

Those to Serve

September 15		September 22	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Ike Atkins	Opening Prayer	Ben Lenamon
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Demetris Kelly		Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale	
Charlie Story	Logan Lindelof	Tim Nations	David Clayton
Matt Cheshier	Tom Langford	Bobby Parker	Chris Peters
Brandon Stafford	Paul Dillon	Daniel Brown	Daniel White
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Charlie Layton
Nursery		Nursery	
Molly Godwin	Nina Layton	Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton	Opening Prayer	Nathan Scarsdale
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Charlie Story, Logan Lindelof	Communion	Daniel White, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker	Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Daniel Brown, Clifford Layton, Warren Hudman		*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Rick Nudelman	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Greeters		Greeters	
Charlie & Peggy Story		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Building Lock Up	Cartwright	Building Lock Up	Scarsdale
Sound & Projector	Wroe	Sound & Projector	Williams
September 11		September 18	
Building Lock Up	Williams	Building Lock Up	Cartwright

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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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The Pearland Harvester

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

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PRECIOUS LORD TAKE MY HAND

“Precious Lord take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; thru the storm, thru the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”

The words you have just read come from the song “Precious Lord Take My Hand,” one of the most moving songs I have ever had the privilege of singing. The first time I ever sang this song I was a freshman at Harding University, I was singing in the Concert Choir, and an arrangement of this song was our signature piece. The strange thing is that the first several times I sang this song it really did not have that deep of an emotional connection for me; in fact it was not until I heard the story of how this song was written that I really began to look at the message of the song. I would like to share that story with you today.

Thomas A. Dorsey (not to be confused with the big band leader Tommy Dorsey) was born in Georgia in 1899 and was the son of a revivalist preacher. When Thomas was about eleven, the Dorsey family moved to Atlanta where young Thomas was immediately enamored with the style of jazz music. Thomas took to playing the piano in a vaudeville theater. Before long the Dorsey family moved to Chicago where Thomas adopted the name “Georgia Tom” and began playing in the speakeasies of the infamous gangster Al Capone.

In 1921 Thomas gave up his life of wild living and began to write gospel music, for which he is now most well known, settled down, and got married. In 1932 while leading music in St. Louis, Thomas was handed a telegram telling him that his wife had died in childbirth. He was crushed to hear this horrible

news. A friend was asked to drive Thomas back home through the night so that he might attend to the arrangements for his family. It was this long car ride through the night that inspired Thomas to pen the words to “Precious Lord Take My Hand.”

Why am I telling you this story? As I sit here writing this, I am reminded of the time 12 years ago when I walked into the student center at Harding University just in time to see a plane hit the second tower in New York City on September 11, 2001. As I reflect on the events of that day, it occurs to me that there were, and are, many people in the same situation as Thomas was when he was handed that telegram about his wife and unborn child. There were people 12 years ago that had to deal with the fact that they had loved ones they would never see again and loved ones that they would never meet. Those same people, and many more, are still dealing with that reality today and every day that passes.

As Christians, what should our response be to those people that are hurting so badly from the losses they feel? I would encourage you to share your faith with them as you have the opportunity. I would encourage you to introduce them to a Jesus who says, **“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”** Matthew 11:28-29

There are always opportunities to share your faith and there are always going to be excuses for not doing so; don’t give into the excuses—live out your faith.

Be Strong and Courageous, Paul



YOUTH EVENTS



September 15 - Parent meeting following AM services to discuss Fall/Winter activities.

September 15 - Devo at the Cartwrights' home following PM services.



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of October 7-11, 2013. We need to collect 50 large bottles of clothes washing liquid and 25 boxes of dryer sheets. Please bring your items by Sunday, October 6. Let's have a generous donation.

Friends



Family Day

October 6, 2013

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

There will be a Ladies Day at Graeber Road Church of Christ in Rosenberg on Saturday, October 5, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, please let the office know by September 20. The fee is \$10 per person and covers a light breakfast, three lessons with group discussions, lunch, and dessert. A flyer is on the bulletin board.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our condolences to **Berna Dyes** and family. Berna's mother passed away in Bartlesville OK last Saturday.

Mary Alford, Judy Indest's mother, had a fall this past week. The family is deciding how best to care for her.

Rick Stone is having tests on October 10.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, 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, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Rick Stone, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

September Events

- 14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 14 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
- 16-20 Meals on Wheels

Chris & Ginny Lindelof are creating a display for the foyer of members who have attended any Christian school. Please give them a picture from the yearbook, or of yourself engaged in a school activity, or from that period in your life by September 29. Each picture should be identified with the member's name, the school, the year, and the years attended. If you have questions, please see Chris or Ginny.



The elders have scheduled a chili cook off for the congregation at 6 PM on Saturday, November 16, in the Annex. There will be 3 pots of chili to taste-test. Gary & Greg are cooking together; Chris & Kevin will cook separately. Members are encouraged to bring sides for chili such as Fritos, sour cream, grated cheese, cornbread, etc.

September Birthdays

2 Kenneth Cain	2 Danette Moss
3 Hugh Fletcher	4 Kristin Alatrash
5 Emma Cartwright	5 Janice Lemoine
7 Cooper Gartrell	8 Rick Nudelman
8 Patricia Stafford	13 Matt Cheshier
14 Dorothy Cherry	16 Laura Cheshier
16 Ben Maxcey	18 Landon Brown
20 Berna Dyes	22 Becky Hopkins
23 Greg Fabian	23 Canova Genaro
24 Ricky Pearson	26 John Sloan
30 Lianne Biegay	

September Anniversaries

16 Bobby & Angela Parker	30 David & Brenda Blair
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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.