

Those to Serve

November 8		November 15	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Ron Bazzy	Presiding:	Clifford Layton
Eugene Priestley	Paul Hamilton	Davy May	Chuck Huckabee
Shawn Feezel	Ross Genaro	Larry Roberson	Kent Wroe
Demetris Kelly	Logan Finch	Gary Adams	James Taylor
Closing Prayer	Von Knight	Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown
Nursery		Nursery	
Maresha Scarsdale	Sarah Scarsdale	Canova Genaro	Julee Genaro
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	E. Ray & C. Huckabee	Communion	B. Parker & K. Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Daniel Brown	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian
Nursery	Amy Cuellar	Nursery	Nina Layton
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Eddie Ray, Chuck Huckabee, Greg Fabian, Loyd Wilson, Gavin Finch		*Bobby Parker, Kevin Scarsdale, Phil Godwin, Tim Godwin, Nathan Scarsdale	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Anthony Sandoval	Video Camera	John Adams
Greeters		Greeters	
G. & L. Fabian	B. & D. Westmoreland	K. & M. Scarsdale	J. Coe & B. Riggs
D. & B. Blair	G. Whitmire & L. Taylor	J. Hays & B. Shock	V. & R.J. Knight
Building Lock Up	David Blair	Building Lock Up	Eugene Priestley
Wednesday 11/4		Wednesday 11/11	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	James Taylor
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Devotional	Master	Devotional	Chris Lindelof

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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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EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUDDEN CATASTROPHE

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Scanning the social landscape of America, one is struck by a number of cultural factors that characterize the present condition of society. Consider the following four. First, Americans have shifted dramatically away from instruction in the Christian religion and respect for the authority of the Bible. The public school system and the scientific community are thoroughly ensconced in an anti-religion, evolutionist posture. Statistics show that fewer Americans attend church, read their Bibles, or retain commitment to the precepts of Jesus Christ. Even among those who maintain an affiliation with the “formal” aspects of religion, churches have become “seeker sensitive” in their thrust, providing centers of entertainment and strictly positive, “feel good,” anecdotal talks in place of Bible-based, soul-strengthening sermons. Sermons that stir the soul and convict the conscience are decried as “too negative” and “hell-fire and brimstone preaching.” Yes, Americans are rejecting religious instruction and authority.

Second, Americans have distorted the notion of justice. In many ways, the criminal justice system has become a laughing stock, earning the distrust and dismay of large segments of the population. Since the 1960s shift from the rights of the victim to the rights of the criminal, America’s laws and sense of justice have been gradually restructured and redefined. Prisons are full to overflowing, resulting in unjust early release programs. Having committed crimes “deserving of death” (Acts 25:11; Romans 1:32), inmates continue to live on death row for years and years. “Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” (Ecclesiastes 8:11). On one hand, criminals commit multiple heinous crimes, inflicting injury and death on law-abiding citizens, only to be re-

leased on technicalities to continue their vile rampage on the security and well-being of the innocent. On the other hand, Christian parents can apply proper discipline to their children and be brought before authorities for child abuse and imprisoned. Yes, Americans are violating the rules of eternal justice.

Third, for over 150 years, Americans shared a common and virtually universal moral framework. As political sociologist Alexis de Tocqueville observed of America in the 1830s: “Christianity, therefore, reigns without obstacle, by universal consent; the consequence is, as I have before observed, that every principle of the moral world is fixed and determinate” (1835, 1:304-305, emp. added). Since World War 2, Americans have steadily relaxed the moral sensibilities that once governed society, providing citizens with certainty and stability in their daily behavioral choices. The rigid parameters that once gave society cohesion, defining what is right or wrong, moral or immoral, have all but evaporated. From abortion and embryonic stem-cell research to same-sex relations, clear cut moral distinctions have become blurred in the minds of many people. Yes, Americans are trifling with the injunctions of morality.

Fourth, liberal politicians and activist judges are running amok throughout the country. Foolish, ungodly decisions have been perpetrated on the public—from the removal of Ten Commandment monuments from public places and the banning of prayers in city council and school board meetings, to the redefinition of marriage and accommodation of easy divorce. Even Supreme Court justices are looking to foreign courts to guide their judicial decisions and thwart the intentions of the Framers. Their reinterpretation of the Constitution that results in the expulsion of God from the public square constitutes an illicit tampering with the foundations of the nation. Yes, Americans are recklessly destroying the political constitution that holds us together.

In view of these most unfortunate circumstances, consider the words from a speech delivered on February

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr & Sr High Adopt a Widow will be Saturday at Noon in the Annex. We will have lunch together with Jean Coe.

Jr & Sr High Devo will be Sunday 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 *Instructions to Christians* (1 Peter 2) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be *Salvation In Christ* (1 Peter 3).



23, 1852 by second generation American, Daniel Webster, who offered the following chilling prophecy:

[I]f we and our posterity reject religious instruction and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity (1903, 13:492-493, emp. added).

This uncanny, prophetic anticipation of America’s current condition is being fulfilled before our very eyes. All that remains to happen is the judgment that is inevitable—since God remains consistent with His actions throughout world history (Genesis 19:13; Psalm 9:17; cf. “calamity” in 2 Chronicles 7:22).

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KEPT IN PRAYER

Cooper Gartrell, David Smith and Tony Bagwell have all been released from the hospital. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Ruth Cartwright, Paul’s grandmother, is awaiting test results..

Lauren Murphy has returned to the nursing facility.

Ruth Schultz, Brenda Blair’s cousin, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will undergo a mastectomy.

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

Bruce Welch underwent successful surgery on Monday & is recovering well.

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, Clau-

dia 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 Taliaferro, Penny Waldrum, Bruce Welch, Elaine Wilson, Lauretta Wilson, Claudia Scott Wright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Greg Fabian** is the contact elder for November. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Greg.
- **Secret Sisters** will be Monday at 7:00 PM at Big Humphrey’s.
- **Tuesday Night 1st Peter Class** will NOT meet on Tuesday, the 10th, due to D.C. being out of town.
- **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.
- **Elders Deacon & Ministers Breakfast** is Saturday, the 14th. Breakfast at 8:00 AM at Kelley’s and meeting at 9:00 AM at the building.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** is Saturday, the 14th, at 8:00 AM at Kelley’s.
- 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.

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		



Cortez Thebe Taylor made his arrival on Monday, November 2nd at 3:36 PM. He weighed in at 7 lbs 2 oz and is 19 1/2 in long. Daddy James will arrive home from Iraq this evening. As you can see, big brother James is thrilled. Everyone is doing great.