

Those to Serve

May 5		May 12	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Matt Cheshier	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Demetris Kelly		Presiding: Chris Lindelof	
Ben Lenamon	Tom Langford	Phil Godwin	Ike Atkins
Gheath Alatrash	Tim Nations	Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian
Logan Lindelof	Daniel White	Demetris Kelly	Nathan Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	David Clayton
Nursery		Nursery	
Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey	Nina Layton	Tracey Mauney
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian	Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Bobby Parker, Rick Nudelman	Communion	Matthew Fabian, Clifford Layton
Closing Prayer	Charlie Story	Closing Prayer	Brandon Stafford
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Bobby Parker, Eugene Priestley		*Shawn Feezel, Jacob Carriere, Gheath Alatrash	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Greeters		Greeters	
Gary & Jean Adams		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	Cartwright	Building Lock Up	Peters
Sound & Projector	Williams	Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire
May 1		May 8	
WNWTM			
Building Lock Up	Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	Cartwright

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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

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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The prophet Jeremiah lived during troubled times. Tiny little Judah was small and getting smaller as God allowed their enemies to invade their lands, carrying away many captives and plundering Judah's cities. In fact, this had been happening long before Jeremiah was born (2 Chron. 28:16ff).

In Jeremiah's day, God raised up His servant Nebuchadnezzar and allowed him to invade the land of Judah three times, carrying away almost all of the Jews into 70 years of captivity (Jer. 27:6ff). It was during these periods of invasions and captives being taken that Jeremiah becomes God's prophet tasked with telling the king and the nation why they will ultimately be defeated and go into captivity. The king threw Jeremiah in prison for his unpopular message (Jer. 32:1-5).

From his cell, under the watchful eye of the king's own guard, Jeremiah prophesies not only the demise of the nation but also the certainty of its restoration one day. The northern kingdom of Israel had been so unfaithful to God, and yet when their days of trouble began, they claimed that God had abandoned them. Now, it is Judah that is being decimated, but the unfaithful Jews of Judah were also bitterly complaining that their God had abandoned them.

Jeremiah 33:23,24 ²³ And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁴ "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the Lord chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they despise My people, no longer are they as a nation in their sight.

HIS PROMISES

Yet God will not reject them forever. Notice what He instructs Jeremiah to say to that generation: Jeremiah 33:25,26 ²⁵ Thus says the Lord, 'If My covenant for day and night stand not, and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established, ²⁶ then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.'



What a message of encouragement and comfort that should have been! God gave His word that when 70 years of captivity had been completed, He would restore His people back the lands He had given them. How sure was His word? As sure as His command that the sun would give light during the day and the moon would give light by night! It was God who created day and night and who established the orbit of every planet, moon, and star. Until someone came along more powerful than the spoken words of God, so that they could change the order of the universe that He established, His spoken words of promise would stand and become reality at the fixed time.

Today, when we see so many troubling signs and when others even doubt that God cares for his own, don't forget what God once spoke through the prophet Jeremiah. And never forget what He inspired the apostle Peter to write: **For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust (2 Pet. 1:4).**

Keep trusting His promises and keep studying!

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YOUTH EVENTS

There will be a Teen Devo at the Laytons' home following evening services this Sunday.



Camp Bandina is June 9-15. See Paul for applications.

Family Encampment

Our next Family Encampment is set for May 10-12. **IMPORTANT CHANGES** to be aware of are: **1.) We are at Cagle Recreation Area just west of New Waverly.**

2.) Camp fee is \$20 per camp site per night., and there will be a day use fee. Check-in is at 2 PM, and check-out is at 12 noon.

3.) If you have not indicated your intent to camp with us, you will need to make your own reservations.



A huge thank-you to everyone who participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Friday night through Saturday morning. We appreciate those who helped set up and take down our campsite, as well as those who walked and those who donated.

The Planning Committee also appreciates very much the support of our congregation for the use of our building throughout the year.

Minnie Harris & Jeanette Hays

URGENT NEED: We received a report today on the progress of our evangelistic efforts in Benin through World Radio. It is an encouraging report, but we do have two pressing needs: a laptop and additional funds to pay for airtime. Ed Jones from Benton, KY, will be flying to Benin near the end of June. If you can help with either of these two funding needs, please notify Bob Williams or me and we will see that your donation check gets to Ed in time for him to purchase a laptop or help with the airtime funding. Thanks—DC

PS—a copy of this report will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Neil Barnhill had hip replacement surgery on Monday at Christus St. John. He is doing well and hopes to go to rehab in a few days.

Our condolences to Char Bagwell and family on the loss of her mother, **Dorothy Watters**. Services were held today in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Scott Westmoreland did not receive a good report on his last round of tests; he will be starting a new chemo drug next week.

Remember the family of **Mike Huffman**, who lost part of his left leg as a result of an automobile accident near San Antonio, and his sister, **Lana**, who is fighting cancer. Mike is Patricia Stafford's uncle.

Chuck Banyai is going to St. Luke's on Friday, 5/3, for tests.

Kerry Lemoine may require another surgery at MD Anderson.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Evelyn Lawhon, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Bonita Crabtree, Evelyn Fabian, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Willadean Hecker, Charles Huckabee, Leslie Hunt, Matthew Indest, Janice Jackson, James Lewis, 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 May. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.

We are so pleased to have our sister **Evelyn Lawhon** back in Pearland. She resides in Colonial Oaks, Room 213, two doors down from **Claudia Martin**. Both of these ladies would appreciate visits from us.

MAY EVENTS

- 6 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM - Spring Creek Barbeque. Hostesses are Jean Adams and Janice Pearson.
- 10-12 Family Encampment - Cagle Recreation Area
- 11 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 11 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Conference Room
- 18 Churchwide Cookout - 6 PM - Annex Parking Lot
- 19 High School Senior Sunday - Luncheon honoring our high school seniors following morning services.

REMEMBER
Ladies Bible Class
Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Annex

May Birthdays

- 3 Jonathan Peters
- 5 Char Bagwell
- 5 Michael Peters
- 7 Peggy Story
- 8 Demetris Kelly I
- 9 Murrell Hill
- 12 Kaya Lindelof
- 14 Daniel Brown
- 17 Damon McHargh
- 19 Adam Parker
- 20 David Blair
- 26 Gena Coe

- 4 Amy Coleman
- 5 Karissa Bouillion
- 6 Hailey Hopkins
- 8 Heather Brown
- 9 Jean Adams
- 9 Janice Pearson
- 13 Jeremy Cook
- 17 David Clayton
- 18 Audrey Nelson
- 20 Fran Barnhill
- 24 Morris Dyes
- 31 Atticus Brown

May Anniversaries

- 5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof
- 13 Brandon & Patricia Stafford
- 17 Derek & Tracey Mauney
- 21 Matt & Laura Cheshier
- 13 Claude & Leona Anderson
- 14 Gary & Jean Adams
- 18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
- 31 Bruce & Becky Hopkins

*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.*