

Those to Serve

November 1		November 8	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	David Smith	Presiding:	Ron Bazzy
Bill Westmoreland	Bob Williams	Eugene Priestley	Paul Hamilton
Paul Dillon	Rick Nudelman	Shawn Feezel	Ross Genaro
David Blair, Jr.	Charlie Layton	Demetris Kelly	Logan Finch
Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker	Closing Prayer	Von Knight
Nursery		Nursery	
Angela Parker	Jalyn Wick	Maresha Scarsdale	Sarah Scarsdale
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Dick Case	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	C. Layton & D. Blair	Communion	E. Ray & C. Huckabee
Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson	Closing Prayer	Daniel Brown
Nursery	Tracey Mauney	Nursery	Amy Cuellar
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, David Blair, Kent Wroe, Elijah Sandoval, Matthew Fabian		*Eddie Ray, Chuck Huckabee, Greg Fabian, Loyd Wilson, Gavin Finch	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Nathan Scarsdale	Video Camera	Anthony Sandoval
Greeters		Greeters	
L. & L. Adams	P. & M. Griffith	G. & L. Fabian	B. & D. Westmoreland
S. & B. Feezel	G. Lindelof & M. Harris	D. & B. Blair	G. Whitmire & L. Taylor
Building Lock Up	Greg Fabian	Building Lock Up	David Blair
Wednesday 10/28		Wednesday 11/4	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Wednesday
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	Night
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	With The
Devotional	Master	Devotional	Master

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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 Tiohanon Evangelist
 Save, Benin West Africa

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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CHURCH?

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The difference between truth and perception is never more clearly seen than when the subject is the church.

Church perceptions usually denigrate it rather than honor it. The church is perceived to be an appendage

of man's quest to know God. Therefore it is not vital to a proper relationship. The church is misunderstood to be a nebulous organization that can be reorganized according to the dictates of men. It can have rebirths at any given time and its rebirths may be brought about by the sincere thinking and teaching of men living on any continent. It can have different functions and different purposes. It can be inclusive or exclusive. It can be guided by complex church laws which may be written, oral, or as yet unrevealed. Its laws, in whatever form, may be revised when necessary.

On the other hand, truth regarding the church is concise, clear, non-debatable and honorific. The truth is that the church has no head but Christ (Col. 1:18) and thus Christ has "come to have first place in everything." A church with any other founder is not the church spoken of in God's word.

It is true that organizations change with time. Our earliest universities, Harvard, William and Mary, and Yale were schools which were founded to prepare ministers with higher education. One would hardly think of Harvard or Yale as bastions of Christianity today. It is not true that the church of Scripture can change as time and circumstances change. In order for the church of Scripture to *legitimately* change in structure, purpose or teaching, one of two things must happen. Either its head will authorize change, or its head will be replaced with a new legitimate head. The Lord has never authorized a change in the teaching He gave through His apostles. They were commissioned under His authority (Mt. 28:18) and were given all of His teachings by the

Spirit of truth (Jn. 16:13). Nor has the Lord relinquished His position as head of the church. The church remains the body of Christ and the bride of Christ.

The purposes of the church cannot change. Therefore any church that denies, supplants or alters the purposes of the church as stated in Scripture cannot be the church of Scripture.

- Its purpose is to be the pillar and support of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). It is not authorized to originate truth, which some modern churches claim as an inherent right, but it must always promote and uphold truth.
- Its purpose is to make known the manifold wisdom of God (Eph. 3:10). Its only means of doing so is through preaching the word (2 Tim. 4:2). Therefore it must know the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15) and it must disseminate it to the next generation (2 Tim. 2:2). Many churches today have made great strides in entertainment, in promoting social changes and in gathering and dispensing funds for all manner of charitable works but their pulpits recite the philosophies of men. They are not the church of the New Testament.
- The purpose of the church is to be instrumental in saving souls. The church does not save, only the Lord can save (James 4:12; Heb. 7:25; 1 Tim. 1:15), but the church is to be the agent of salvation in every generation. Those in the church are authorized to preach that word which is able to save men's souls (James 1:21). The church must proclaim the gospel and only the gospel because it is the power of God unto salvation (Rm. 1:16).
- The purpose of the church is to be holy to God through obedience (1 Pt. 1:14,15). If we disobey God's teaching on baptism and make it of no concern regarding salvation we are not the holy church. If we disobey God's instruction on preaching the truth by preaching only what appeals to men (2 Tim. 4:3,4) then we aren't the holy church of the New Testament.



