

Those to Serve

May 26		June 2	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Ben Lenamon
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Peters		Presiding: Gary Adams	
Ben Lenamon	Nathan Scarsdale	Tim Nations	David Clayton
Daniel Brown	Jeremy Brown	Gheath Alatrash	Matt Cheshier
Matthew Fabian	Charlie Layton	Ike Atkins	Daniel White
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian
Nursery		Nursery	
Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney	Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Nathan Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Daniel White
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Matthew Fabian, L Lindelof	Communion	Clifford Layton, Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	Charlie Layton	Closing Prayer	Ike Atkins
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Phil Godwin, Jacob Carriere, Logan Lindelof		*Demetris Kelly, Clifford Layton, Eugene Priestley	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Building Lock Up	Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	G Adams
Sound & Projector	Williams	Sound & Projector	Mauney
May 22		May 29	
Building Lock Up	Williams	Building Lock Up	Scarsdale

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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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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

More than 125 years ago, brother J. W. McGarvey published his *Evidences of Christianity*. If you've ever read any of his works, you've been impressed with his intellect and his logic. *Evidences of Christianity* displays both in abundant measure.

As an introduction should, his persuasively lays out the need for the book and the scope of its contents. In explaining the need for, and the benefits of, exploring the canonicity of the New Testament books, he discussed the importance of this study and its benefits to an unbeliever.

To an unbeliever? That was probably the first thought that gave me pause. McGarvey points out that "If it is true [that the New Testament was given by inspiration and is infallible], every man who disbelieves it will suffer final and eternal condemnation. This its founder [Jesus Christ] repeatedly declared, and in the declaration he assumed that the evidence which would attend the gospel would be such that no man could disbelieve without guilt, and such guilt as requires final condemnation. As surely as the religion [Christianity] is true, disbelief is a fatal sin." (McGarvey, *Evidences of Christianity*, p. 2).

What does the Bible mean to you? What do you believe about the claims of the New Testament? Have you ever thought about the fact that evidences given in the gospel demand belief? Jesus of Nazareth is either the Christ of God, the fulfillment of every messianic prophecy given in the Old Testament, or he was a fraud with an undeniable charismatic personality which was used to deceive the gullible into believing he was someone that he was not. If Jesus is the Christ, as every Christian affirms, then all the things written in the New Testament about Him must be absolutely credible. And they must be so credible that it is unreasonable and

inexcusable not to believe the evidence that it gives!

Today Bible publishers try their best to gain greater market share by "repackaging" the Scriptures in ways they hope are so appealing that the consumer must buy. Today one can buy the *NLT Chronological Life Application Study Bible*, the *NIV Women's Devotional Bible*, the *Father's Edition*, *KJV Study Bible*, the *NIV Busy Mom's Bible*, the *NIV Student Bible*, the *Action Bible*, or the *ESV Journaling Bible*. (The list is not exhaustive!) Much attention is given to the color schemes of the covers, the convenience in size and thickness, or a theme approach targeted for a certain demographic. All of which is perfectly fine so long as the translators were faithful in rendering the text.

Setting aside the boutique aspect of niche marketing, have we seriously engaged our minds in the evidences and the claims of the New Testament? Have we come to a personal conviction on the inspiration of the Scriptures? Have each of us come to an unshakeable persuasion that it is absolutely authoritative in guiding us and in "instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12)? What does the Bible mean to you?

When unbelievers see in us an unswerving conviction in, and a reverent commitment to, the New Testament and its gospel message, the incredulity of Scripture begins to crack. When our speech, our habits, our leisure pursuits, and our values are faithful to the teachings of the gospel, we become the best argument for believing in Scriptures that an unbeliever is presented with - until they begin to study the word for themselves!

As illogical as it may seem, perhaps the most important question that any Christian should ask of themselves is: What does the Bible mean to me?



YOUTH EVENTS

Camp Bandina is June 9-15. The forms are due this Sunday, May 26. In Paul's absence, please turn in your forms to Gretchen Whitmire.



