

Those to Serve

September 16		September 23	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian	Opening Prayer	Chris Peters
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Lindelof		Presiding: Demetris Kelly	
Tim Nations	Nathan Scarsdale	David Clayton	Paul Hamilton
Kent Wroe	Jeremy Brown	Daniel Brown	Logan Lindelof
Gheath Alatrash	Chris Peters	Matthew Fabian	Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	Daniel Brown	Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown
Nursery		Nursery	
Tracey Mauney	Angela Parker	Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Matthew Fabian	Opening Prayer	Rick Nudelman
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Clifford Layton, Rick Nudelman	Communion	Paul Hamilton, Logan Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Charlie Story	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery	Gretchen Whitmire	Nursery	Tracey Mauney
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Rick Nudelman, Demetris Kelly, Clifford Layton		*James Maxcey, Tim Nations, Eugene Priestley	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Greeters		Greeters	
Jeanette Hays, Minnie Harris		Char Bagwell, Gretchen Whitmire	
Building Lock Up	Chris Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Rick Nudelman
Sound & Projector	Williams	Sound & Projector	Williams
September 12		September 19	
Building Lock Up	Paul Cartwright	Building Lock Up	Chris Lindelof

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

Bible Study...7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-997-3790
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DEACONS

David Blair
Demetris Kelly
Rick Nudelman
Bobby Parker
Chris Peters
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa, Soklogbo, Paouignan
Jonas Sambieni - BTC and Glazoue
Gaston Nda & Raul Baya- Natitingou
Boniface Yentekoua - Kaboua
Dorothee Tchekpo—Savé, Boubou Pompe
Andre Assogba - Savé, Besse, Atchakpa
Blaise Atta - Beterou, Sinaou, Wari Maro
Elie Kouagou - N'Dali
Joachim Tonou - Abomey
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Biennvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé

Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain

Prison Ministry Gene Rowe

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The Pearland Harvester

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

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the ubiquitous *like* option in every Facebook posting. Likeable is the dynamic that feeds the beast we know as peer pressure. Likeable is also what Christians are supposed to be. Just as Samuel grew in favor with God and men (1 Sam. 2:26) and Jesus grew in favor with God and men (Lk. 2:52), the early church was filled with those who had “favor with all the people” (Acts 2:47).

But likeable – by itself – is never good enough. We need to evaluate not only our ability to be likeable, but also what motives lay beneath the surface among those who would like us! Consider Paul’s words to the Christians of Galatia:

They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out so that you will seek them. But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you. (Galatians 4:17,18).

The question, “Why do people like me?” is not necessarily an opportunity to wallow in self-admiration. Motives are important! We need to know why certain people are attracted to us. Paul told the churches of Galatia that while there is nothing wrong in being eagerly sought in a commendable manner, the fact was those who saw them had nothing commendable in mind at all. They had, as their motive, the intent of befriending the Christians that they might ultimately be “shut out” of all that God had intended for those who are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3).

Ultimately, the end result of fellowshiping those who so eagerly sought them was spiritual slavery and losing every benefit they had in Christ (Gal. 5:1-4). But the end results are seldom obvious in those moments when we are being eagerly sought. It really came down to something like a popularity contest. The agitators only wanted the Christians to follow them more and follow Paul less. They had the advantage of being

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present every day and Paul was disadvantaged by the fact that he was not with them.

Jesus had called these brethren to a deeper level of commitment through the letter He inspired Paul to write. Be likeable but be choosy and, more importantly, be likeable while being loyal! Paul observed that when he was with them they followed him with sincere love and devotion. If possible, they would have given him their eyes (Gal. 4:15)! In fact, they had received Paul with the same honor and humility afforded to an angel sent from God, or to Christ Himself (4:14). But “so quickly” after Paul had left, they were deserting Paul, and more importantly, they were deserting God who had called them through the gospel of Christ (Gal. 1:6). Were they really that hypocritical? Had they only been pretending all along?

It doesn’t seem likely. Their initial sincerity was genuine enough; their problem seems to have had more to do with their desire to be likeable! They had the qualities of character that made them eagerly sought (4:17). But they didn’t seem to be able to discern the motives behind those who sought them.

