

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening September 24	Wednesday Evening October 1
Building Lock Up — Williams	Building Lock Up — Scarsdale WNWTM

Morning Worship September 28	Morning Worship October 5
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader Craig Williams	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale	Presiding: James Maxcey
Matthew Fabian Nathan Scarsdale	Charlie Story Paul Hamilton
Daniel Brown Russell Genaro	Derek Mauney Brandon Stafford
Demetris Kelly Chris Peters	Charlie Layton Logan Lindelof
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro	Susan Peters Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Bobby Parker, Warren Hudman, Clifford Layton	*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Rick Nudelman
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Kent & Teresa Wroe, Sheila Banyai	Debbie Brown, Sheila Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer Daniel Brown
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Matthew Fabian, N Scarsdale	Communion Charlie Layton, Logan Lindelof
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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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
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MAINTAINING OUR SPIRITUAL FIRE

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In the article below, Kevin Cauley made three thoughtful observations about a pot of boiling water. I read it and thought again about the encouragement Paul gave Timothy when he wrote, “For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands” (2 Tim. 1:6). And it brought to my mind the admonition that Peter gave in what would also be his last epistle: “Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble” (2 Pt. 1:10). Dozens of verses can be found in the epistles, all of which take up the same theme. Maintaining one’s faith requires effort.

This was the focal point in the Bible study that Deb and I host at our house every Tuesday night. We took the lesson from Heb. 3:6 which says, “...whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.” Not only does Scripture refute the doctrine of Eternal Security, or “once saved, always saved,” it makes clear to all of us that we have to make an effort to keep the faith that saves.

This past week I saw a video on the news of a man stepping outside with a boiling pot of water, tossing the water into the air and its instantaneously changing into snow. He was near the top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire and it was 35 degrees below zero. My first reaction was, “Hey, that’s kind of cool.” Then I thought, “Wow, that’s really cold.” And finally, “That guy’s crazy going outside in that kind of weather.” Consider that water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit; water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. That’s so cold that the water cooled down 180+ degrees in less than a second. The water froze because of a failure to maintain the fire. What can we do to maintain our spiritual fire?

Lesson #1: Much energy was needed to warm the water; but very little was needed to cool it. In order to

boil water one must have a significant energy source. It takes 398 BTUs to change frozen water to boiling water. Energy is required! To the contrary, however, to cool water down takes practically no energy at all. A flick of the wrist and the boiling water was frozen. This reminds me of Paul’s words to the church in Ephesus to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). Paul also said to the Galatians (5:6) that what avails is faith working (the Greek word ENERGEIO – energy!) through love. Even spiritually speaking, energy/effort/work is required in order to stay warm; but what is required to freeze? Just do nothing. Work, that is, the input of energy, is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.



Lesson #2: Together the water was warm; separated, it became cold. Those trillions of water molecules in that boiling pot stayed warm so long as they were in close proximity to each other; they kept warm off each other’s heat. However, once they dispersed they quickly cooled not having the company of their “brethren” to keep them warm. Ecclesiastes 4:11 says, “Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?” The story is told of the preacher who visits the un-attending member and, without a word, while sitting in front of the fireplace, merely pulls a coal out of the fire to watch it slowly die. Yet, putting it back in, the coal warms to a soft red glow again. We need to exhort one another daily and not forsake our assembling together! (Hebrews 3:13, 10:25) Togetherness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #3: Someone “stirred” the pot. That water didn’t become snow without someone agitating the pot! If the pot had been left on the fire it would have stayed warm, but it was moved, stirred, agitated. This resulted in the decrease of heat and the increase of cold. Agitation in the church often has the same results. Paul told the church at Philippi, “Do all things without murmurings and disputings” (Philippians 2:14). He said in Colossians 3:13 “Forbearing one another, and forgiving

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one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Instead of murmuring and quarrelling we need to practice forgiveness to keep ourselves warm and lively. Forgiveness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

We all know what it means when a body has "assumed room temperature." Warmth equals life. Cold equals death. Let us do all to avoid assuming room temperature and do everything in our power to maintain our spiritual fire!
—by Kevin Cauley

When you own your own faith in Christ and in His church, you'll exert great effort; but the effort is worth it and God will supply you with all the strength you'll need (Philp. 4:19). Keep studying and keep serving! ©DC Brown ©2014

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.*

KEPT IN PRAYER

DC Brown is having a back procedure today.

Kaliya Kelly had successful surgery on September 23 and is recuperating at home.

Clifton (Cliff) Ragland, Virginia Visel's cousin, has two aneurysms and is scheduled for surgery this morning at Veterans Hospital in Arkansas.

Shirley Wheeler, Maresha Scarsdale's mother, is recuperating at her daughter's home in Bartlesville OK. She is doing better.

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**.

October

- 1 **Wednesday Night with the Master** - Meal is served at 6 PM in the Annex; menu is fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert.
- 6 **Secret Sisters** - 6:30 PM - Location to be determined.
- 11 **Ladies' Prayer Breakfast** - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 11 **Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting** - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
- 13-17 **Meals on Wheels** - See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 13 **Golden Agers' Luncheon** - 11:30 AM - Annex



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**.



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 Birthdays

- 24 Ricky Pearson
- 26 John Sloan
- 30 Lianne Biegay

October Birthdays

- 1 Brenda Riggs
- 4 Libby Clayton
- 6 Sheila Banyai
- 8 Ginny Lindelof
- 10 Mary Means
- 16 Clifford Layton
- 16 Joy Sloan
- 17 Martha Cain
- 20 Paul Dillon
- 20 Susan Lenamon
- 20 Angela Parker
- 24 Minnie Harris
- 27 Sarah Adams
- 27 Jerri Farmer
- 28 Steven Cuellar
- 29 Jimmy Terry

September Anniversaries

- 30 David & Brenda Blair

October Anniversaries

- 2 Clifford & Nina Layton
- 5 Lynn & Lucille Adams
- 21 Paul & April Cartwright
- 28 Dwight & Leah Bateman
- 29 James & Laurie Maxcey