

Those to Serve

October 5		October 12	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Brian Pack	Opening Prayer	Paul Cartwright
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	David Blair	Presiding:	Gary Adams
Mike Turner	Chuck Huckabee	David Blair, Jr.	Bobby Parker
Bob Williams	Kevin Scarsdale	Russell Genaro	Von Knight
Phil Godwin	Nathan Scarsdale	Eddie Ray	Josh Hamilton
Closing Prayer	Paul Cartwright	Closing Prayer	David Smith
Nursery		Nursery	
Laurie Huckabee	Angela Parker	Stacey Sandoval	Teresa Turner
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson	Opening Prayer	Bill Russell
Song Leader	Dwight Ramsey	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	E. Ray & P. Griffith	Communion	P. Hamilton & L. Adams
Closing Prayer	David Smith	Closing Prayer	Mike Turner
Nursery	Jalyn Wick	Nursery	Amy Cuellar
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* Eddie Ray, Pete Griffith, Rick Stone, Jeremy Pettit, James Taylor		* Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, David Blair, Tim Godwin	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval	Video Camera	Kyle Huckabee
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Derek & Tracey Mauney	
Chris & Ginny Lindelof		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown	Building Lock Up	Chuck Huckabee
Wednesday 10/8		Wednesday 10/15	
Song Leader	Bob Williams	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Opening Prayer	Mike Turner	Opening Prayer	Von Knight
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	David Blair
Devotional	Kevin Odom	Devotional	Eddie Ray

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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
Mike Turner— Worship Services

MINISTERS

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

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DISCERNING THE SPIRITS

The concluding statement in 1 John 3 is a statement of confidence. John writes, **“We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given”** (1 Jn. 3:24). That statement of boldness and confidence is then followed up with a charge to cautiously test. **“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world”** (1 Jn. 4:1). John also teaches us that there is a test that proves who is of God and who is not. Those who listen to the apostolic teachings are from God, those who refuse to do so are not of God. **“...By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error”** (1 Jn. 4:6).

In spite of the fact that the Scriptures are so plain on this basic principle, it remains true that proper discernment is sometimes difficult. Truth never seeks to emulate error, but error ever seeks to imitate truth. For example, consider the noble attribute of confidence that is a characteristic of the faithful Christian.

While we are called upon to have confidence (Eph. 3:12; 1 Tim. 3:13; Heb. 3:6; 4:16), confidence can sometimes be a bad thing. There are situations where our confidence is clearly a sinful matter (Rm. 2:19; 1 Tim. 1:7). And we are to check ourselves constantly to make sure our confidence does not lead us into error (1 Cor. 10:12). So when is our confidence a good thing and at what point does acceptable confidence become unacceptable pride? Between these two spirits can there be proper discernment?

The secret is in understanding that a spirit of confidence is NOT what we are called upon to exhibit. Instead, we are urged to have a spirit of GODLY confidence!

Confidence that is godly is different than having confidence in God and certainly different from having confidence in self. As an example of the former, there are

people who have great confidence in God and firmly believe that He will do as they desire, but they have yet to live godly. Their confidence is unfounded. Jesus said that there are many who fall into this category and will be surprised when they are rejected (Mt. 7:21-23). Paul observed that some Jews were confident of their ability to guide the blind, but they were doing the very things that they taught the Gentiles not do, based on the Law of Moses (Rom. 2:19-24). And Paul also reminded Timothy that some teachers loved to make **“confident assertions”** about things they did not understand (1 Tim. 1:7).

An example of those whose confidence is more in self and less in God can be found in the parables of Jesus. On one occasion Jesus taught a parable specifically because there were **“some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous”** (Lk. 18:9). The conclusion that Jesus taught concerning that Pharisee and the tax collector he so despised was this, **“I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted”** (Lk. 18:14).

Godly confidence is the end result of mastering two things. First, we must know God and His will for ourselves. The great heroes of old were those who knew God’s will because they made it their quest in life to study His word. None of them found studying the word of God to be distasteful or undesirable, instead it was their great delight! Second, we live according to His will. To do anything less is to fail (1 Cor. 10:12). When those two things become who we are, then the faith they produce will result in confidence. We can become like Job of old who said, **“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives...”** (Job 19:25). That is the spirit of confidence that comes from godliness!

