

Those to Serve

December 7		December 14	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Von Knight
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Gary Adams	Presiding:	Chris Lindelof
Eugene Priestley	John Genaro	Jeremy Pettit	Gheath Alatrash
Eddie Ray	Larry Roberson	Lynn Adams	Kevin Scarsdale
Kevin Odom	Kyle Huckabee	Dwight Ramsey	Ross Genaro
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery		Nursery	
Heather Brown	Laura Wilson	Laura Odom	Michelle Griffith
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Bob Williams	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Dwight Ramsey	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	T. Greene & D. Mauney	Communion	B. Russell & C. Huckabee
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Eddie ray
Nursery	Teresa Turner	Nursery	Debbie Brown
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Tex Greene, Derek Mauney, Jeremy Brown, Loyd Wilson, Nathan Scarsdale		*Bill Russell, Charles Huckabee, Eugene Priestley, Kevin Ford, Anthony Sandoval	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Anthony Sandoval	Video Camera	Nathan Scarsdale
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Claude & Leona Anderson		David & Brenda Blair	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	Von Knight	Building Lock Up	Clifford Layton
Wednesday 12/3		Wednesday 12/10	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	Bill Russell
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
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

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Von Knight 281-485-2436

Clifford Layton 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

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Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

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Save, Benin West Africa

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?

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Recently, while watching a “whodunit,” I was amused by a bit of dialogue. A deputy district attorney, trying to convict a man of attempting to murder his wife, is at the hospital where the comatose wife is being treated. He has been told by the nurse that her condition is irreversible. He replied that he had heard of instances where a comatose patient responds to certain human stimuli and wants to know if it could happen in this case. In a kind way he is told that it cannot happen. In frustration, he then points out that there have been documented cases where a person did come out of a coma: therefore it must be conceivable that it could happen with this patient. At this point the nurse looks at him and says, “You’re just going to keep asking the same question a different way until you finally hear the answer you want to hear, aren’t you?”

Lawyers aren’t the only ones who look for legal loopholes. All of us search for a different answer when the questions we ask yield replies we didn’t want to hear. We learned the basics of the technique as small children at home. We improved the technique in school. By the time we are adults we have become experts at listening to every word, and detecting the slightest nuance that offers a hint of negotiable territory. Our finely tuned and well honed skills let us exploit financial opportunities and even friendships. We learn how to “close the deal” to our satisfaction, even to the extent that the process of getting what we wanted brings more pleasure than what was ultimately obtained. As a man once said to me, “The answer is always ‘Yes,’ but the question might need to be rephrased.”

What often works well with others does not work at all when it comes to God. God did not admit defeat when Adam and Eve explained why they disobeyed. At the end of the day they were still sinners and their pun-

ishment was still enforced. God did not concede the point when everyone in Noah’s generation was unrighteous. He fixed a day in which He would judge that generation in righteousness and when that day came, judgment occurred. God was not “outwitted” by the people of Ezekiel’s day who complained bitterly that they were paying for the sins of their fathers and therefore were being unjustly treated. They remained in captivity until all the days appointed by God were completed.

Our generation is no better than any that has gone before us. We also try to find ways to circumvent those teachings of the Lord that aren’t suitable to us.

- We have instructions and we have examples from Scripture that dictate one thing but we have a desire to do something different, so we look for ways to get what we want even though it is not instructed and even though it goes against biblical examples. And we prop our position up by saying things like, “Well, the Bible never says that we can’t....” Until we learn to stop asking the questions in different ways in order to hear what we want to hear the issue of instrumental worship won’t go away. In the meanwhile, two thousand years have passed and the Lord has not issued a single statement rescinding what He has taught on this subject.
- We have instructions, explanations and examples from Scripture that require us to submit to immersion for salvation and to teach others to submit to immersion salvation. Yet, we are also being strongly influenced by others to ignore this one point of salvation because it does not agree with a manmade teaching. Artfully crafted arguments have been raised on why the word “for” in Acts 2:38 might occasionally mean “because of” instead of “in order to.” And if it did occasionally mean “because of” it certainly did mean “because of” in this passage. Never mind that the “occasional” argument fails on its own merits, the loophole must still exist! Yet, no



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Faith In Action may possibly be cancelled. See Paul for details.

