

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening September 3	Wednesday Evening September 10
Building Lock Up — Cartwright <b>WNWTM</b>	Building Lock Up — G Adams

Morning Worship September 7	Morning Worship September 14
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Demetris Kelly
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Kevin Scarsdale	<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof
Tim Nations Charlie Layton	Phil Godwin Daniel Brown
Logan Lindelof Nathan Scarsdale	Charlie Story Bobby Parker
Derek Mauney Russell Genaro	Tom Langford Matthew Fabian
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Susan Peters Tracey Mauney	Molly Godwin Nina Layton
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Paul Hamilton	*Clifford Layton, Warren Hudman, Lynn Adams
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Kent & Teresa Wroe, Sheila Banyai	Kent & Teresa Wroe, Sheila Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer Gary Adams
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Charlie Layton, Logan Lindelof	Communion Charlie Story, Matthew Fabian
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 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**  
**Blaise Atta - Bétérou**  
**Clément Djebede - Okéwo**  
**Boniface Yantekoua - Kaboua**  
**Joachim Tounou - Abomey-Goho**  
**Gaston Nda - Natitingou**  
**Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou**  
**André Assogba - Savé et Kokoro**  
**Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé**  
**Paul Kouagou - N'Dali**  
**Jonas Sambieni - Glazoué**  
**Gabin Agbeci - Savalou**  
**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
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## AN EVIL STRATEGY

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The constant assault on God's word takes different forms. Three highly successful strategies that are being worked every day would include:

- Denying God's existence. This is very persuasive among the pseudo-intellectuals. The arguments usually involve "scientific data" and/or such alleged philosophical conundrums as, "How could an all-powerful and loving God allow...?"
- Polytheist and animist alike believe in spiritual forces and powers, both good and bad, that are beyond our realm and in constant control of our affairs. In many parts of the world, including within our own culture, the teaching is that if the God of Christianity or Judaism exists at all, He is only one among the many.
- A third highly effective strategy is to admit and confess the existence of an omnipotent God who would lovingly guide us but insist that He has not done so, nor is He doing so today, exclusively through His word. There are other things a believer needs to believe in and know in addition to Scripture.

That third argument is a very effective snare for millions, but Solomon once wrote, "there is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9). The insistence that the Bible alone is not sufficient is as ancient as mankind. In fact, it was the strategy first employed by Satan to introduce sin into the world. Little wonder then, that New Testament writers such as Paul, Peter, John, and Jude wrote so much against that particular deceitful stratagem. John used the word "know" 40 times in his first epistle, usually to assure a Christian that we do know what God would have us know. As an example:

1 John 2:20,21 <sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. <sup>21</sup> I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

All obedient believers in Christ receive the gift of the Holy Spirit upon baptism (Acts 2:38,39), which is the

anointing that John writes of. Paul also said that we have all wisdom or insight since we now know the mystery of God's will through the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:8,9) and we've been given the seal of the Holy Spirit as a pledge of our inheritance (v. 13,14). Neither John nor Paul was suggesting that all Christians have all knowledge concerning the Christian age. Otherwise, there would have been no reason for instructions and guidance that the New Testament epistles provide us with. But the knowledge of what God did to bring about our salvation, and what we must do to benefit from that grace is a requisite to being a Christian. Through the pen of Jeremiah, God had promised that very truth (Jer. 31:31-35).



How can we effectively benefit from being reminded of these things (and giving this reminder was exactly the point of what John wrote in 1 Jn. 2:20,21)?

Just as in John's day, we, too, are constantly confronted with claims that a modern-day prophet has insight and communications from God that we must know and that we cannot know on our own simply by studying the word of God. John's point was that, anything alleged by others which is contrary to what was taught in the gospel message you heard and believed, is a "lie" (v. 21). That is the same fundamental truth that Paul stressed to the Galatians a generation before when others had tried to convince them they needed to accept a different gospel (Gal. 1:8-12).

The battle for our faith depends upon our knowing the strategies of Satan and knowing Him whom we have believed and entrusted (2 Tim. 1:12). Stand firm and help those who are doubting.

Keep studying and keep serving! D.C. Brown ©2014

**YOUTH EVENTS**



There will be a parent meeting and devo in the Annex on Sunday, September 7, following PM services. Please attend with your teen; food will be provided.

The new quarter starts Sunday, September 7. This will be promotion day for this year. If your child is ready to move up to the next age group, please move them up that Sunday.

**Classes:**

- Nursery
- 2-3 year-old
- 4 year-old - Kindergarten
- 1st-3rd Grade
- 4th-6th Grade
- 7th-12th Grade (Youth Group)

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER, STEVEN HIGGINS.  
STEVEN WAS BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST ON AUGUST 31, 2014.**

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**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Hugh Fletcher** will be in Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena TX, for at least another week. Hugh is dealing with cellulitis and is taking intravenous antibiotics.

**Chris Pleasant**, Nina Layton's sister, is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Our condolences to the families of **Tommy Churchman** and **Carolyn Hicks**, former members of our congregation, who passed away recently.

**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**

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

**Church Wide Family Encampment is scheduled for Oct 31<sup>st</sup> through Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cagle Recreational**



**Area near New Waverly.** Several new families have placed membership and might not be aware of this opportunity. If you would like to camp with us (tenting or RV), go online to <http://www.recreation.gov> and reserve your site. We camp in the 2<sup>nd</sup> loop (Sycamore loop). All the sites have full hookups. There are also clean bath houses in the loop. We have worship on Sunday morning before breaking camp. It is located on Lake Conroe, 45 minutes north of Houston. Take I-45 north to the New Waverly exit, turn west on FM 1375 and go 6 miles. *For questions about food, what to bring or anything else, please see Charlie and Peggy Story or DC Brown.*



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of October 6-10, 2014. We need to collect 50 large bottles of clothes washing liquid and 30 bottles of body wash. Please bring your items by Sunday, October 5. Let's have a generous donation.

**September**

- 7 Prayer Ministry will meet at 5 PM.
- 8 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 13 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room

**September Birthdays**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Kenneth Cain    | 2 Danette Moss      |
| 3 Hugh Fletcher   | 4 Kristin Alatrash  |
| 5 Emma Cartwright | 5 Janice Lemoine    |
| 6 Randy Knight    | 7 Cooper Gartrell   |
| 8 Rick Nudelman   | 8 Patricia Stafford |
| 14 Dorothy Cherry | 16 Samuel Holmes    |
| 16 Ben Maxcey     | 18 Landon Brown     |
| 20 Berna Dyes     | 22 Becky Hopkins    |
| 23 Greg Fabian    | 23 Canova Genaro    |
| 24 Ricky Pearson  | 26 John Sloan       |
| 30 Lianne Biegay  |                     |

**September Anniversaries**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 16 Bobby & Angela Parker | 30 David & Brenda Blair |
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Dear Church Family,  
Just a note of thanks for the beautiful gifts you delivered to our home. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated.  
Neil is improving each day. It comes very slow, but we are thankful for each and every precious day we have together.  
The Lord has been good to us.  
God bless you all.  
In Christian Love,  
Fran & Neil Barnhill