

Those to Serve

| October 27 | | November 3 | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Morning Worship | | Morning Worship | |
| Opening Prayer | Stephen Morton | Opening Prayer | Matt Cheshier |
| Song Leader | Gary Adams | Song Leader | Paul Cartwright |
| Communion | | Communion | |
| Presiding: Demetris Kelly | | Presiding: Gheath Alatrash | |
| Charlie Layton | Matthew Fabian | Logan Lindelof | Jeremy Brown |
| Tom Langford | Brandon Stafford | Daniel Brown | David Clayton |
| Chris Peters | Paul Hamilton | Paul Dillon | James Maxcey |
| Closing Prayer | Bobby Parker | Closing Prayer | Lynn Adams |
| Nursery | | Nursery | |
| Molly Godwin | Angela Parker | Virginia Visel | Nina Layton |
| Evening Worship | | Evening Worship | |
| Opening Prayer | Ike Atkins | Opening Prayer | Paul Hamilton |
| Song Leader | Bobby Parker | Song Leader | Paul Cartwright |
| Communion | Charlie Layton, M Fabian | Communion | Logan Lindelof, Jeremy Brown |
| Closing Prayer | Demetris Kelly | Closing Prayer | Daniel White |
| Morning Worship | | Morning Worship | |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher) | | Ushers (*indicates head usher) | |
| *Clifford Layton, Jacob Carriere, Tim Nations | | *Charlie Story, Rick Nudelman, Kent Wroe | |
| Announcements | Kevin Scarsdale | Announcements | Chris Lindelof |
| Greeters | | Greeters | |
| Clifford & Nina Layton | | Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale | |
| Building Lock Up | Fabian | Building Lock Up | Scarsdale |
| Sound & Projector | Wroe | Sound & Projector | Banyai, Whitmire |
| October 23 | | October 30 | |
| Building Lock Up | G Adams | Building Lock Up | Fabian |

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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 - 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

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The Pearland Harvester

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CONFUSING REQUIREMENTS

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The news is filled with reports of problems with the Affordable Health Care Act. It is impossible to register. Its premiums are more expensive than anticipated. Its coverage is more limiting. The requirement to use it contains exemptions for some.

On some level, it seems that everyone in Washington is disappointed with the new law. The President is disappointed, his cabinet members are on the defensive, and both houses of Congress, as well as both major political parties, are upset about certain aspects of the law. Obviously they differ on what they disagree with, but it would certainly be fair to say that the bottom line is that we have a law on the books that is ineffective, limiting, unavailable, cost-prohibitive, and not applicable to all citizens.

Think of how weak and impotent the hope of a Christian would be if our citizenship in the kingdom of Christ offered nothing better! What if...

- *the gospel is not for all.* Then there would be no universal commission. No Mk. 16:15,16, no Mt. 28:19, no Lk. 24:47, no Acts 1:8. There would be no confidence that it has the power to save both the Jew and the Greek (Rm. 1:16). A different message with a different prescription would be needed for the Jews, the atheist, the agnostic, the feminist, the homosexual, the rich, the poor, Muslim, etc. And if a person's circumstances were a combination of the above, it would be a nightmare to determine which gospel is for you.
- *the requirements are not the same.* Then there would be different standards for admission into the kingdom. Some could buy their way in (the rich young ruler - Mk. 10:17). Some could only gain entrance through circumcision and keeping the Law (Acts 15:1). Some would be in the kingdom without receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:2), even though the Holy Spirit was promised to every Christian (Acts 2:38). Some would be saved through hearing the gospel of

the New Testament, but others would also be saved who heard a "different gospel" (Gal. 1:6). Some would have to be baptized for the remission of sins, but others could simply believe their way to salvation and at a later and more convenient date be baptized to wash away their sins.



