

## Those to Serve

| January 26                                     |                        | February 2                                   |                             |
|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Morning Worship</b>                         |                        | <b>Morning Worship</b>                       |                             |
| Opening Prayer                                 | Demetris Kelly         | Opening Prayer                               | David Simmons               |
| Song Leader                                    | Paul Cartwright        | Song Leader                                  | Gary Adams                  |
| Communion                                      |                        | Communion                                    |                             |
| <b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash              |                        | <b>Presiding:</b> Bob Williams               |                             |
| Derek Mauney                                   | Phil Godwin            | Nathan Scarsdale                             | Stephen Morton              |
| David Simmons                                  | Charlie Story          | Charlie Layton                               | Tom Langford                |
| Brandon Stafford                               | Matthew Fabian         | Ben Lenamon                                  | Chris Peters                |
| Closing Prayer                                 | Nathan Scarsdale       | Closing Prayer                               | Bobby Parker                |
| Nursery  |                        | Nursery                                      |                             |
| Susan Peters                                   | Tracey Mauney          | Laurie Maxcey                                | Dallas Maxcey               |
| <b>Evening Worship</b>                         |                        | <b>Evening Worship</b>                       |                             |
| Opening Prayer                                 | Kevin Scarsdale        | Opening Prayer                               | Charlie Story               |
| Song Leader                                    | Paul Cartwright        | Song Leader                                  | Greg Fabian                 |
| Communion                                      | Derek Mauney, M Fabian | Communion                                    | Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale |
| Closing Prayer                                 | Paul Hamilton          | Closing Prayer                               | Chris Lindelof              |
| <b>Morning Worship</b>                         |                        | <b>Morning Worship</b>                       |                             |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher)                 |                        | Ushers (*indicates head usher)               |                             |
| *Rick Nudelman, Logan Lindelof, Jacob Carriere |                        | *Clifford Layton, Warren Hudman, Tim Nations |                             |
| Announcements                                  | Greg Fabian            | Announcements                                | Chris Lindelof              |
| Greeters<br>Clifford & Nina Layton             |                        | Greeters<br>Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale        |                             |
| Building Lock Up                               | G Fabian               | Building Lock Up                             | Lindelof                    |
| Sound & Projector                              | Williams               | Sound & Projector                            | Mauney                      |
| January 22                                     |                        | January 29                                   |                             |
| Building Lock Up                               | G Adams                | Building Lock Up                             | G Fabian                    |

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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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 Greg Fabian 713-305-1626  
 Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183  
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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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EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

## LEADERS—THEN AND NOW

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A study of the books of Kings and Chronicles reveals the struggles of Judah and Israel during challenging times. Kingdoms were constantly at war. Rivals sought to establish dominance and conquer more territories. What happened in Syria, Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon had great impact upon everyday life in Judah and Israel, yet Scripture shows us how the children of God were affected through only two prisms: their kings and their prophets.

Today's governments study the impact of world events on themselves and other nations. We're concerned about geopolitics and global economics. We understand that many things beyond our borders impact our quality of life and our values. We monitor economies and analyze demographics. We look at weather patterns and crop production. Such things help explain our circumstances. Yet the Bible focused little on economics, geopolitics, or famines.

To be sure, such things are mentioned and they did have impact; but the critical indicator was always the righteousness or lack of righteousness in each generation as it functioned under its king. Generally, when the king was righteous, or even relatively righteous, the nation prospered without regard to things happening around them. When the king was wicked, the nation became wicked; and its wickedness brought it constant warfare, intrigue, famine, and perils of every kind.

For 400 years, the kings of Judah and Israel, the nations that surrounded them, and the prophets that God sent to them influenced their lifestyles for good or bad. Rarely did God's prophets turn the whole nation back to God. Mt. Carmel is a thrilling exception. Occasionally kings and prophets worked in harmony, but it was more common to see them at odds with one another. Each of the 19 kings of Israel were evil,

doing the things that Jeroboam, its first king, had done - that is they each led their generation into evil and away from God. Kings like Asa and Jehoshaphat led the people back to God and worked with the prophets of God. But after the death of Solomon, Judah would not see a good king until his grandson came to the throne. A good king being followed by a good king (like Asa and Jehoshaphat or Joash and Amaziah) almost never happened. Hezekiah was the best king since David, but his son Manasseh was the worst.

Manasseh became king when he was 12 and reigned for 55 years. His long reign merits just 18 verses in 2 Kings and 20 verses in the parallel account of 2 Chronicles 33. The Bible says, "Manasseh seduced them to do evil more than the nations around them" (2 Kings. 21:9). We learn that he eventually repented and entreated God. He attempted to right his wrongs and to lead the people back to God, but it was too late. He repented, but his nation did not. For what they did in his lifetime and afterward, the kingdom of Judah was carried away.

A nation's leader has tremendous influence. If that leader is moral and has integrity, he or she can do much to bring about legislation that exalts righteousness. But an immoral and godless leader will destroy a nation. He or she doesn't have to commit "every sin in the book"; all it takes is a subtle endorsement of things that lead to unrighteousness. It only takes silence to encourage wickedness. It only takes a stroke of the pen to bring ruin on a people. That leader may one day have a change of heart - but will the nation that was shamefully misled be as remorseful? The Bible says to pray for our leaders that we might "lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Tim. 2:2). Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17).



Keep studying! DC Brown ©2014

**YOUTH EVENTS**

Teen Game Night - Saturday, January 25, 2014, at 7 PM in the Teen Room.



Teen Devo - Sunday, January 26, 2014, at the Hudmans' home following evening services.

The Wednesday morning Ladies Class is on hold until further notice.



**SUPER BOWL WATCHING FELLOWSHIP**

FEBRUARY 2, 2014 - 5:30 PM - ANNEX

FOLLOWING EVENING SERVICES, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM

HOT DOGS, BUNS, CHIPS, & THE USUAL "FIXIN'S" WILL BE PROVIDED

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS TO SHARE

Congregational Cleaning Day - Saturday, January 25 - 9 AM

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

Eugene Priestley's heart and blood pressure are back to normal; he is waiting to hear when he will be moved to rehab.

Upcoming surgeries:

- Sheila Banyai
- Lewis Romain
- Rick Stone

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Morris Dyes, 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, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods, Wayne Wyatt.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**February**

- 3 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM - TBD
- 5 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal served at 6 PM in the Annex
- 8 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 8 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
- 10 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex



Dwight's recent health concern certainly was a surprise. We want to thank you, brothers and sisters, for the cards and prayers. Also a special thank you to Aaron and Charlee for THEIR card. It was very special.

In Christian Love, Leah and Dwight Bateman

APRIL 11-13, 2014

FAMILY ENCAMPMENT AT CAGLE RECREATION AREA  
YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS.

**January Birthdays**

- 1 David Simmons
- 4 Wanda Kirby
- 8 Jeanette Hays
- 14 Valerie McHargh
- 16 Teresa Wroe
- 20 Bobby Parker
- 22 Cameron Alatrash
- 28 Caleb Nations
- 30 Lindsay Parker
- 3 Felicia Wroe
- 4 Branden Shelton
- 12 Leona Anderson
- 16 Adam Nations
- 17 Tom Langford
- 21 Donald Mickan
- 25 Ethan Brown
- 29 Dawn Bell

**January Anniversaries**

- 9 Jason & Noelle Holmes
- 17 David & Libby Clayton