

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening September 10	Wednesday Evening September 17
Building Lock Up — G Adams	Building Lock Up — Lindelof

Morning Worship September 14	Morning Worship September 21
Opening Prayer Demetris Kelly	Opening Prayer Charlie Story
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Chris Lindelof	Presiding: Bob Williams
Phil Godwin Daniel Brown	Charlie Layton Jeremy Brown
Charlie Story Bobby Parker	Logan Lindelof Derek Mauney
Tom Langford Matthew Fabian	Chris Lindelof Brandon Stafford
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey Dallas Maxcey	Molly Godwin Nina Layton
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Warren Hudman, Lynn Adams	*Daniel Brown, Jacob Carriere, Nathan Scarsdale
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Lynn & Lucille Adams
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—Lindelof	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Gary Adams	Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Charlie Story, Matthew Fabian	Communion Charlie Layton, Logan Lindelof
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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Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

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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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REGRETS, I'VE HAD A FEW ...

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And so have you. Did you know that “regret” is found three times in each of the Testaments.

It is used of God regarding the divine appointment of Saul as the first king (1 Sam. 15:11,35).

It is used of Jehoram, the wicked king of Judah, whose wickedness was so great that God struck him with an incurable disease. When he died, “...he departed with no one’s regret, and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings” (2 Chron. 21:20).

The Lord used the word in the parable of the two sons. The younger son said he would work in his father’s fields but never did, while the older son had said to his father, “...I will not; but afterward he regretted it and went” (Mt. 21:29).

Finally, Paul used the word twice in the second letter to the church at Corinth. In reference to the first letter, Paul acknowledged that his words had caused them sorrow. He regretted that letter initially, for it wasn’t his intent to quench their spirit. But when that inspired letter had worked its divine intent of causing them to repent, Paul said that he no longer regretted having written the letter (2 Cor. 7:8). Instead, regret turned to rejoicing because their sorrow induced by that letter had been God’s desire and it had been a godly sorrow leading them to repent. Paul would then write, “For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death” (2 Cor. 7:10).

From those six passages we can see that regret can be a godly attribute when it has to do with disappointment in self or others who have been blessed with divine opportunity but used an occasion for good and turned it into evil. God did not regret His decision because He chose foolishly. He regretted His decision because Saul chose foolishly. You might teach someone the truth and

lead them to obedience so that they become a child of the King but then later learn that they turned back to the world and led others astray in doing so. Then you know the regret that is attributed to God in 1 Samuel 15.



Regret can be the antithesis of relief, as was the case when wicked Jehoram died. His leadership was a national tragedy of such epic proportions that when he died no one regretted it. It’s hard to think about all that that implies. Yet you know those whose evil choices have made life unbearable for others for so long that when you learn of their death you have no sorrow at all, only relief.

Regret for the need to discipline is what Paul felt and what every parent feels when the necessity arises. Perhaps too many parents have sought to avoid the pain of that kind of regret by not applying the proper discipline only to live out the rest of their days with a greater regret for the choices that an undisciplined child made.

The last mention of the word in Scripture is also the most challenging occurrence to understand. God’s discipline is not meant as the just punishment that fits the crime. That discipline is reserved for the future. Instead, His discipline is meant to produce a godly sorrow that totally and completely changes us so that we never turn to that sin again and never regret having decided to do so. Worldly sorrow only causes regret for the personal consequences of our sin without leading us to cease sinning. Thus we leave ourselves unrighteous before our Maker.

Regret is part of life, and all of us have some. The question is why? And it leads to a greater question: Have you done everything you can to live from this moment forward without regret?

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



Leah and Dwight Bateman are the proud grandparents of their 7th grandchild, Walker Lee, who was born at 8:30 a.m. on September 4, 2014. He weighed 10 lbs. 2 oz. and was 22 inches long. He is welcomed by brother Beau and sister AnnMarie. The name Walker Lee is special, as Walker was Frankie Smith's maiden name and Lee is David Smith's middle name. This makes David Smith a great-grandfather for the 17th time.



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.



There is a draft of the pocket directory on the bulletin board. Please put a check mark by your name if the information is correct, or make changes if it is not. We would like to publish this information by mid-October, so please review by **September 28**.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Lela Farmer is improving, getting a little stronger, and taking physical therapy.

Hugh Fletcher is home and showing some improvement, but is still battling an infection.

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 31st through Nov. 2nd 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 2nd 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.*

September

- 13 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room

September Birthdays

- 2 Kenneth Cain
- 3 Hugh Fletcher
- 5 Emma Cartwright
- 6 Randy Knight
- 8 Rick Nudelman
- 14 Dorothy Cherry
- 16 Ben Maxcey
- 20 Berna Dyes
- 23 Greg Fabian
- 24 Ricky Pearson
- 30 Lianne Biegay

September Anniversaries

- 16 Bobby & Angela Parker
- 30 David & Brenda Blair