jean Nudelman by phone or at jmnudelman@yahoo.com or Jeanette Hays by phone or at tharshesews@yahoo.com