

## Those to Serve

| June 2   |                                 | June 9                                      |                             |
|--|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Morning Worship                                    |                                 | Morning Worship                             |                             |
| Opening Prayer                                     | Ben Lenamon                     | Opening Prayer                              | Chris Peters                |
| Song Leader  | Greg Fabian                     | Song Leader                                 | Gary Adams                  |
| Communion  |                                 | Communion                                   |                             |
| <b>Presiding:</b> Gary Adams                       |                                 | <b>Presiding:</b> Charlie Story             |                             |
| Tim Nations  | David Clayton                   | Daniel Brown                                | Bob Williams                |
| Gheath Alatrash                                    | Matt Cheshier                   | Jeremy Brown                                | Brandon Stafford            |
| Ike Atkins   | Daniel White                    | Ben Lenamon                                 | James Maxcey                |
| Closing Prayer                                     | Greg Fabian                     | Closing Prayer                              | Paul Hamilton               |
| Nursery  |                                 | Nursery                                     |                             |
| Canova Genaro                                      | Elaine Genaro                   | Debbie Brown                                | Molly Godwin                |
| Evening Worship                                    |                                 | Evening Worship                             |                             |
| Opening Prayer                                     | Daniel White                    | Opening Prayer                              | Matt Cheshier               |
| Song Leader  | Greg Fabian                     | Song Leader                                 | Greg Fabian                 |
| Communion  | Clifford Layton, Charlie Layton | Communion                                   | Bob Williams, Rick Nudelman |
| Closing Prayer                                     | Ike Atkins                      | Closing Prayer                              | Charlie Story               |
| Morning Worship                                    |                                 | Morning Worship                             |                             |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher)                     |                                 | Ushers (*indicates head usher)              |                             |
| *Demetris Kelly, Clifford Layton, Eugene Priestley |                                 | *Phil Godwin, Rick Nudelman, Demetris Kelly |                             |
| Announcements                                      | Kevin Scarsdale                 | Announcements                               | Kevin Scarsdale             |
| Greeters<br>Clifford & Nina Layton                 |                                 | Greeters<br>Greg & Linda Fabian             |                             |
| Building Lock Up                                   | G Adams                         | Building Lock Up                            | Fabian                      |
| Sound & Projector                                  | Mauney                          | Sound & Projector                           | Mauney                      |
| May 29   |                                 | June 5                                      |                             |
| Building Lock Up                                   | Scarsdale                       | Building Lock Up                            | G Adams                     |

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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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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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## DO YOU WANT TO GROW UP?

Kids grow up too fast! How many times have you heard that or thought it yourself? Of course, in a way it's all about perspective, and that perspective clearly belongs to the adults. The child doesn't usually see it that way at all. A child can't grow up fast enough! They just can't wait to be grown-up. When they're young, preschoolers talk about what they're going to do when they grow up. If they have older siblings, they expect to do whatever the older ones are allowed to do. Growing up is their obsession.

But occasionally every preschooler has a different perspective. All three of our children at one point or another expressed a wish for just the opposite; there came a time when they said, "I don't want to grow up."

They may be four or five years old when it hits them, and hit them it does, that growing up means the loss of certain things. In their childlike ways, they come to understand that one day soon they will be too big to be held, too big to sleep in mommy's bed, too big to play with certain toys, too big to be the center of attention – and that's when they say things like, "I don't want to grow up." Every parent has had the selfish thought, "I love him/her just the way he/she is and I wish he/she could always be three." (Then they come to their senses and realize the insanity of such a request – and they recant.)

In a child's mind, growing is about getting taller, stronger, older, and wiser. They want the freedoms of a grown-up, but they know nothing of the responsibilities that come with freedom. A parent tries to teach them to be content and enjoy their carefree life while they can, but such wisdom falls upon the heart of a child too young to understand and too impatient to accept it.

Growing up is natural progression of physical life – something is terribly wrong if it doesn't happen. Growing up is also the natural progression of spiritual life, and something is definitely wrong, tragically wrong, when it doesn't happen. But such analogies between

physical life and spiritual life stop here. The fundamental difference is that growing physically is unavoidable and growing spiritually is absolutely preventable. A child cannot make himself stop growing physically, but a Christian can make himself stop growing spiritually. **"We are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ"** (Eph. 4:15). To enable that growth, the Lord gave us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip us to the building up [growth] of the body of Christ (4:11,2). More than that, God has given us Christ Jesus that we might walk in Him, be firmly rooted in Him, and be built up and established in our faith in Him (Col. 2:6,7). God, who created our bodies and designed them to grow, is the same God who gave us a spiritual body designed to grow. It is only by holding fast to Christ Jesus, the head of the church, that enables us to grow with a growth which is from God (Col. 2:19).



Growing up spiritually involves not growing weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13). Growing up spiritually involves growing in our love toward one another (2 Thess. 1:3). Growing up spiritually involves growing in our faith in Christ on whom we focus (Heb. 12:1-3). Growing up spiritually involves a longing for the pure milk of the word (1 Pet. 2:2). Growing up spiritually involves growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ (2 Pet. 3:18). Growing up spiritually involves a maturity in the wisdom of the gospel (1 Cor. 2:6). Growing up spiritually involves having senses trained to discern good and evil through His word (Heb. 5:14). Growing up spiritually involves leaving behind the elementary things and pressing on to maturity (Heb. 6:1).

A child can momentarily wish to forever be little – but is powerless to make it happen. A Christian can also wish to stay immature, stymied in their growth – and can do so at will. Thus a question that is nonsensical when asked of a child is absolutely valid and essential when asked of a child of God – do you want to grow up?

Keep studying! ✍️ DC Brown ©2013

**YOUTH EVENTS**

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



We will be leaving for **Camp Bandina** on Sunday, June 9, at 7:30 am from the Annex. You will need a sack lunch and a drink for lunch that Sunday. Please be sure you have everything you need for a week's stay at camp:

- Bible
- Pen
- Appropriate Clothing
- Toiletries
- Bedding
- Money for snacks during the week and for a meal on the way home
- GOOD ATTITUDE

A note from Corey Sawyers:

I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate all of your hospitality and kindness shown to us. We arrived safely home in Tennessee, and were raving about all of you to my parents. We pulled up the website and were pleasantly surprised to find the audio of the sermon up already. We are thankful for all of you and all you do.

June 30, 2013

*Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!*

*Friends*



*Family Day*



**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Chris Lindelof** is home, but on a limited schedule for the next few weeks.

**Neil and Fran Barnhill** continue to improve.

**Jo Knight** is home and got a good report.

**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, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

My sincere thanks to each of our brothers and sisters who have reached out to me & Ginny during our recent crisis. I didn't know anyone could be so healthy, yet so near to death. The diagnosis of an aneurysm on my aorta was a by-product of searching for the cause of my swollen leg; this condition was ultimately attributed to low potassium. Your outpouring of prayers and cards offered to us and for us was so very uplifting and comforting as we dealt with this. We appreciate our Pearland Christian family more than you can know.

Chris Lindelof

Thank you all for the cards, calls, and prayers while we've both been sick.

Neil & Fran Barnhill

**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
- 9-15 Camp Bandina
- 10 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM in the Annex
- 23-26 VBS
- 30 Friends & Family Day

**REMEMBER**

**Ladies Bible Class**

Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Annex

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**

31 Atticus Brown

**June Birthdays**

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

**May Anniversaries**

31 Bruce & Becky Hopkins

**June Anniversaries**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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.