

Those to Serve

February 3		February 10	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Bob Williams		Presiding: Gheath Alatrash	
Nathan Scarsdale	Logan Lindelof	Ike Atkins	Kent Wroe
Matthew Fabian	Tim Nations	Paul Hamilton	Phil Godwin
Tom Langford	Rick Nudelman	Daniel Brown	Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery		Nursery	
Molly Godwin	Gretchen Whitmire	Angela Parker	Debbie Brown
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Daniel White	Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader	Bobby Parker	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Rick Nudelman, Logan Lindelof	Communion	Charlie Story, Demetris Kelly
Closing Prayer	Charlie Layton	Closing Prayer	Daniel White
Nursery	Nina Layton	Nursery	Maresha Scarsdale
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Brandon Stafford, Daniel White		*Clifford Layton, Tom Langford, Charlie Story	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Building Lock Up	Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Cartwright
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Mauney
January 30		February 6	
Building Lock Up	Peters	Building Lock Up	Lindelof

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-997-3790
 Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
 Chris Lindelof 281-997-6437
 Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

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

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

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spun humor if you like, but it is more than that. It is homespun wisdom, achieved by a life of dedication to studying the word of the Lord, to practicing it and to teaching it (Ezra 7:10).

We are what we make of ourselves, which is not to dismiss the Lord's control and influence. We make the conscious decision to be who we are. That's a truth that Solomon stressed several times.

"For as he thinks within himself, so he is..." (Prov. 23:7). In context, Solomon spoke of a selfish man who makes the appropriate expressions of welcome and caring, but inwardly resents that person that accepted his disingenuous offers. However, what is true of the selfish man is true of every man in one regard - we are who we are on the inside. Genetics may determine height, skin tone, hair color and a thousand other things about us, but character is not genetic. Neither is it accidental. Character is what we make of ourselves. Environment is a factor, but it is not the determining factor.

"A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, But when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken" (Prov. 15:13). Solomon was not simply making observations, nor was he intimating that some are predisposed to happiness and others to bitterness. His proverb was a true statement about life that was given to young people to help them make a conscious decision to develop a godly character. If his observation was nothing more than a commentary on "some people are one way and some are another way" he would have likely ended with a verse or two from Doris Day's big hit, *Que Sera, Sera*.

WHO AM I?

At the age of 87, brother J. A. McNutt made the observation that "most folks are about as happy, or as miserable, as they plan to be." Call it home-

"A joyful heart is good medicine, But a broken spirit dries up the bones" (Prov. 17:22). Staggering amounts of money, much of it in the form of grants (i.e., your tax dollars) have been poured into research that concludes a happy person enjoys better physical and emotional health, while a bitter person suffers more ailments and emotional stress. Your marginal notes for this verse will show that "good medicine" is literally, "causes good healing." Again, the value of this proverb is not that it is a casual observation but that, because this is true, we need to develop a heart of joy. No one wants to be that proverbial "bitter old man/woman," and it is understood that we have opportunity to avoid it.

But how does a person develop such a heart? Solomon also wrote, "Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward. Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God. For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart." (Eccl. 5:18-20). It is as simple as taking care of yourself and committing yourself to WORK rather than leisure. The passage assumes a desire to fear and serve God, but it counsels us to be industrious and promises a peace in old age.

It is true, "most folks are about as happy, or as miserable as they plan to be." It is also true that everyone around us knows which we planned for. "As in water face reflects face, So the heart of man reflects man" (Prov. 27:19).

Keep studying! ✍️ DC Brown ©2013



YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



10th-12th graders attending the leadership retreat will meet at the Annex at 5:45 PM this Friday to load the van and head to Joe's BBQ in Alvin. Please bring money for dinner. Don't forget to bring everything you will need for a retreat.

Children's Ministry Event!

The area Churches of Christ are having a joint Children's Ministry event at Camp Mohawk on Saturday, February 2! Please attend with your children from 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be a \$2 charge per person, since food will be provided. This will be a fun time for all with games, activities, and Bible lessons! This is in conjunction with our teen leadership retreat. If you need directions, please see Paul. There is still time to let Paul know if you would like to have your child involved in this activity.

The annual devo/Super Bowl party will be hosted by the Laytons in the Annex following the evening services.



There is a draft of the pocket directory on the bulletin board. Please put a check mark by your name if the information is correct, or make changes if it is not. We would like to publish this information before the end of February, so please review by February 17.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Evelyn Cordell is still in Park Manor South Belt. She will be returning to Canyon Lake after she is released.

Our condolences to the family of **Joseph Cashiola**. Mr. Cashiola was the grandfather of Shawn Cravens and the father of Glenda Cashiola. Funeral services were held last Thursday.

Our condolences to the family of **Jack Dees**, who passed away last Saturday. Mr. Dees was Daisy Dees' last brother-in-law. Services will be held tomorrow.

Mark Pridgen came through his surgery yesterday with good news. He did not have a melanoma. Betty and the family thank us for all the prayers.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Evelyn Lawhon, Clifford Layton, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Bill & Bonita Crabtree, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Willadean Hecker, Leslie Hunt, Matthew Indest, Janice Jackson, James Lewis, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Gene Rowe, Sr., Rick Stone, Laverne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is the contact elder for January. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg. Chris Lindelof will be the contact elder for February.



Let's not forget the work in Bohicon, Benin. Paul Tohionon in Bohicon and Joachin Tonou in Abomey are working in that region of Benin most heavily influenced by idolatry. God continues to open doors for them and the church is strong in its faith. They are meeting in rented quarters in an almost inaccessible part of Bohicon. Their desire is to have a location of their own in which to meet in the center of town. We are raising funds for that effort and so are they. Please help if you can and feel free to speak with DC or Bob Williams if you have any questions.

FEBRUARY 2013 EVENTS

- 4 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM at Mimi's (Town Center). Hostesses are Heather Brown, April Cartwright, and Susan Peters. If you would like to ride the van to the restaurant, please be at the Annex by 6 PM.
- 4-8 Meals on Wheels - See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 6 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal at 6 PM in the Annex. Main course is chicken spaghetti. Adult class meets in the library.
- 9 Valentine's Party for children 6th grade and younger - 10 AM at the Annex.
- 9 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM at Kelley's
- 9 Elders, Deacons, Ministers meeting - 9 AM at the building.
- 23 A Concealed Handgun License course is being offered. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janice Pearson for more information. The class will be held in the classroom wing and is open to anyone 21 years of age and older. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. More information will be provided.

January Birthdays

30 Lindsay Parker

February Birthdays

3 Irene Nations	5 Brandon Stafford
7 Leah Bateman	9 Paul Cartwright
12 Gary Adams	14 Aaron Coleman
14 Becky Feezel	15 Jo Knight
20 Bethany Atkins	21 Candice Dobson
27 Everett Brown	27 Gretchen Whitmire

February Anniversaries

1 Jack & Peggy Chisum	9 John & Joy Sloan
14 Shawn & Becky Feezel	14 Harold & Alice Moore

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.