

## Those to Serve

September 22		September 29	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Ben Lenamon	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof		<b>Presiding:</b> Kevin Scarsdale	
Tim Nations	David Clayton	Phil Godwin	Matt Cheshier
Bobby Parker	Chris Peters	Stephen Morton	Charlie Layton
Daniel Brown	Daniel White	Matthew Fabian	Logan Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Charlie Layton	Closing Prayer	Ike Atkins
Nursery		Nursery	
Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney	Molly Godwin	Virginia Visel
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Nathan Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Daniel White
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Daniel White, Bobby Parker	Communion	Charlie Layton, Matthew Fabian
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Brandon Stafford
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Rick Nudelman		*Clifford Layton, Daniel Brown, Warren Hudman	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Greeters Clifford & Nina Layton		Greeters Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Building Lock Up	Peters	Building Lock Up	Fabian
Sound & Projector	Williams	Sound & Projector	Williams
September 18		September 25	
Building Lock Up	Cartwright	Building Lock Up	Peters

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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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**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 - 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 18, 2013

## The Pearland Harvester

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

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## GO AND DO THE SAME

It had started out to be a question about salvation. “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Lk. 10:25). The text indicates a certain insincerity on the part of the one asking the question. He was a lawyer, whose motive was to put Jesus to a test in a verbal debate in a setting that would hopefully discredit the Lord and make him look wise in the eyes of the Lord’s disciples (Lk. 10-17-25). Having been outmaneuvered by the Lord’s answer, his follow-up question was one of damage control - if he couldn’t demonstrate the inferiority of the “Teacher,” he could at least get the teacher to endorse his personal righteousness—thus, his follow-up question: “And who is my neighbor?” (Lk. 10:29). This, too, did not achieve its desired effect. Instead, the Lord told a parable about three groups of individuals, each of whom had a distinct philosophy about the people around them.

The first group was a band of robbers who attacked a fellow citizen, took all his possessions, and beat him half to death (v. 30). We aren’t told what their social background was. We don’t know if they were underprivileged or if they were raised in single-parent homes by drug-addicted moms. We don’t know if they grew up in the inner city and were completely ignored by the state or if they grew up in privileged homes and educated in private schools. There are plenty of robbers from both sides of the tracks who have the ability to take from others by force or by cunning. What we do know is that they lived by the philosophy of “It’s mine if I can take it from you.” They were totally devoid of any emotion, without an ounce of mercy or compassion. Thus, taking the man’s wealth wasn’t enough; they also had to wreck him physically and emotionally. They were bullies!

The second group was made up of two religious men, one a priest and the other a Levite. Chance had put both men on that road on the very day of the crime, and both men had opportunity to react—and both men did. Jesus explained that both men saw the victim, both knew he was in a bad way, and both men passed on by. We don’t know every thought that passed through their minds; we only know that they justified their own actions. Did they justify their pitiless conduct by thinking it wasn’t a safe area to stop and render aid? Did they pass by quickly and keep their eyes

averted to keep their consciences from being too deeply bruised? Did they clutch their money bags a little tighter as they picked up their pace? Did they wonder aloud about what sinful deed this fellow citizen had been secretly guilty of, for which the Lord was now obviously punishing him? Did they discuss what they had seen later that evening when they sat down to a meal with their families? True, they did nothing malicious to the man. They would have never stooped so low in life as to do that! But equally true is the fact that they did nothing to help their fellow citizen. He may have lost everything he had including his health on that road, but they passed through safely and lost not a cent! They may have thought, “People get what they deserve!” or “Oh well, that’s life!”

The third individual, the Samaritan, had a completely different philosophy. What made him so different? “When he saw him, he felt compassion” (Lk. 10:33). Compassion let him see what two previous groups had not - a fellow human being in need. It also let him throw caution to the wind. He stayed with the man and took as much time as necessary to care for his wounds. Compassion made him forget things like time, personal expense, and personal goals. Did it make him late for a job interview or a chance to close a profitable deal? Compassion made him seek out others who might also have compassion and compelled him to look to the future needs of a victim.

To all the would-be lawyers of every generation, to all who would like to think themselves righteous in their own eyes, the Lord gives a simple command: “Go and do the same.” Was He saying we need to troll the haunts of crime-infested neighborhoods to find a victim? No, He was saying to have that philosophy that enables us to be a neighbor to everyone in every circumstance: good or bad, safe or dangerous, whether the personal cost is a word of encouragement or a hit to the pocketbook.

“What’s yours is mine,” was the sinful philosophy of the robbers. “What’s mine remains mine,” was the callous philosophy of the priest and Levite. “What’s mine that is needed is yours,” is the philosophy of someone who knows and understands that we’re all the children of God and have what we have by His grace and mercy.

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**YOUTH EVENTS**



# Friends

October 6, 2013

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



# Family Day

## Church Wide Cook Out

Saturday, October 12, at 7 PM in the Annex Parking Lot

Please bring the fixins for your family (meats, buns, veggies, chips, etc.) We would like to begin serving at 7:00, so come early with your meat in order to give us time to grill it! There will be no penalty for bringing home-made ice cream.



### Family Encampment

Our next Family Encampment is set for October 25-27. **IMPORTANT CHANGES** to be aware of are: **1.) We are at Cagle Recreation Area just west of New Waverly.**

**2.) Camp fee is \$20 per camp site per night., and there will be a day use fee. Check-in is at 2 PM, and check-out is at 12 noon. You will need to make your own reservations.**

### KEPT IN PRAYER

Our condolences to the family of **Virgie Owens** who passed away Sunday, September 15, 2013, in Tulsa OK. Mrs. Owens was Kevin Scarsdale's grandmother. Services will be held in Monette AR on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

**Kay Taliaferro** will be going to hospice soon. Kay is the mother of Anthony Taliaferro, Dianne Westmoreland's son-in-law.

**Rich Olsson**, Jean Nudelman's cousin, will be having surgery soon in Denver CO for adrenal gland cancer.

### 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**.

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 Wednesday morning ladies' class will not meet on September 25 or October 2.



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.



There will be a couples wedding shower for Kylee Fabian and Davy May on Sunday, October 13, 2013, from 4 PM to 6 PM in the Annex. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond.

### September Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 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

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|----|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 16 | Bobby & Angela Parker | 30 | David & Brenda Blair |
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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. You may also bring chili, if you wish.

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.