J.A.M will be SUNDAY, the 7th, 2-4 PM in the Annex.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old-6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be Jesus Institutes the Lord
 Supper John 13; 21-38; Mark 14: 22-25. Wednesday evening lesson will be Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit John 14.



divine oracle has been given that retracts the teachings Acts 2:38; 22:16 and 2 Peter 3:21.

Jesus told the multitudes that even on the final day of judgment some would keep angling for the answers they want to hear. **“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ (Mt. 7:21,22).**

In the movie, it was obvious that the nurse thought the deputy district attorney was being stubborn and obstinate. In real life, anytime we don't like what God says and we try to find another way to hear what we want to hear, we are guilty of the same thing.—Read Ezk. 3:1-7.

Subjective thinking always looks for a loophole. Objective obedience always yields to a “thus says the Lord,” but it also demonstrates that we have learned that effectual hearing is demonstrated by doing instead of parsing (James 1:21,22). Keep studying.

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A special thank you to Craig Willeford for fixing the baptistery!

Thank You!!!

December Birthdays

2 Ed Koob	3 Autumn Taylor
6 Eugene Priestley	6 Donna Russell
7 Jacob Carriere	7 Wilma Koob
8 Tori Turner	10 Ron Bazzy
11 Barbara Puckett	11 Craig Willeford
12 Harold Moore	17 John Genaro
24 Joyce Howard	24 Bob Williams
25 Noah Hill	27 Mallory Odom
27 Matthew Fabian	31 Maresha Scarsdale
31 Loma Stone	31 Stacey Sandoval

December Anniversaries

1 Jeremy & Heather Brown	9 Ricky & Janice Pearson
9 Eddie & Stephanie Ray	17 Michael & Teresa Turner
18 Bill & Dianne Westmoreland	27 Rick & Jean Nudelman
27 Bob & Mitzi Williams	

KEPT IN PRAYER

Bill Kirby remains in Triumph Rehab, Room 109.

Derek Mauney is feeling better after a brief hospitalization due to heart related issues.

Jason Talley came forward last Sunday requesting prayers as he faces personal issues.

Jackie Jackson, a friend of Marsha Bradbury's visiting from Oklahoma, is in Southeast Memorial and will have stints placed today.

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, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone, Bill Westmoreland. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. **Others:** Mark Brown, 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, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Elaine Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday evening worship service to remain at 6PM

- **Gary Adams** is the contact elder for December. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Gary.
- **Ladies Christmas Party**—Dec. 4 at 6:30 PM—Brenda Blair's home. Bring a hand crafted gift for gift exchange and your favorite holiday finger food (along with recipe).
- **J.A.M.**—Dec 7 from 2-4 PM in the Annex.
- **Secret Sisters**—Tuesday, Dec 9 at Jean Coe's home at 7:00 PM. Bring finger foods and your gift. This is when you will reveal your identity—if you will be unable to attend, please make arrangements for your gift to be there.
- **Golden Agers Christmas Party**—Dec 12 at 6:30 PM. Meat will be furnished, bring side dishes and a gift for the Exchange Game.
- **Elders/Deacons/ Ministers Meeting**—Dec 13. Breakfast at Kelley's at 8 AM, meeting at 9 AM.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast**—Dec 13 at 8:00 AM at Kelley's.
- **Jr/Sr High Service Project**—Dec 13, from Noon-3PM in the Annex.
- **Jr/Sr High Devo & Christmas Party**—Dec 14 at the Cartwright's
- **Meals On Wheels**—Dec 15-19. If you can help, please contact Leah Bateman.