- *the coverage is not the same.* Glory, honor, and peace would only be for a limited few, not to the Jew and the Greek (Rm. 2:10). This would be the case because the lawgiver would be partial rather than impartial (Rm. 2:11). Statements like "...He appeared in order to take away sins..." (1 Jn. 3:5) would have a list of codicils and exemptions in fine print that would require a dozen lawyers and 40 pages of text to interpret. And Paul's statement, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3) would be laughable. Of first importance would be the question: Which sins?
- *the prayers of the faithful are limited to certain situations.* Then to pray without ceasing would be a futile requirement (1 Th. 5:17). The effective prayer of a righteous man (James 5:16) would be, well, ineffective! No citizen of the kingdom would ever be able to approach the throne of grace in the confidence of receiving grace and mercy in time of need (Heb. 4:16). Anxiety would be the predominant tone in every prayer and supplication (Philip. 4:6).
- *the birth of hope would be stillborn.* In fact, our hope would not be new. Nor would it be different in any way to the hope of those who pray to idols (1 Pt. 1:3). We would in fact be, of all people, those most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:19).

The truth is that no piece of legislation will ever be truly fair and fully effective for every citizen under every circumstance. Praise be that our citizenship is in a kingdom "not of this world."

Keep studying! ✍️ DC Brown ©2013

YOUTH EVENTS

There will be a devotional at the Laytons' house following services Sunday evening.

We are collecting blankets for Faith in Action at Impact on December 7. Please bring your blankets to the Teen room by December 4. Our goal is 150.



The Family Encampment, scheduled for October 25-27, 2013, has been changed to Martin Dies. You will still need to make your own reservations.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings at our Annex on 11/25/13. Flyers are in the foyer.

To receive a \$10 package discount, you must pre-register through one of the exclusive Helping Hands sign-up methods:

PHONE: 1-800-324-9458, ONLINE: www.helpinghandsforhealth.com, OR FAX: 1-866-628-4857

KEPT IN PRAYER

Brenda Langford will be having cancer surgery this month.

Our condolences to the family of Jo Ann Eargle, who passed away last Thursday after complications from heart surgery. Jo Ann was a member of the Sweeny Church of Christ and a close friend of Dianne Westmoreland.

Our sympathy to the family of Judy Miller, who passed away on October 21.

Rick Stone has been diagnosed with cancer; treatment is being determined.

Darlene Woods' doctors are looking for another treatment for her.

Norma Jean Perez, Mary Holmberg's great-niece, is battling cancer.

Beth Grebe, Rick Nudelman's niece, is having surgery to repair a torn artery.

Charles Huckabee received an excellent report; there are no cancer cells present. He will be monitored for a while. He appreciates all the prayers.

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, Brenda Langford, 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, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Rick Stone, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods, Wayne Wyatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is our contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Secret Sisters - TBD
6 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal will be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu is pizza, salad, and desserts.
9 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
9 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
11-15 Meals on Wheels
16 Elders' Chili Cook Off - 6 PM - Annex



Additional photo sessions are scheduled on November 1 between the hours of 2 PM and 9 PM and on November 2 between the hours of 10 AM and 5 PM. Please contact Heather Cook on 713-484-9325 or at heathercook1313@gmail.com to schedule a specific time.

Candid shots of church activities are also needed for the directory. Please provide these to Heather.

If you can help with registration on November 1 and 2, please let Heather know.



There is a draft of the pocket directory on the bulletin board. Please put a check mark by your name if the information is correct, or make changes if it is not. We would like to publish this information before the end of November, so please review by November 10.

Ladies:

Please reserve January 17-18, 2014, on your calendars for an activity hosted by Leah Bateman at her Galveston home. More details will be available as the date approaches.

October Birthdays

- 24 Minnie Harris 24 Anna White
27 Sarah Adams 27 Jerri Farmer
28 Steven Cuellar 29 Lauralee Simmons

November Birthdays

- 1 Brent Finch 4 Vi Price
5 Warren Hudman 8 Mitzi Williams
13 Laura Moss 15 Tim Godwin
18 Doris Stuteville 22 Parker Simmons
26 Lela Farmer 27 J.J. Martinez
29 Aaron Peters 30 Jeremy Bouillion

October Anniversaries

- 28 Dwight & Leah Bateman 29 James & Laurie Maxcey

November Anniversaries

- 2 Gary & Danette Moss 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown
20 Tim & Irene Nations 25 Tracy & Martha Cain