

## Those to Serve

June 9		June 16	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Peters	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Charlie Story		<b>Presiding:</b> Matt Cheshier	
Daniel Brown	Bob Williams	David Clayton	Tom Langford
Jeremy Brown	Brandon Stafford	Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian
Tim Nations	James Maxcey	Phil Godwin	Demetris Kelly
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker
Nursery		Nursery	
Debbie Brown	Molly Godwin	Gretchen Whitmire	Nina Layton
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Matt Cheshier	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	Bob Williams, Rick Nudelman	Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Charlie Story	Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Phil Godwin, Rick Nudelman, Demetris Kelly		*Nathan Scarsdale, Logan Lindelof, Clifford Layton	
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters		Greeters	
Greg & Linda Fabian		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Building Lock Up	Fabian	Building Lock Up	Scarsdale
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Mauney
May 29		June 5	
Building Lock Up	G Adams	Building Lock Up	Fabian

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### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

### ELDERS

**Gary Adams** 281-997-3790  
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**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**  
**Joachim Tonou - Abomey**  
**Gabin Agbeci - Savalou**  
**Biennvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé**

**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
**Lewis Romain**

**Prison Ministry** Gene Rowe

JUNE 5, 2013

## The Pearland Harvester

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Over the past weekend, I was approached about the possibility of preaching a gospel meeting. It was not a definite invitation and may never advance beyond the talking stage, but it is the second time this year I have been approached to hold a meeting. For the second time I expressed surprise and noted that brethren so seldom hold Gospel Meetings these days.

I'm in my fifth decade, and my children are just entering their third. I grew up in an era where Gospel Meetings were as normal, accepted and as anticipated as things like High School football in the fall or trees leafing out in the spring. Today's young parents know nothing of Gospel Meetings other than that they're a throwback to an age no longer relevant. Their children will likely never know what a Gospel Meeting is except as defined by Wikipedia.

My own perspective on Gospel Meetings has been overtly pessimistic, citing poor attendance and even poorer connections with the local community. I've considered the death of the Gospel Meeting to be by the hand of such culprits as television, the overreaching influence of school with its overscheduling of extracurricular activities six days out of seven, as well as other activities and events that compete for free time and that promise more pleasure and less commitment. And if those are the villains, then the handmaiden would be wealth and the promise of wealth.

While I believe there is plenty of evidence to substantiate my views, what has been surprising to me is that each individual approaching me about holding a Gospel Meeting saw its demise from another quarter. They cite the scarcity of men who will preach the truth without an agenda for changing the church. I want to deny this, but I know it is true.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS?

A congregation is led from the pulpit, and, if the congregation has no interest in evangelism or if it is interested but has no effectiveness, then at least some of the blame comes from the pulpit.

We no longer live in the era of the Gospel Meeting; instead ours is the era of the Emergent Church. Facts are harsh and uncompromising. As such, they are seen as impediments to social dialogue and the right of every man to be right. The Emergent Church isn't looking to indoctrinate men with absolute truth, it only seeks relevancy as a means of improving society. In a non-confrontational way, we seek to effect positive change without moral absolutes.

If our church family is uncomfortable with the confrontational style of the gospel, it may very well be because the pulpit has surrendered truth and bought in on the idea of cultural acceptance. One of the few "absolute truths" today holds that tolerance is always a virtue, and to achieve it some things must give way. A congregation firmly rooted in truth cannot always be tolerant. A congregation that knows how to discern good from evil cannot effectively embrace the philosophies of men.

If younger families in the church are turned off by the divisive truth of the Gospel, then it must also be true that their contemporaries outside the church are equally offended. The question to be asked is this: What influenced such thinking? Has the preacher yielded to the pressure of non-confrontational preaching in the misguided belief that such a strategy will entice more sinners to embrace Christianity? If you disagree, you may be right, but are the younger preachers preaching absolute truth? Are the growing congregations engaging in evangelizing with the Gospel message? In too many instances they are not. It may be time to revisit the Gospel Meeting!

Keep studying! ✉DC Brown ©2013



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**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

June 30, 2013

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

*Friends*

*&*

*Family Day*



**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Carl Mann**, grandson of Mary Holmberg, was seriously injured early this morning in a work-related accident. He was flown to Memorial Hermann and is undergoing surgery at this time. Please keep him and his family in prayer.

**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.

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

**JUNE EVENTS**

- 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 - Adventures in Missions
- 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.

**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

**June Anniversaries**

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

*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.*