

Those to Serve

July 21		July 28	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Ike Atkins		Presiding: Charlie Story	
Nathan Scarsdale	Tim Nations	Daniel Brown	Jeremy Brown
Matt Cheshier	Charlie Layton	Tom Langford	Kevin Scarsdale
Logan Lindelof	Bobby Parker	Daniel White	Damon McHargh
Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly	Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Nursery		Nursery	
Nina Layton	Molly Godwin	Virginia Visel	Susan Peters
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	N Scarsdale, B Parker	Communion	Daniel White, Jeremy Brown
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*David Clayton, Chris Peters, Derek Maoney		*Clifford Layton, Jacob Carriere, Matthew Fabian	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Greeters		Greeters	
Gary & Jean Adams		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Scarsdale
Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire	Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire
July 17		July 24	
Building Lock Up	Fabian	Building Lock Up	Lindelof

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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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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LABELED "CHRISTIAN"

We live in an age of generalizations and labels. We make generalizations like "Teenagers are irresponsible" or "White people are racists" when there are innumerable examples to show that such is not the case. And we use labels in the same way. We may refer to someone as being a liberal or a conservative, and by that label we infer that we know their political position on every issue. Often the practice of labeling people is a type of generalization. For instance, we refer to entire demographic groups as "Christian" when in reality there may be very few Christians in the group. A crime-ridden inner-city area may be designated as "Christian," and the incongruity of such isn't even noticed. Originally, "Christian" was not a name for a class of society or a label that sometimes distinguished one nation over another.

Acts 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

From this verse we learn that, both by name association and conviction, the believers in Christ were called Christians. The name reflected the discipleship of the bearer; the discipleship of the bearer reflected the character and the teachings of the One they followed. Being a disciple is demanding in every way.

Luke 9:57-62 ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." ⁵⁹ And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for

you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." ⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."



One of the most unscriptural practices of our era is to call (label) someone a Christian when that person so designated is not and was not a disciple of Christ. To be born within the geographic borders of a certain nation does not qualify one to be a Christian. King Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian" (Acts 26:27). One cannot be a Christian without having been persuaded by the truth of the gospel! Even Agrippa knew that.

A Christian is one who calls upon the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16); but calling upon the name of the Lord not only implies obedience to the Lord, it demands it! Jesus said, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Lk. 6:46).

Within the conservative group of the Republican Party, there is a term of derision applied to those who are deemed to be untrue to the principles of the GOP. Such are called RINOs or Republicans In Name Only. But is there any term more derisive and more disconcerting than to find oneself labeled by the Lord as CINO – Christians In Name Only? Jesus did as much in the letter sent to the church at Sardis: "I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead" (Rev. 3:1).

Jesus once said of Nathaniel, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" (Jn. 1:47). What will He say of you?

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YOUTH EVENTS



Bay Area Wide Devotional Schedule:

July 22 - 7 PM at Graeber Road; van will leave the Annex at 5:45 PM.
 July 29 - 7 PM at Angleton; van will leave the Annex at 6 PM.
 August 5 - 7 PM at League City; van will leave the Annex at 6 PM.

If you are the parent of a child in the congregation or are responsible for bringing a child to the Pearland Church of Christ, you are invited to a planning session on Sunday, July 21, following the evening worship service. We will have a potluck-style meal, so bring enough food for your family and a few extra. Childcare will be provided for the younger children. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Cartwright.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS WILL RESUME ON JULY 24.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to **Dorothy Kirkland** and family on the passing of her husband, **Cecil**. Visitation will be Thursday, July 18, 2013, from 5 PM to 8 PM at Forest Park East Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Friday, July 19, 2013, at 10 AM with interment to follow.

Hugh Fletcher is home and not feeling well.

Aline Dolese, Brenda Langford's mother, is doing well after surgery. She will be re-evaluated in 30 days.

Mike Carter, Tom Langford's brother, is cancer-free and doing well.

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, Evelyn Fabian, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Charles Huckabee, Mike Huffman, Linda Kacal, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Gene Rowe, Sr., Rick Stone, Steve Taylor, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is the contact elder for July. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

July Events

22-26 Meals on Wheels

August Events

- 5 Secret Sisters - TBD
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 10 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room

All of the ladies are invited to attend the 2013 Ladies/Adolescents Day Program on August 10, 2013, at the Crestmont Church of Christ. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 AM, followed by the program at 9 AM. Lunch will be provided following the program.

The guest speaker is Yvette Williams from the Highland Heights congregation; the theme is "Bridging the Generation Gap through Unity, Love, and Respect (Eph. 4:1-3, 6:1; Col. 3:20; Ps. 133:1).

RSVP to: Sharon Blacklock (281-650-6072) or Ethelrene Burns (713-734-7575)

July Birthdays

3	Nina Layton	6	Gabriel Alatrash
6	Leon McHargh	8	Linda Fabian
12	Shane Harder	12	Trenton Hudman
17	Amy Cuellar	19	Logan Lindelof
19	Gary Moss	20	Doris Teague
23	Sarah Brown	24	Neil Barnhill
27	Jack Cherry	27	Leah Gartrell
29	Logan Finch	31	Kylee Fabian
31	James Maxcey		

July Anniversaries

7	Demetris & Kaliya Kelly	25	Paul & Judy Dillon
28	Jeremy & Heather Cook	31	Jack & Dorothy Cherry

*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.*