I am having a great time at the lectureship, but looking forward to being with you on Sunday! Keep studying!

Keep studying, D. C. Brown ©2008



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH



Jr. & Sr. High Devo will be on Sunday at the home of the Scarsdales.

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH

J.A.M will be SUNDAY, October 5th from 2 to 4 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be Capture of Ai Joshua 8 .

Wednesday evening lesson will be Tricked by People of Gibeon Joshua 9.



A New Class Started!

As promised, an informal Bible class meeting in our home, began just before the storm. We haven't met since the first meeting so it's not too late to join. We will resume next Tuesday, the 7th.

Two reference books, their purpose and how to use them, were discussed. Next week we will examine several more. The skills taught in this class will be useful to every student of the Bible. Plan to come! We will meet at 7:00 pm next Tuesday at our house. DC

Dear Christian Family,

Thank you for the calls, emails, cards and prayers to express condolences on the death of my Aunt Janie.

Thanks so much to those of you who attended the visitation and funeral.

The family appreciated all of the prayers offered during her illness.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Whitmire

Dear Precious Souls at Pearland,

What a heartfelt delight to see many old friends at church when I visited Sunday (9/7). We will, always, hold a special place in our hearts for all of you, and your sincere dedication to the Lord - Remember, we will all gather together one day in glory land.

God bless you and keep you close in His hands.

With love in Christ,
Pat Miller

(This note has obviously been delayed due to the lack of bulletins during the storm. It was great to see Pat! LH)

October Birthdays

1	Brenda Riggs	6	Sheila Banyai
8	Ginny Lindelof	10	Mary Means
11	Brian Pack	16	Joy Sloan
16	Clifford Layton	20	Paul Dillon
20	Susan Lenamon	20	Angela Parker
21	Lenjen Go	22	Dal Randle
24	Minnie Harris	27	Sarah Adams
27	Jeri Farmer	27	Jarod Go
28	Ashley Turner	28	Steven Cuellar
29	Ramona Huckabee		

October Anniversaries

2	Clifford & Nina Layton	5	Lynn & Lucille Adams
21	Paul & April Cartwright	28	Dwight & Leah Bateman
29	James & Laurie Maxcey		

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazzy, Cooper Gartrell, and Bill Westmoreland as they continue to struggle with health issues.

Katie Barnes is in Regency Village in Webster, Texas.

Karen McDaniel, Ed Koob's daughter, is undergoing rehab at Clear Lake Hospital.

Lauren Murphy remains at T.I.R.R. She seems to be making small improvements verbally & memory wise.

Bruce Welch, former member, has returned home & will begin treatments at M D Anderson soon.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Betty Bazzy, 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, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morgenthaler. **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Talley Pruitt, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

In anticipation of an updated pocket directory, to ensure that our birthday & anniversary list is correct, and so that our list of those willing to serve in different areas can be updated. We are asking that **EVERYONE** fill out a blue information sheet that is available on the foyer table. Even if you have already filled one out in the past, we ask that you provide the office with an updated one. Thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **General Business Meeting** will be this Sunday following evening services.
- **Golden Agers Game Day** will be Monday at 11:30 in the Annex. Bring a pot luck dish & your favorite game.
- **Elders Deacons & Ministers Breakfast** will be Saturday, the 11th, at 8:00 AM at Kelley's. Meeting will begin at 9 AM in the Library.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, the 11th, at 8:00 AM at Kelley's.
- **Wednesday Night With The Master** has been moved to October 8th. Please fill out an intent card this Sunday so that the work assignments can be planned.
- **Sync/Swim** has been postponed to Nov. 7th & 8th. All times and other information remains the same.
- **Bison Daze at Harding University** will be October 23rd-26th. This is open to all High School students but you will be able to miss 2 days of school. Sign up deadline is Wed. Oct. 8th.