

## Those to Serve

November 9		November 16	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Brian Pack</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Chris Lindelof</b>
Song Leader	<b>Gary Adams</b>	Song Leader	<b>Greg Fabian</b>
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	<b>Bob Williams</b>	Presiding:	<b>David Blair</b>
<b>Mike Turner</b>	<b>Kevin Scarsdale</b>	<b>David Blair, Jr.</b>	<b>Bobby Parker</b>
<b>David Blair</b>	<b>Ron Bazy</b>	<b>Russell Genaro</b>	<b>Von Knight</b>
<b>Phil Godwin</b>	<b>Josh Hamilton</b>	<b>Eddie Ray</b>	<b>Nathan Scarsdale</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Clifford Layton</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>David Smith</b>
Nursery		Nursery	
<b>Judy Dillon</b>	<b>Laurie Maxcey</b>	<b>Amy Cuellar</b>	<b>Tracey Mauney</b>
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Claude Anderson</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Bill Russell</b>
Song Leader	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>	Song Leader	<b>Bob Williams</b>
Communion	<b>E. Ray &amp; B. Parker</b>	Communion	<b>P. Hamilton &amp; L. Adams</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>David Smith</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Kevin Scarsdale</b>
Nursery	<b>Jalyn Wick</b>	Nursery	<b>Laura Odom</b>
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
<b>*Eddie Ray, Bobby Parker, Rick Stone, Kevin Ford, James Taylor</b>		<b>*Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, Dal Randle, Tim Godwin</b>	
Announcements	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>	Announcements	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>
Video Camera	<b>Elijah Sandoval</b>	Video Camera	<b>Kyle Huckabee</b>
Welcomers <b>Clifford &amp; Nina Layton</b> <b>Chris &amp; Ginny Lindelof</b>		Welcomers <b>Derek &amp; Tracey Mauney</b> <b>Greg &amp; Linda Fabian</b>	
Building Lock Up	<b>D. C. Brown</b>	Building Lock Up	<b>Chuck Huckabee</b>
Wednesday 11/9		Wednesday 11/12	
Song Leader	<b>Wednesday</b>	Song Leader	<b>Bobby Parker</b>
Opening Prayer	<b>Night</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Jeremy Pettit</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>With the</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Gary Adams</b>
Devotional	<b>Master</b>	Devotional	<b>Paul Cartwright</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  
**Greg Fabian** 281-485-2436  
**Von Knight** 281-485-2436  
**Clifford Layton** 281-485-2436

### DEACONS

**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 Tiohanon** Evangelist  
 Save, Benin West Africa

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## The Pearland Harvester

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### A HOPE THAT WON'T DISAPPOINT

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“It is finally over,” was

a sentiment of great relief shared by almost the entire population even if technically it wasn't true. There still had to be a formal, and hopefully peaceful, exchange of power and something of a settling of accounts, as it were. Officially, the war was still on and neither a conditional nor unconditional surrender had taken place. Nevertheless, troop withdrawals were occurring on every front and occupied territories were being abandoned in all haste. Tactical withdrawals had in many instances turned into total routs. Every indication was that war was soon to be at an end. The citizens of occupied territories in the west were in a celebratory mood. Their occupiers were nowhere to be seen and the sounds of their liberating armies grew louder.

A battle group commander of a retreating tank division was amazed by what he saw as he and his men raced into one such village. They were just minutes ahead of the allied vanguard and the village of Troisvierges in Luxembourg was but one more village to pass through on their mad dash back to Germany.

Troisvierges has never been more than a small village. In 2005, its population was only 1,365. Located about 10 miles west of the German border, in the northern tip of Luxembourg, it is one of those places where it can be assumed that nothing ever happens. That assumption would be wrong. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1914 German soldiers of the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry regiment disembarked at the town's railway station. It was a violation of Luxembourg's neutrality and it was the beginning of a four year long occupation. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1940 German armies once again invaded and occupied Troisvierges and the rest of Luxembourg. This occupation under the Nazi regime was particularly brutal and took a heavy

toll in human life. So when word reached the villagers of Troisvierges in early September that elements of the US 5<sup>th</sup> Armored Division were liberating the country, the citizens of Troisvierges lined the main street of their village and, armed with flowers and wine, they prepared to hail their liberators. But it was not as they had hoped.

Captain Herbert Rink, one of the commanders of the SS Panzer Corp that entered the village on their retreat to the German border said,

“We could not believe our eyes. Down in the town stood the entire population along the main street, flowers and drinks in hand. They were clearly waiting for the liberation forces...We did not have much time, if we wanted to beat the Americans to the town...We raced out of the forest...turned down the main street, keeping a watch to the south, and drove slowly past the waiting people...Never in my life have I seen people so quiet and embarrassed. They did not know what to do with their flowers. They looked at the ground. Their hands sank in a helpless gesture.” (Hastings, *Armageddon*, pp. 14,15).

