

Those to Serve

October 7		October 14	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Rick Nudelman
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Peters		Presiding: Bob Williams	
Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian	Tim Nations	Jeremy Brown
Logan Lindelof	James Maxcey	Daniel Brown	Tim Nations
Phil Godwin	David Clayton	Charlie Layton	Nathan Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker	Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly
Nursery		Nursery	
Tracey Mauney	Susan Peters	Debbie Brown	Molly Godwin
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Bobby Parker	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian	Communion	Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery	Gretchen Whitmire	Nursery	Gretchen Whitmire
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Rick Nudelman, Daniel Brown, Eugene Priestley		*Clifford Layton, Logan Lindelof, Matthew Fabian	
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters		Greeters	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	Gary Adams	Building Lock Up	Kevin Scarsdale
Sound & Projector	Wroe	Sound & Projector	Wroe
October 3		October 10	
Building Lock Up	Greg Fabian	Building Lock Up	Gary Adams

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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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
Joachin Tonou - Abomey
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Bienvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain
Prison Ministry Gene Rowe



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REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 23:1-12

Recently a good minister friend of mine challenged me to look at the seven woes in Matthew chapter 23. I enjoyed my study of the chapter, and I decided I wanted to do something with my study that would allow me to share what I have learned. I thought about making a sermon series out of it, writing a Bible class over it, or even planning a men's retreat. At the end of the day, I am still not sure what I want to do with my study, but I figured that the best way to flesh out my thoughts would be to write about them. This is the first in a series of articles on my reflections on Matthew 23 that I have published on my blog. I hope that you find these articles enjoyable as well as insightful.

Matthew 23:1-4

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

Imagine yourself in the crowd as Jesus begins this wonderful, if not scathing, lesson. There are so many things I admire about the life and teachings of Jesus, but the aspect of His life that is most apparent to me is the fact that He never missed an opportunity to teach. Jesus was also never in fear about what He was teaching. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were considered to be at the highest level of the Jewish culture, but Jesus had no fear of calling out their actions when they were wrong.

Our Church and our society have become plagued with political correctness and fear that doing the right thing will hurt someone's feelings. I believe that we should never do anything to intentionally hurt someone, but I also believe that when we see something that is

morally corrupt we must stand up for what is right. Jesus demonstrates this for us here and in many other places in the Gospels. If Jesus teaches us something, then I believe we should put it into practice in our lives.



Another aspect to what Jesus is teaching us here is consistency. He tells the people that they must obey the Pharisees and teachers of the Law because they sit in Moses' seat, but to not imitate the things that those people do in their daily lives. Without saying, "you must be consistent," Jesus is telling us that very thing. Our world is full of inconsistency and, for the most part, people live with it because they have no other choice. Seeing a person living a consistent life would be a breath of fresh air. As Christians, we can and should be that fresh air to people of this world who are seeking consistency.

Matthew 23:5-7

5 "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.'

It has been said that vanity is one of the Devil's favorite sins, and I believe that to be true. We all enjoy our 15 minutes of fame and, if our egos are not stroked from time to time, we get our feelings hurt. The Pharisees and teachers of the law had bought into the idea of being important people; they enjoyed the attention and took great strides to make sure that people noticed them. We look at these men with such disdain when really we are not far from where these men were.

When the attention we receive because of our Christianity becomes the reason for our Christianity, then we are just as guilty as the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. When we are more concerned about the clothes we wear to worship and the cars we drive to get there, then we are just as guilty as those men. When congregations of the Lord's church become more interested in the color scheme for the

YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



There will be a Teen Devo following evening services on October 7 at the Laytons' home.

There will be a Teen Devo following evening services on October 21 at DC & Debbie Brown's home.

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auditorium instead of seeking and saving the lost, then we are walking in the shoes of these men. To put it simply, Jesus wants better for His chosen people than all of that. It won't always be easy, but the rewards will be eternal.

Matthew 23:8-12

8 "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

It seems that everyone has a title these days. The lady that used to be a secretary is now an administrative assistant, the person who used to answer the phones is now a communications expert, and even our schoolteachers are now titled individuals. This isn't to say that titles are not needed, but when that title begins to define you as a person, then you are treading on the ground of the Pharisees and teachers of the law.

The final verses where Jesus speaks about being a servant are some of my favorites in the Bible. His message is so clear and yet it is so profound all at the same time. As Christians, our concern should not be advancing or looking good to other people; rather, our goal should be seeking the lost and lifting up Jesus to the world around us.

Questions For Thought:

1. What are you doing to ensure that you are being consistent in all aspects of your life?
2. Are you walking a Christian walk to be seen by others or to glorify God?
3. How can we keep from allowing our titles to define who we are?

Be Strong and Courageous,
Paul

KEPT IN PRAYER

Katie Barnes is in Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, Room 3311.

Brenda Blair is still having trouble with her eyes.

Minnie Harris is now home after a short stay in the hospital.

Von Knight is doing well with his dialysis.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Katie Barnes, 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, Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Audrey Nelson, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville, Bob Young. **Shut-In:** 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, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is the contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.



Our next Family Encampment is set for October 5-7. **IMPORTANT CHANGES** to be aware of are: 1.) Even though the deadline for advance reservations at the office has passed, you can still make your own reservations by doing so online, by phone or at the park. 2.) The location has changed to Martin Dies State Park in Jasper, TX. Unfortunately, both Huntsville and Livingston were unavailable at this late date. However, the fees for camping and day use are less at Martin Dies. Two nights camping will only be \$30.00, plus day use fees per vehicle. See DC if there are questions.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 5-7 Family Encampment
- 8 Golden Agers luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 13 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers meeting - 9 AM
- 15-19 Meals on Wheels
- 27 Party at the Mauneys' house for 1st grade and younger from 12 noon to 2 pm. Wear your costumes. There will be games and trick or treating



October Birthdays

1 Brenda Riggs	4 Libby Clayton
6 Sheila Banyai	8 Ginny Lindelof
16 Clifford Layton	16 Joy Sloan
17 Martha Cain	17 Melanie Finch
20 Paul Dillon	20 Susan Lenamon
20 Angela Parker	24 Minnie Harris
27 Sarah Adams	27 Jerri Farmer
28 Steven Cuellar	

October Anniversaries

2 Clifford & Nina Layton	5 Lynn & Lucille Adams
21 Paul & April Cartwright	28 Dwight & Leah Bateman
29 James & Laurie Maxcey	

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..