To be likeable creates the same pitfall for us today. Genuine humility and repentance brought us to Christ and caused us to confess His name and obey His will. Genuine devotion brought us into fellowship with other believers. Genuine commitment compelled us to be faithful in all things. And those qualities make us desirable or *likeable* to all.

When friendship would take you away from worship on the Lord’s Day or prevent you from fellowship opportunities (visiting, game days, cookouts, encampments, etc.) with the brethren, perhaps the wise thing would be to stop for a moment and consider what is at stake. What motivation might lie beneath a friendship that pulls us away?

When is *likeability* a *liability*?

Keep studying! ✉ DC Brown ©2012



YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



The next Family Encampment will be October 5-7, 2012. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for requirements and new fees. Deadline for paying the office for a reservation is September 23.



Church Wide Cook Out
Saturday, September 22, 7:00 PM in the Annex parking lot.

Please bring the fixins for your family (meats, buns, veggies, chips, etc.) We would like to begin serving at 7:00, so come early with your meat in order to give us time to grill it! There will be no penalty for bringing home-made ice cream.

September 30, 2012

Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!

Friends & Family Day



KEPT IN PRAYER

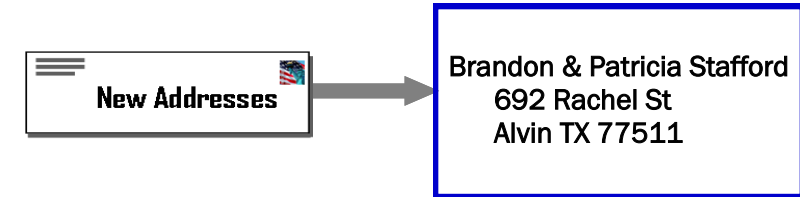
Evelyn Cordell is continuing therapy at her son's house in Canyon Lake TX until Thanksgiving. If you would like to send her a card, the address is **944 Canyon Edge, Canyon Lake TX 78133**.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Rossie Gilbert, Dorendia Hamilton, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Clifford Layton, Claudia Martin, Audrey Nelson, Rick Nudelman, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville, Bob Young. **Shut-In:** Katie Barnes, Libby Clayton, Wilma Koob. **Others:** Tom Althaus, Julie Searcy Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Florence Henshaw, Leslie Hunt, Janice Jackson, Wanita Jones, Bartis Knight, Kerry Lemoine, James Lewis, Brent Lindelof, Landon Lovett, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruett, Rick Stone, Lavinne Welch, Scott Westmoreland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is the contact elder for September. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.



NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR SECRETARY
EFFECTIVE 9/1/12

- Monday - off
- Tuesday - 9 AM—1:30 PM
- Wednesday - 9 AM—4 PM
- Thursday - 9 AM—1:30 PM
- Friday - 9 AM—1 PM

Non-emergency - leave message on church voicemail (press # to bypass greeting)
Emergency - please call 713-202-6699 (Gretchen's cell)

September Events

- 22 Church Cookout
- 29 Ice Cream Party - for 6th graders and younger - Annex - 12 noon to 2 PM
- 30 Friends & Family Day

September Birthdays

- 2 Kenneth Cain
- 4 Kristin Alatrash
- 5 Janice Lemoine
- 8 Rick Nudelman
- 14 Dorothy Cherry
- 18 Landon Brown
- 20 Berna Dyes
- 23 Greg Fabian
- 24 Ricky Pearson
- 30 Lianne Biegay
- 3 Hugh Fletcher
- 5 Emma Cartwright
- 7 Cooper Gartrell
- 8 Patricia Stafford
- 16 Ben Maxcey
- 19 Connie Young
- 22 Becky Hopkins
- 23 Canova Genaro
- 26 John Sloan

September Anniversaries

- 16 Bobby & Angela Parker
- 30 David & Brenda Blair

We will not intentionally omit anyone from the birthday/anniversary list. If you have not turned in the **Members Information Update Sheets** to the office, please do so..