

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening April 30	Wednesday Evening May 7
Building Lock Up — Williams	Building Lock Up — Cartwright WNWTM

Morning Worship May 4		Morning Worship May 11	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Brandon Stafford
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Lindelof		Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale	
Brandon Stafford	Nathan Scarsdale	Jeremy Brown	Logan Lindelof
Daniel Brown	Stephen Morton	Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian
Tom Langford	Jack Chisum	Kent Wroe	Gheath Alatrash
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Molly Godwin	Angela Parker	Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Rick Nudelman		*Daniel Brown, Russell Genaro, Warren Hudman	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Williams & Sheila Banyai		Williams & Sheila Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Demetris Kelly	Opening Prayer	Jack Chisum
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Stephen Morton, N Scarsdale	Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian	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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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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UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

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Last Sunday night, two of our graduating seniors presented the congregation with a report of their activities at Camp Hensel the week before. They both did a good job and gave us a report that indicated they had lots of opportunities for spiritual growth and development. One thing that stood out in my mind was a comment that Matthew Fabian made.

Matthew spoke of a lesson presented by one of the area youth ministers on different Greek words for “word” and the distinctions between those words. From that, the youth minister gave them some practical applications of the lesson that would cause them to have a deeper faith and commitment to Christ, the Word, and to sharing the word about the Word. Matthew indicated that at one point the youth minister expressed concerns about his presentation and that he feared he might have “gone over their heads” with his message. But Matthew told us that he was glad the youth minister had taken the approach that he took in presenting the lesson and that it actually helped them a lot to know the things they were taught.

Hearing that made me feel good about their camp experience! It also reaffirmed a personal belief that I have held for decades, and that is: we don’t challenge our younger people on the deeper levels that we need to.

I learned something when I was frequently serving as a substitute teacher in junior high and high school classrooms that I have always sought to incorporate in the Bible classes I taught to the same age group of young people. At school, they are challenged to learn facts and grasp concepts and ideas at a younger age and deeper level than I was challenged to when I was the student sitting in a classroom. I very well remember teachers telling me that the textbooks

they were using to teach 8th graders presented lessons they learned as sophomores in college!

Yet when it comes to Bible curriculum and even pulpit preaching, we often teach at a level that offers little or no challenges at all. I can remember sitting in a class hearing an instructor as he dug deep into the text and brought to light lessons that thrilled me. Then, almost in the same breath he would say, “Now men, when you get into local work and you’re teaching an adult class or preaching a sermon, you can’t get into all of this because they won’t be ready for it or able to absorb it.” That frustrated me then, and 25 years later it still does! If I could get it, anybody can get it. And if it thrilled my soul to know those things and to see the power of the word, it will have the same effect on Christians that I teach it to.

I have come to realize that my instructor’s wisdom was sound on the subject, and yet I still sincerely believe that in every audience and in every classroom someone is there who can understand, absorb, and rejoice over what was learned. I’ve challenged myself to dig deeper into the word this year and to make my sermons even more challenging. Has it been too much for some? Perhaps. But if so, they’ve not shared that with me. On the other hand, I’ve received more emails, more cards, and more personal expressions of gratitude and encouragement in the past four months than I have had in a long time.

If we can comprehend what is written on a prescription bottle and use that knowledge to aid us in our health, and if we can wade through the owner’s manual of our appliances and electronics to get the full potential from those things, who says we can’t be challenged in the word? I want to thank Matthew Fabian for reminding me, and all of us, that we are up for the challenge!

Keep studying and keep serving! ✍️DC Brown ©2014



YOUTH EVENTS



Senior Sunday is Sunday, May 18. Please plan to stay for the potluck following morning services. Our seniors are:

- Matthew Fabian
- Harry He
- Charlie Layton
- Dallas Maxcey
- Adam Nations

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

VBS will be June 22-25, 2014.

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

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

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Gary Harrington, father of Kristin White, on his recent passing. Arrangements are as follows:

Thursday, May 1, 2014 - Visitation: 6 pm - 8 pm at Dixon Funeral Home, 1211 S Brooks St, Brazoria TX 77422.

Friday, May 2, 2014 - Funeral: 10 am at First Presbyterian Church, 310 Virginia St, Brazoria TX 77422.

Friday, May 2, 2014 - Graveside service: 2 pm at Grace Memorial Cemetery, 10708 State Highway 6, Hitchcock TX 77563.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Eugene Priestley on his recent passing. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Rhonda Jones, wife of Sam Jones, was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer which has spread to her brain. She will be treated at MD Anderson. Sam is VP of Spiritual Development at Freed-Hardeman University and also the Vice-Chairman of FACE.

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, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton
Others: Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods, Wayne Wyatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

May

- 6 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM - Big Humphrey's (Please note this is a Tuesday.)
- 7 Wednesday Night with the Master - Dinner will be served in the Annex at 6 PM. Menu is fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, hot rolls, and dessert.
- 10 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room



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.
Please sign the list on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



May Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

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