

## Those to Serve

| November 11                                   |                            | November 18                                      |                                |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Morning Worship                               |                            | Morning Worship                                  |                                |
| Opening Prayer                                | Greg Fabian                | Opening Prayer                                   | Lynn Adams                     |
| Song Leader                                   | Gary Adams                 | Song Leader                                      | Greg Fabian                    |
| Communion                                     |                            | Communion  |                                |
| <b>Presiding:</b> Chris Peters                |                            | <b>Presiding:</b> Kevin Scarsdale                |                                |
| Rick Nudelman                                 | Kent Wroe                  | James Maxcey                                     | David Clayton                  |
| Jeremy Brown                                  | Charlie Story              | Tim Nations                                      | Charlie Layton                 |
| Russell Genaro                                | Logan Lindelof             | Phil Godwin                                      | Nathan Scarsdale               |
| Closing Prayer                                | Kevin Scarsdale            | Closing Prayer                                   | Gary Adams                     |
| Nursery                                       |                            | Nursery  |                                |
| Susan Peters                                  | Tracey Mauney              | Molly Godwin                                     | Gretchen Whitmire              |
| Evening Worship                               |                            | Evening Worship                                  |                                |
| Opening Prayer                                | Daniel Brown               | Opening Prayer                                   | Jeremy Brown                   |
| Song Leader                                   | Paul Cartwright            | Song Leader                                      | Paul Cartwright                |
| Communion                                     | Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian | Communion  | Charlie Layton, Logan Lindelof |
| Closing Prayer                                | Charlie Story              | Closing Prayer                                   | Rick Nudelman                  |
| Nursery                                       | Gretchen Whitmire          | Nursery  | Debbie Brown                   |
| Both Services                                 |                            | Both Services                                    |                                |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher)                |                            | Ushers (*indicates head usher)                   |                                |
| *Daniel Brown, David Clayton, Clifford Layton |                            | * Jeremy Brown, Logan Lindelof, Eugene Priestley |                                |
| Announcements                                 | Chris Lindelof             | Announcements                                    | Chris Lindelof                 |
| Greeters                                      |                            | Greeters   |                                |
| Lynn & Lucille Adams                          |                            | Rick & Jean Nudelman                             |                                |
| Building Lock Up                              | Williams                   | Building Lock Up                                 | Cartwright                     |
| Sound & Projector                             | Feezel                     | Sound & Projector                                | Feezel                         |
| November 7                                    |                            | November 14                                      |                                |
| Building Lock Up                              |                            | Building Lock Up                                 |                                |
| Kevin Scarsdale                               |                            | Williams   |                                |

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### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 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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# The Pearland Harvester

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## WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

One of the most inspiring and challenging passages in the Old Testament is a one-verse character summary of Ezra. "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel" (Ezra 7:10).

It is not possible to read that verse and miss the significance of individual responsibility and commitment. In fact, from the opening statements of the book of Ezra, the emphasis is on the individual. Kings, mentioned by name, either encouraged, assisted, or impeded the work that Ezra was a part of. Opponents who challenged the right of the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple are mentioned by name, and their attacks are specified. The names and the deeds of those who governed God's people are described. The names of households and the names of the priests, along with their activities, are given.

If the book of Ezra was merely a document that provided historical insights to that time, the details about specific people, family names, possessions, and actions would not be given. The book is far more than a brief history of a generation of Jews. It is a book about specific people who were used in mighty ways to carry out God's purposes for their generation and beyond. Yet each one of these people, hero or villain, went about their lives doing as they chose. The view from 40,000 feet, as they say, would show that God brought about the reoccupation of Judah and the restoration of the priesthood and temple worship in a single generation by using the political forces of the time. The view from the ground shows the heart and the character of specific people, each of whom did things that accomplished God's purposes for that generation.

Today, the high-altitude view might well show a nation bent on opposition to God's will. It might be obvious from that distance that political forces and societal forces in unison are doing everything possible to develop a generation who either knows nothing about God or who scoffs at the notion that God is. But the ground view is different. Names of families and their deeds are known. Throughout the land, individual men and women are committing to serve God in their generation and to teach the next generation to know and love God. Decades or even centuries from now, historians may write brief summaries about this generation and the direction that it took. Perhaps the names of a few politicians will become a part of the historical record of our times. The anonymity of the masses may well foster the errant view that individual people and their deeds don't really count.

In every generation, the justification for not being committed to the Lord is that it really wouldn't make that much of a difference. Can a relatively few roll back the tide of secularism today? Will God really expect me to say and do things that probably won't change anyone but will certainly make my life more difficult? You know that He does!