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr & Sr High Adopt a Widow will be Saturday, November 7th at Noon in the Annex.

Jr & Sr High Devo will be Sunday, the 8th, at the home of the Cuellars.

J.A.M. will be Saturday, the 14th, from 1:00–3:00 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old–6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be *Prayer* (James 5)
 Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be *Hope of Heaven* (1 Peter 1).



- The purpose of the church is to be *THE* entity which is comprised of *ALL* saved sinners. Saved sinners are added by God to the church (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13). From the moment the new covenant was in effect, no person was saved without being put into the church. Churches today which entertain the notion that men can be saved without being in the church are in error, not understanding what the Scriptures have taught.

Could there be anything, which is the subject of so much Biblical teaching, be unimportant? All that the Bible teaches on the subject of when to observe the Sabbath can be placed on a single page. For many centuries the Jews understood and observed the proper day of the week with no confusion. The New Testament is made up of volumes of books written to the church and written about the purpose and calling of the church. Yet, there are those, even in the church who feel that it is less important than anything else they give their time and money to. It is glorious, it is purpose directed, it is eternal, and it is the Lord's. Let's live as though we understand it.

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KEPT IN PRAYER

Cooper Gartrell is in Texas Children's Hospital but is in quarantine—absolutely NO VISITORS allowed.

David Smith is in Southeast Memorial Hospital, Room 357, with pneumonia. He hopes to be released tomorrow (Thursday).

Tony Bagwell is in M.D. Anderson continuing his chemo treatments.

Ruth Cartwright, Paul's grandmother, has been diagnosed with a spot on her lungs.

Lauren Murphy is in Bayshore Hospital, Room 5023 with an infection.

Wally Weeks has received word that his surgery will be on Tuesday, November 17th, at Clear Lake Hospital.

Bruce Welch will undergo surgery on Monday at M.D. Anderson.

Rick Nudelman & Chris Lindelof continue their search for employment.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Terry Brown, LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Jerry DeWeese Jr., June Evans, Cooper

Gartrell, Elaine Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Becky Hopkins, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Claudia Martin, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone, Wally Weeks, Bill Westmoreland.

Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morgenthaler.

Others: Timothy Anderson, Elton Bennett, Scott Bockart, Justin Britt, Mark Brown, Delta Burner, Bobbie Chenuault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, George Dunn, Michael Fleury, Rachel & Joe Glaze, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Lola Hill, Wendell Hines, Gail Hunter, 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, Gary & Kay Taliarero, Penny Waldrum, Bruce Welch, Elaine Wilson, Laretta Wilson, Claudia Scott Wright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Gary Adams** is the contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Gary.
- **General Business Meeting** will be Sunday evening following services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
- **Golden Agers Game Day** will be Monday at 11:30 AM. Bring a pot luck dish and your favorite game.
- **Wednesday Night With The Master** will be next Wednesday. Please sign an intent card so that work assignments can be made.
- **Medina & Boles Children Homes** will hold their annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, November 12th. It will be at the Hilton Americas Hotel in downtown Houston. We have 30 seats available to us. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Upcoming Events bulletin board.
- We are compiling a church **cookbook**. The cutoff date for turning in recipes is Sunday, November 15th.
- **Watters Rd. Church of Christ Men's Fellowship** will be November 13th & 14th. See information on bulletin board.

October Birthdays

28 Steven Cuellar 29 Ramona Huckabee

October Anniversaries

28 Dwight & Leah Bateman 29 James & Laurie Maxcey

November Birthdays

2 Anthony Sandoval 4 Michelle Griffith
 4 Vi Price 8 Laura Wilson
 15 Tim Godwin 16 Phil Gerber
 16 Rossie Gilbert 16 Charles Huckabee
 17 Chip Bateman 26 Lela Farmer
 27 J.J. Hopkins 29 Larry Phillips

November Anniversaries

19 Bill & Donna Russell 19 Chuck & Laurie Huckabee
 29 James & Laurie Maxcey

Dear Church Family,

We want to let you know about my recent tests results. One of my two tumors is gone, and we are so grateful for your prayers, cards of encouragement, and all of the many ways that you have supported us during the last three years.

Love and Blessings,
Bill and Dianne Westmoreland