

Those to Serve

June 16		June 23	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer	Chris Peters
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Matt Cheshier		Presiding: Greg Fabian	
David Clayton	Tom Langford	Tim Nations	Daniel White
Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian	Daniel Brown	Jeremy Brown
Phil Godwin	Ike Atkins	Logan Lindelof	Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker	Closing Prayer	Gheath Alatrash
Nursery		Nursery	
Molly Godwin	Nina Layton	Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian	Communion	Logan Lindelof, Daniel White
Closing Prayer	Ike Atkins	Closing Prayer	Charlie Layton
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Daniel White, Rick Nudelman, Brandon Stafford		*Clifford Layton, Bobby Parker, Nathan Scarsdale	
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Charlie & Peggy Story	
Building Lock Up	Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	Peters
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Mauney
June 12		June 19	
Building Lock Up	Fabian	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
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 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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One of my favorite British sitcoms (still in syndication) is **Keeping Up Appearances**, which was about a woman of low means who wanted to be a social climber and went to extraordinary lengths to give others the false impression that she was more affluent and socially sophisticated than she really was. It was British satire at its finest! To give an appearance to others that is false is hypocritical, and it is sin. However, appearances are important, and God has given very practical instructions on the subject.

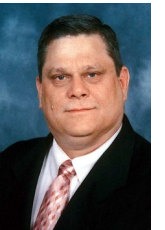
1 Peter 2:11,12 ¹¹ **Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.** ¹² **Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

NOTICE THE MOTIVATION FOR THE COMMANDS GIVEN: a Christian is an alien and a stranger. No doubt some of Peter's original readers had probably been born in the very place they were living at the time he wrote. In that sense, they could never be thought of as aliens and strangers, but rather as citizens entitled to all respect and glory derived from that citizenship. But as those purchased by the blood of Christ (1:19) and born again (1:3) with an inheritance in an eternal country not of this world (1:4; cf. Philip. 3:20), they now reside as aliens and strangers though they may well live in the very city of their birth.

NOTICE THE COMMANDS GIVEN: "...abstain from fleshly lusts...keep your behavior excellent..." Fleshly lusts are those desires of the flesh which are evil and dishonor the Father and the Son. Consider the young man who grew up in an environment where certain "colorful" acts were tolerated and considered acceptable. His carousing and his speech simply reflected his upbringing. Then he enlists in the military

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and is being trained and under consideration for becoming an officer. Suddenly, he learns that what was formerly acceptable conduct is now "conduct unbecoming," and he must abstain or forfeit the right to become an officer. He would be taught that he cannot do that which disrespects the uniform. He would also be taught the proper conduct which is essential to the uniform. He now belongs to the military, and its code of morality and conduct is what matters. So it is with a Christian! We want to gauge our actions and our behavior by the standards of the world in which we live. But we've missed the point! We belong to God, and our citizenship is not of the world. Ask yourself this question: when a brother or sister finds offense in something that you do – do you say, "I don't see anything wrong with it; everyone does it and they don't make any negative judgments!"? Have you allowed the world or God to determine "conduct unbecoming"?



NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES OF PROPER BEHAVIOR: Your friends in the world may very well slander you! By definition slander is unjustified (if you are guilty, it isn't slander), and it's also hurtful. The faith and conduct of a Christian will be misunderstood (often intentionally) and, because of your holy behavior (1:15), you will be falsely accused by those who hate God and His laws.

But there will also be those whose morality has not become bankrupt, and they will see in your lifestyle things to be admired though they may not emulate them – YET. Peter encourages us to act as God would have us act, knowing that someday those same people may be open to the gospel and will recall how you, as a Christian, endured shame and suffering without retreat. From that, they may well give glory to God and obey His gospel call.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES, without hypocrisy, is essential to our souls and to the souls of those not yet obedient. Behavior and appearances matter!

Keep studying! ✍️ DC Brown ©2013

YOUTH EVENTS

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



Thank you so much for your cards, kind thoughts, and prayers while I was in the hospital. It is great to have loving brothers and sisters.

*In Christian Love,
Jo Knight*

June 30, 2013

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

Friends



Family Day



KEPT IN PRAYER

Loma Stone had dental surgery last week.

Carl Mann had reconstructive surgery on Monday.

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.

ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS

JUNE 23-26, 2013

6:30 pm



There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for food to bring for VBS. Please sign up. If there are questions, see Jo Knight.

Items needed for VBS crafts

Inner rolls from toilet paper and paper towels

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.

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
- 21 Chris Lindelof
- 23 June Evans
- 28 Ben Lenamon
- 4 Betty Pridgen
- 7 Kevin Scarsdale
- 10 Von Knight
- 11 Lucy Gartrell
- 12 Phil Godwin
- 16 Dallas Maxcey
- 18 John Gartrell
- 21 Tristan Carpenter
- 23 Debbie Brown
- 25 Stephanie Forster

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.*