It was not finally over. Even though those villagers would indeed end that day passing out their flowers and sharing their wine with their American liberators, the struggle was not yet finished. But the belief that it was over was shared by practically everyone. The British Cabinet predictions were that Germany would surrender on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1944. A Gallup poll in the US indicated that 67% of Americans expected it to be over before Christmas. The Allied Control Commission for Germany was ordered to prepare for the occupation of Berlin by November 1<sup>st</sup> and the US War Production Board in Washington began canceling military contracts in September.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1944 the German counterattack was launched and once again Luxembourg was invaded for a third time by a German army. The battle



**YOUTH EVENTS**

**JR. & SR. HIGH**

**J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH**



Jr. & Sr. High Devo this Sunday evening at the Sandoval's home. We will return by 9:00 PM.

J.A.M has been cancelled this month due to funeral conflict.

**Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade**

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be Three parables Matthew 21:28—22:14. Wednesday evening lesson will be Jesus Questioned; Jesus Questions Matthew 22: 15—46.



that ensued was dubbed "The Battle of the Bulge" and was concluded with a full German retreat in February of 1945. The citizens of Troisvierges would not be "re-liberated" by American soldiers until March.

The object of this brief history lesson is simple. Hope, one of the strongest and most enduring of human emotions (1 Cor. 13:13) is sometimes dashed on the rocks of despair. Sometimes it is premature and, at times, it is completely unwarranted. But for the child of God, hope in Christ Jesus is NEVER worth abandoning. A heart liberated by the gospel of Jesus is a heart that was once occupied by the enemy of hope. Satan will never totally concede that heart to be lost as long as this life remains. Yet the Bible assures that genuine

hope, neither false nor fleeting, is ours and it endures.

Governments and military strategists have been wrong many times in their assessments, but God does not underestimate our enemy. Only God knows when the battles of life are finally over, but some day they will be over. The heart totally surrendered to God will never be disappointed and its hope in Him will not be dashed in life nor the life to come. For that very reason we should always keep **"Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence"** (1 Peter 3:15). Keep hoping and keep studying. ©D. C. Brown ©2008



November is a very busy time of year. To add to the routine list of things to do this month there are also...

- Holiday plans
- High school playoffs
- Medina Children's Home Banquet
- Sync Swim Conference
- Gulf Coast Spiritual Growth Workshop

Please be careful this month and plan to be as involved in as many spiritual things as you can.

**The response to the needs in Galveston in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike has been tremendous. At this time the funds sent by you exceed \$10,000.00.**

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Katie Barnes** has returned home.

**Glenda Cashiola** as she continues to undergo testing to determine the cause of her recent falls. She broke a rib in her latest fall.

**Jan Lemoine** was able to be at services on Sunday.

**Alice Moore** is home & feeling better.

**Bill Kirby** fell and broke his hip. He is in Southeast Memorial, Intermediate Care, Bed 3. He plans to be moved to Triumph Rehab later this week.

**Mark Brown**, a cousin of DC Brown, is battling colon cancer and has a heart aneurism that needs to be repaired as soon he is able to stand the surgery. Those wanting to send cards can mail them to Mark Brown, P. O. Box 70, Scotland, TX 76379

**Bruce Welch** is undergoing chemo treatments.

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone, Bill Westmoreland. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. **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, Elaine Wilson.

Please keep the **Bazzy family** in your prayers as they mourn Betty's passing on Tuesday afternoon. Funeral arrangements are still pending at print time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Clifford Layton** is the contact elder for November. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Clifford.
- **Golden Agers Game Day** will be Monday beginning at 11:30 AM. Bring a pot luck dish & your favorite game.
- **Secret Sisters** will meet in the Annex on Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Bring a pot luck dish.
- **Elders Deacons & Ministers Breakfast** is being postponed until Saturday, the 15.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** is being postponed until Saturday, the 15th.
- **Gulf Coast Spiritual Workshop** will be in Galveston November 13—15.
- **Medina Children's Home Benefit Dinner** will be on November 15th at Hilton Americas Hotel.

**November Birthdays**

8	Laura Wilson	15	Tim Godwin
16	Phil Gerber	16	Rossie Gilbert
16	Charles Huckabee	17	Chip Bateman
26	Lela Farmer	27	Emily Ford
29	Larry Phillips		

**November Anniversaries**

5	Tex & Pat Greene	19	Bill & Donna Russell
19	Chuck & Laurie Huckabee		