The record, God's record, shows that specific men and women in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC purposed to live for Him in harmony in the midst of adversity. At times their government supported them and at times it impeded them, but they served God and He preserved their names and their record to inspire you and me. These are our times. No matter the way the nation trends, no matter the direction politicians lead, the individual servant of God makes the difference. Set your heart for the Lord and let nothing stand in your way. Your name and your soul will be preserved and remembered for good.



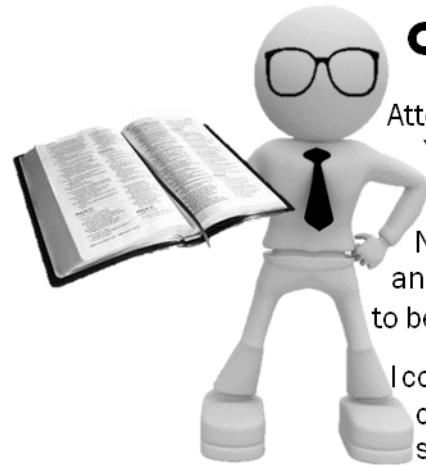
**YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH**



There will be a game night for the congregation at the Annex on Saturday, November 10, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please bring your favorite games and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please see Paul Cartwright.

Teen Devo at the Cuellars' home following evening services on Sunday, November 18. Van will leave the building after services and return no later than 9 PM.

**Observations**



Attendance the past two Sundays has been very encouraging. Your favorable comments about the sermons for both weeks has encouraged me and I appreciate them very much.

Next week we hope to be able to publish the photos, names and addresses of two families that recently expressed a desire to be a part of this congregation.

I continue to hear good things about the three adult classes being conducted this quarter and I see evidence that some are really starting to grow.

We've had a number of people volunteer to clean the building or take care of the grounds. That indicates a level of willingness and commitment that can only strengthen us. While "ownership" may not be the best characterization, I do feel that ownership of one's faith and ownership in the work of the congregation are two good things.

Finally, a friend reminded me today that God still reigns and is not dependent upon winning the popular vote or the electoral college! – DC

*Just a short note to convey our continued thanks for the prayers for my mother and aunt. We have been blessed by their long lives and pray that continues. Again, our sincerest thanks.*

*In Christian love,  
Pat Wagoner and family*

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Harold Moore** is now at home and feeling much better. He did not require surgery. He and Alice thank the congregation for the many prayers.

Our condolences to the family of **R. C. Solomon**, who passed away recently. Mr. Solomon was Peggy Story's father and a faithful Christian.

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Clifford Layton, Claudia Martin, Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville, Bob Young. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton, Wilma Koob. **Others:** Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Neal Clayton, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Willadean Hecker, Florence Henshaw, Leslie Hunt, Janice Jackson, Wanita Jones, Bartis Knight, Kerry Lemoine, Roy Leasman, James Lewis, Brent Lindelof, Landon Lovett, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruett, Dixie Dee Scriber, Rick Stone, Dorothy Watters, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods, Ressa Zambrano.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Lindelof is the contact elder for November. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

We will have a devotional-only format on Wednesday, November 21, at 7 PM in the Annex. The elders will organize the devotional.

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- 10 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 10 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM
- 12 Golden Agers luncheon at 11:30 AM in the Annex.
- 13 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM at Big Humphrey's. Hostesses are Lela Farmer and Gretchen Whitmire.

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

- 5 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal will be served at 6 PM in the Annex.
- 7 Holiday Party at Brenda Blair's house - 6 PM. Ladies — start sewing!
- 8 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 8 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM
- 10 Golden Agers luncheon at 11:30 AM in the Annex
- 10-14 Meals on Wheels - See Leah Bateman to volunteer
- 13 Secret Sisters will meet at 6:30 PM at Jean Coe's house. Jean Coe and Jean Nudelman are the hostesses.

**November Birthdays**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brent Finch       | 2 Anthony Sandoval |
| 4 Vi Price          | 5 Warren Hudman    |
| 8 Mitzi Williams    | 13 Laura Moss      |
| 15 Tim Godwin       | 16 Phil Gerber     |
| 18 Doris Stuteville | 26 Lela Farmer     |
| 27 JJ Martinez      | 29 Nicholas Feezel |
| 29 Aaron Peters     |                    |

**November Anniversaries**

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Gary & Danette Moss  | 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown |
| 20 Tim & Irene Nations | 25 Tracy & Martha Cain |

*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..*