

Those to Serve

March 9		March 16	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Chris Peters
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Lindelof		Presiding: Demetris Kelly	
Tim Nations	Jeremy Brown	James Maxcey	Stephen Morton
Logan Lindelof	Daniel Brown	Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian
Brandon Stafford	Russell Genaro	Nathan Scarsdale	Ike Atkins
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Nursery		Nursery	
Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey	Virginia Visel	Molly Godwin
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Jack Chisum	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Daniel Brown, Logan Lindelof	Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Kent Wroe, Jacob Carriere, Warren Hudman		*Clifford Layton, Rick Nudelman, Phil Godwin	
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters Clifford & Nina Layton		Greeters Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Building Lock Up	G Fabian	Building Lock Up	Cartwright
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Mauney
March 5		March 12	
WNWTM			
Building Lock Up	G Adams	Building Lock Up	G Fabian

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-997-3790
 Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
 Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
 Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

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 - 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

THE VALUE OF THE CHURCH

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We live in a day and age when many people want Jesus, but not the church. The truth of the matter is it that you cannot have Jesus without the church. He came to establish the church (Matt. 16:18). The church is his body and he is the head of it (Eph. 1:22-23). The church is his bride and he is the bridegroom (Rev. 19:7; 21:2, 9). With that in mind, let us look at the value of the church.

First, the church is a community. In order to grasp this concept, we must remember that the church is the people, not the building. The communal aspect of the church is seen from the very beginning of the church as "all the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:44-46). As Christians, we are part of the greatest family ever.

Second, the church is a place of commonality. At one time, there was a "dividing wall of hostility" (Eph. 2:14) between Jews and Gentiles. Thankfully, Jesus has reconciled "us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility" (Eph. 2:16). Therefore, in the church today, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). Thus, it doesn't matter if you are black, white, Hispanic, Asian, rich, poor, tall, short, skinny, fat or even bald, there is a place for you in the Lord's church.

Third, the church is a place of caring. As the Hebrew author wrote, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works [...] but encouraging one another" (Heb. 10:24-25). Paul, in reference to the value of Christian fellowship, wrote, "That we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine" (Rom. 1:12). Further, Paul commanded us, "Therefore encourage one another and build one

another up, just as you are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11). As God's family, we "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15).

Fourth, the church is a place of cooperation. Paul wrote, "For the body does not consist of one member but of many" (1 Cor. 12:14). He then proceeds to show how each member has unique gifts, which are all necessary for the body to function properly. We need one another to work together for the body of Christ in order to have the impact upon the world that it should. Let us learn to work together in unity and to use our individual talents as a team for the glory of God.

Fifth, the church is a place of comfort. We all need people to whom we can turn for help and healing. James wrote, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16). We must "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2). We must learn to "lift [the] drooping hands and strengthen [the] weak knees, and make straight paths for [the] feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather healed" (Heb. 12:12-13).

Sixth, the church is a college. Obviously, this includes preaching and teaching, which is necessary for us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18). However, this includes the examples of members of the church who put their faith into practice and overcome adversities. For example, older members guide and teach the younger members (Titus 2:2-8), just as younger members give examples of service and encouragement to older members (1 Tim. 4:12). We are always learning from one another as we strive to grow and mature to be the Christians we ought to be.

Much more could be added to this list. Nevertheless, suffice it to say, the church is absolutely valuable to the Christian today. I could not imagine walking through this life without my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am blessed to be a part of the family of God.

Chris Hodges is the Associate Minister for the Katy Church of Christ in Katy, TX, and an avid writer. If you would like to read more articles from Chris, you can visit his blog at www.chrisrhodges.com

YOUTH EVENTS



Hoppy Easter Party

Saturday April 19th 10-Noon
Location - Annex/Outside
Please bring a friend and your basket
Snacks, Egg Decorating, and Easter Egg Hunt
Ages 1 year - 3rd Grade



Church Family - Please donate plastic eggs, goodies to fill them and/or filled eggs in the tubs in the foyer by April 13th.

March 30, 2014

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

Friends



Family Day



Dear church family,

Your loving act of kindness and your expression of love and concern has touched the entire Abel family this day. When two people stepped into the house carrying a meat-and-vegetable platter and a fully cooked ham and my mother-in-law asked, "Who is this from?" and the delivery man said, "From the Pearland Church of Christ," there weren't any dry eyes and all were deeply touched. Thank you so much for what was said about the people of God today.

DC and Debbie Brown

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Jesse C. Abel, who passed away March 1, 2014. Services are being held today, March 5, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Mr. Abel was the father of Debbie Brown.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bill Charles, who passed away recently. Bill was Tom Langford's friend.

Minnie Harris is in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Room 104, for one to two days. Her sodium level is low. She is better, but still weak.

Mary Alford, Judy Indest's mother, is in the Sweeny Hospital, being treated for dehydration and other complications causing weakness. Please pray for her health and the family's decisions.

Scott Westmoreland will have scans on Friday, March 7.

Harry He will be on a mission trip over spring break.

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, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. Shut-In: Libby Clayton, Eugene Priestley 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

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

March

- 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
22 Congregational Cleaning Day - 9 AM - Excludes the Annex, which is reserved for an event.
30 Friends & Family Day



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of April 14-18, 2014. We need to collect 50 large bottles of clothes washing liquid and 30 bottles of body wash. Please bring your items by Sunday, April 13. Let's have a generous donation.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014, AT 2 AM. REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP THE PREVIOUS NIGHT.

Family Encampment

Our next Family Encampment is April 11-13, 2014.

- 1. We are at Cagle Recreation Area just west of New Waverly.
2. You will need to make your own reservations; call Peggy Story if there are questions.

March Birthdays

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Includes entries for Ike Atkins, Becky Simmons, DC Brown, Emma Oncken, Bennie Sue Galindo, Trudy Knight, Evelyn Cordell, April Cartwright, Judy Indest, and Mary Holmberg.

March Anniversaries

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Includes entries for Daniel & Kristin White, David & Becky Simmons, Kent & Teresa Wroe, Gene & Stephanie Forster, DC & Debbie Brown, Jeff & Gena Coe, Greg & Linda Fabian, and Russell & Canova Genaro.