

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening April 23	Wednesday Evening April 30
Building Lock Up — G. Adams	Building Lock Up — Williams

Morning Worship April 27	Morning Worship May 4
Opening Prayer Stephen Morton	Opening Prayer Charlie Story
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Gheath Alatrash	Presiding: Chris Lindelof
Bob Williams Matthew Fabian	Brandon Stafford Nathan Scarsdale
Charlie Layton Logan Lindelof	Daniel Brown Stephen Morton
Kent Wroe Tim Nations	Tom Langford Jack Chisum
Announcements Gary Adams	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro	Molly Godwin Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Daniel Brown, Warren Hudman, Russell Genaro	*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Rick Nudelman
Greeters	Greeters
Lynn & Lucille Adams	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Mauneys & Sheila Banyai	Williams & Sheila Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer	Opening Prayer Demetris Kelly
Song Leader Youth-Led Service	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion Stephen Morton, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer Gary Adams	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 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 - 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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ANTIOCH, A POWERFUL CHURCH

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The 11th chapter of Acts contains a portrait of a dynamic congregation. Every element of its success can be duplicated today. Let's notice some of those things.

1. They were born of the word. Acts 11:19-21 ¹⁹So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. ²⁰But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

Even though our culture is very much a results-oriented culture, Satan has done a masterful job of selling the lie that the word of the Gospel just isn't enough. We're told that we need programs, we need a beautiful building, we need a social cause, etc. But the power of salvation is still in the Gospel (Rm. 1:16) and it is the word of God which is imperishable and incorruptible seed by which we are born again (1 Pt. 1:23-25).

2. They received encouragement in their faith. Acts 11:22-24 ²²The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. ²³Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; ²⁴for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

We need more men like Barnabas. We know him as an encourager, and he was. But do we understand

the form that his encouragement took or the purpose for which he gave it? We read in the text that he encouraged "them all with a resolute heart." The Greek word for resolute really means "with purpose." To encourage without purpose is really nothing more than being politely complimentary. Barnabas was hardly sent there for that reason. He came to Antioch to make them stronger and more committed to the Lord and his words and actions were guided by that purpose. Our intent ought to be the same, "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24).



With the power of the word and with the encouragement of a Barnabas to keep them true to the word, the result was a foregone conclusion. Antioch became the mission church of the Gentile world!

A congregation's spiritual vitality will be reflected in its love for the truth and its love for missions. The Antioch church not only committed men and resources to take the Gospel to the Gentile world, they rejoiced in hearing of its continuous power. Three times they sent Paul abroad, and always the word of the Gospel opened doors and saved souls. How they must have thrilled when reports came back!

You also believe in the power of the Gospel to change the hearts of sinners, and you also rejoice to hear of the effectual nature of evangelizing in mission fields. I look forward with anticipation to my fourth trip to Benin and visiting the congregations you have had a major role in establishing. Please be in prayer for this trip, and pray for my ability to have a resolute heart in encouraging them to be true to the word.

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2014

YOUTH EVENTS



There will be a movie night in the youth room this Saturday, April 26, at 7 PM for the 7th-12th graders. Popcorn will be provided.

Please be sure to attend services this Sunday night. Our young men will lead us in the worship service and bring a report from Camp Hensel.

There will be a devo following evening services this Sunday.

Camp Bandina (7th-12th graders) is June 8-14, 2014. Please see Paul for an application and more information.

New
ADDRESS

Effective 4/26/14:
Neil & Fran Barnhill
14101 Bay Pointe Ct Apt 243
Houston TX 77062



Ladies,
Please mark your calendar for Mugs and Muffins on Saturday, May 10, 2014, 9-11 AM, in the Annex. Please bring your Bible and favorite mug. Breakfast will be provided.



KEPT IN PRAYER

Eugene Priestley is in hospice care in the VA Hospital .

Wanda Knight had successful knee replacement surgery on April 15.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Brenda Langford, Evelyn Lawhon, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Eugene Priestley, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville.
Shut-In: Libby Clayton **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Shery Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods, Wayne Wyatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Adams is our contact elder for April. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.

We are still in need of volunteers for communion preparation and sound/projector. Please check the sign-up lists on the bulletin boards to see if you can help in the available months.

April

26 Congregational Cleaning Day - Meet at the building at 9 AM.

28-May 2 Meals on Wheels - Please contact Leah Bateman to volunteer.



Baby Shower for Trish Stafford on Sunday, April 27, from 4 to 6 PM in the Annex. Trish is registered at Target, Babies "R" Us, and Amazon.

If you would like to make a contribution to the gift offering I'll be taking to our brethren in Benin, please give your money or check to Bob Williams or to Gretchen. Thanks so much! DC

April Birthdays

- 23 Charlie Story 25 Lacey Gartrell
- 28 Lucille Adams 28 Noelle Holmes

May Birthdays

- 3 Jonathan Peters 5 Charlene Bagwell
- 5 Karissa Bouillion 5 Michael Peters
- 6 Hailey Hopkins 7 Peggy Story
- 8 Heather Brown 8 Demetris Kelly I
- 9 Jean Adams 9 Murrell Hill
- 9 Janice Pearson 13 Jeremy Cook
- 14 Daniel Brown 17 David Clayton
- 18 Audrey Nelson 19 Adam Parker
- 20 Fran Barnhill 20 David Blair
- 24 Morris Dyes 26 Gena Coe
- 31 Atticus Brown

May Anniversaries

- 5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof 13 Claude & Leona Anderson
- 13 Brandon & Patricia Stafford 14 Gary & Jean Adams
- 17 Derek & Tracey Mauney 18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
- 31 Bruce & Becky Hopkins