

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening July 23	Wednesday Evening July 30
Building Lock Up — Cartwright	Building Lock Up — Scarsdale

Morning Worship July 27	Morning Worship August 3
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Gary Adams	Presiding: Gheath Alatrash
Nathan Scarsdale Brandon Stafford	Matthew Fabian Charlie Layton
Paul Hamilton Demetris Kelly	Tom Langford Derek Mauney
Bobby Parker Logan Lindelof	Chris Lindelof Tim Nations
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Nina Layton Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney Virginia Visel
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Daniel Brown, Rick Nudelman, Jacob Carriere	*Jeremy Brown, Warren Hudman, Clifford Layton
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Debbie Brown, Sheila Banyai	TBD, Sheila Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Lynn Adams
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Bobby Parker, Logan Lindelof	Communion Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Gary Adams

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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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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The Pearland Harvester

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

DIFFERENCES AND FEARS

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Three weeks in Benin is an experience beyond description. Sights, sounds, smells, opportunities, and even needs are different. To communicate the experiences I have been blessed with is in some ways an exercise in futility. The cultural differences are so vast as to seem insurmountable. We, and they, are insulated and isolated by cultural norms.

Working in an environment where just about every one of those norms is different is physically and emotionally challenging. Perhaps the strongest emotion is a feeling of inadequacy. How can you relate to people who do not speak your language? They do not dress as you do, eat what you do, live like you do, work like you do, or think like you do. The impact of those differences alone is overwhelming.

Expressions like “I know what you mean” or “been there, done that” do not apply. How sympathetic or understanding could you be towards a discouraged individual whose biggest struggles have to do with the powerful hold of a witch doctor? To be in an environment, stripped of virtually every common experience, can only lead to a desperate feeling of fear and inadequacy. To live and work in such a foreign culture, even for just three weeks, is intimidating beyond imagination. It lends greater understanding to the fears that the apostle Paul must have endured in Corinth when the Lord spoke to him saying, **“Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you ... I have many people in this city”** (Acts 18:9,10).

Yet, in the crucible of that kind of anxiety the power of the gospel becomes so self-evident!

No culture, no matter how radically different from yours it may be, is beyond the effectiveness of the gospel. Confidence and calm security dispel feelings of fear and

inadequacy when one stands behind the power of the gospel. All that is needed is the reminder that the word of the Lord will be effective. For me, one of those “breakthrough moments” came as a man in the city of Savé said in a prayer, just before I was to speak, “God, when we heard Your word was going to be spoken, we ran to hear it.”



In our efforts to refine every aspect of life, we have robbed ourselves of the greatest satisfaction there is. We’ve made our homes as comfortable as possible. We’ve equipped ourselves with the best tools for whatever our vocation may be. We’ve learned how to get more recreational time and entertainment time from a 24-hour period than perhaps any other civilization in the world. But in the process of all this refinement, we’ve thrown away the only truly transformative power: the power of the gospel. A simple test to prove this point is to ask and honestly answer one question: When was the last time you could truly say, “When we heard Your word was going to be spoken, we ran to hear it”?

To be surrounded by a people who literally left off everything about their normal routine because of an opportunity to run and come sit on a hard teakwood bench with no back support in a dirt-floored, mud-walled structure with no electricity and no screens and no glass in the window openings, or doors in the door openings, is an experience of a lifetime. To be surrounded with people, whose only disappointment lies in the fact that after an hour and a half or two hours of hearing the word preached the service is too quickly over, is so culturally different that everything changes. Like a tectonic movement, the joy of being among such people suddenly and permanently replaces every fear and feeling of inadequacy. It makes one want to run to proclaim the gospel!

Keep studying and keep serving! ✉DC Brown ©2014

YOUTH EVENTS



BAWD Katy - We will be leaving at 6 PM on Monday, July 28, from the Annex parking lot.

**CAMP TWIN OAKS RANCH
JULY 30—AUGUST 3, 2014**



We will be leaving for **CAMP TWIN OAKS RANCH** on Wednesday, July 30, at 7:30 AM from the Annex. Bring a sack lunch for the trip, but you will not need any money. All other meals and snacks will be provided. Bring the following:

- Bible
- Modest shorts & tops
- Swimsuit
- Toiletries
- Bedding
- GOOD ATTITUDE

Trish and I are sincerely grateful for the many meals that were brought to us after bringing Katie home from the hospital. The food was delicious!

We felt so loved and blessed to have our Christian family come visit and care for us. We are proud and honored to raise our first child among such wonderful people.

In Christian Love,
Brandon, Trish, & Katie Stafford

Pearland Church of Christ,

I want to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, and prayers, and a special thank-you to the children for their "long distance" hug.

I am so blessed to be a member of this wonderful church family.

Thank you again.
In Christian Love,
Lela Farmer

KEPT IN PRAYER

Neil Barnhill is in Christus St. John Hospital ICU after suffering a heart attack last weekend.

Lela Farmer received good news that she will not have to undergo chemotherapy.

Our condolences to the family of **Norman Fabian**, who passed away recently. Norman was Greg's uncle.

In Continuing Need:
Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Lela Farmer, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Noah & Murrell Hill, Dorris Honeycutt, 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, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING The Power of Prevention

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 7/28/14. Flyers are in the foyer. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Friends



August 31, 2014
Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!



Family Day

At this time of year when school supplies are on sale, we would like to ask for any donations of the following items for the Education Workroom:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Stickers (animals, sun, star, kids, rainbow, etc.)
- Construction Paper
- Folders
- Copy Paper—white or colored
- Pens
- Pencils
- Tape Rolls—clear

Any items are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on the workroom table or given to April Cartwright or Susan Peters. No amount is too small.

July Birthdays

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| 23 Sarah Brown | 24 Neil Barnhill |
| 24 Jayden Terry | 26 Dorris Honeycutt |
| 27 Jack Cherry | 27 Leah Gartrell |
| 31 James Maxcey | 31 Kylee May |

August Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Mark Holmberg | 5 Lynn Adams |
| 7 Tim Nations | 8 John Adams |
| 8 Judy Dillon | 9 Russell Genaro |
| 9 Dorothy Kirkland | 10 Molly Godwin |
| 10 Nathan Scarsdale | 11 Billie Dykes |
| 13 Jeff Coe | 13 Evelyn Lawhon |
| 13 Beverly Stewart | 14 Jean Nudelman |
| 15 Chloe Hudman | 15 David Smith |
| 16 Peggy Chisum | 17 Brenda Blair |
| 22 Robbie Alatrash | 22 Laurie Maxcey |
| 23 Ross Genaro | 26 Charlie Layton |
| 27 Wanda Knight | 30 Pat Fletcher |
| 30 Josh Hamilton | |

July Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 25 Paul & Judy Dillon | 28 Jeremy & Heather Cook |
| 31 Jack & Dorothy Cherry | |

August Anniversaries

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| 1 Von & Jo Knight | 2 Jim & Judy Indest |
| 3 Randy & Trudy Knight | 4 Leon & Valerie McHargh |
| 18 Noah & Murrell Hill | 20 Gheath & Kristin Alatrash |
| 29 Ben & Susan Lenamon | |

New ADDRESS 

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