Camp Thousand Oaks is July 8-12. Applications are available. Please turn them in to Paul ASAP!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Make your plans to join us on Sunday, May 26, to meet and welcome Corey Sawyers and his family. Corey is our new Bear Valley student that we are helping to support. He will be speaking to all the adult Bible classes in the auditorium and will be bringing the lesson to us during worship. This is Corey's break between sessions, and they will be continuing on home to Tennessee after their visit with us. Please come to meet and encourage this great family as they are preparing to enter the ministry.

Oklahoma Disaster Relief

Many have asked how they can assist the tornado victims in Oklahoma. Following are some avenues which are associated with the Church of Christ. Our congregation will be happy to consolidate contributions and send them as directed:

Disaster Relief Effort, 410 Allied Dr, Nashville TN 37211
Phone: 1-888-541-2848 Website: disasterrelieffort.org
Three ways to donate: online, phone, mail

Disaster Assistance Mission, 402 Center Way St, Lake Jackson TX 77566
Website: http://www.disasterassistancecoc.com/

The Christian Chronicle put out a blog today with a more comprehensive list with phone numbers and contact information. You may read the blog by going to this URL: http://www.christianchronicle.org/blog/2013/05/oklahoma-tornado-relief-how-to-help/

Memorial Road Church of Christ, Edmond, Oklahoma:

Donations up to \$200 may be made electronically on the MRCC website. You will be redirected to a form where you can indicate the donation amount and complete your transaction. Print your confirmation screen as your receipt. Checks are acceptable for any amount made payable to MRCC and earmarked for Tornado Relief. These can be mailed to 2221 E. Memorial Road, Edmond, OK 73013, attn: Tornado Relief. Gift cards are also welcome.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Please continue to keep Chris Lindelof in prayer. Latest reports indicate that he is improving and is out of ICU, but there are still some issues.

Please continue to keep Neil Barnhill and his family in prayer as he continues rehab.

Please keep Evelyn Lawhon in prayer. Currently she is being evaluated.

Please keep Jeanette Hays in prayer. She is undergoing tests at Memorial Hermann SE.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, 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, Chris Lindelof, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. Shut-In: Libby Clayton Others: Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Lana Huffman Erwin, Evelyn Fabian, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Charles Huckabee, Mike Huffman, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Gene Rowe, Sr., Rick Stone, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

Those that helped decorate and all those that brought food for the celebration of Taylor Cuellar's HS graduation ... GREAT JOB! Thanks! DC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

MAY EVENTS

26 Corey Sawyers, Bear Valley student, is teaching adult Bible classes and preaching AM sermon.

JUNE EVENTS

3 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM at Red Lobster (Town Center). Laurie Maxcey and Kristin Alatrash are the hostesses.

8 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM at Kelley's

8 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - Elders' Conference Room

10 Golden Aged Luncheon - 11:30 AM in the Annex

9-15 Camp Bandina

23-26 VBS

30 Friends & Family Day

All Wednesday Night with the Master activities, except World Bible School and card writing, will be suspended for the months of June through August. World Bible School will meet in its designated classroom. Those writing cards will meet in the Elders' Conference Room in the Education Building.

May Birthdays

24 Morris Dyes
31 Atticus Brown

June Birthdays

4 Alice Moore
7 Elizabeth Cheshier
10 Sandy Arnold
10 Chris Peters
11 Charlyne Harper
15 Tracy Cain
18 Dwight Bateman
20 Jeremy Brown
23 Debbie Brown
25 Stephanie Forster
4 Betty Pridgen
7 Kevin Scarsdale
10 Von Knight
11 Lucy Gartrell
12 Phil Godwin
16 Dallas Maxcey
18 John Gartrell
21 Chris Lindelof
23 June Evans
28 Ben Lenamon

May Anniversaries

31 Bruce & Becky Hopkins

June Anniversaries

1 Charlie & Peggy Story
7 Neil & Fran Barnhill
9 Ike & Bethany Atkins
12 Jeremy & Jessica Bouillion
12 Hugh & Pat Fletcher

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.