

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening October 8	Wednesday Evening October 15
Building Lock Up — Fabian	Building Lock Up — Lindelof

Morning Worship October 12	Morning Worship October 19
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Lynn Adams
Song Leader Craig Williams	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Demetris Kelly	<b>Presiding:</b> Bob Williams
Nathan Scarsdale Tom Langford	Charlie Layton James Maxcey
Kent Wroe Matthew Fabian	Phil Godwin Daniel Brown
Bobby Parker Jeremy Brown	Brandon Stafford Russell Genaro
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey Dallas Maxcey	Molly Godwin Nina Layton
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Daniel Brown, Warren Hudman, Clifford Layton	*Logan Lindelof, Jacob Carriere, Matthew Fabian
Greeters	Greeters
Lynn & Lucille Adams	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Debbie Brown, Sheila Banyai	Debbie Brown, Sheila Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Bobby Parker, N Scarsdale	Communion Charlie Layton, James Maxcey
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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**Charlie Story**  
**Bob Williams**

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**Paul Cartwright** Youth & Family Minister

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**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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# The Pearland Harvester

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## TRUST ISSUES

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In January of this year the *Huffington Post* ran an article that chronicled the decline of trust in America. It wasn't about decreasing levels of trust in the government, religion, or Wall Street; the fact is that more and more Americans are convinced that they can't trust other people.

A poll conducted annually (the General Social Survey), indicates that our society has become more and more distrustful of one another each year. Half of those surveyed in 1972 indicated that most people can be trusted. Today, less than a third agreed with that opinion.

Examples of distrust included not trusting the clerk who swipes your credit card, other drivers you share the road with, and anyone you meet when traveling.

The thrust of the article was to show that the lack of "social trust" is harmful to society. We are more litigious than ever before. We have far less interaction socially. Bowling leagues are on the decline because people are reluctant to be in a social setting with those they don't already know. The simplest business transactions now require multipage contracts. Neighborhoods are largely made up of people who don't know those who live two doors down the street. The number of gated communities is on the rise. Factors contributing to the declining levels of trust included an increase in crime, the heightened awareness of scammers brought about by television and the internet, and a high divorce rate. The less we trust each other, the less likely we'll be willing to help someone in need.

Trusting the other guy has always been a dicey thing. The Psalmist wrote, "Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation" (Ps. 146:3). I believe the thrust of this argument is that even those who have power and wealth aren't able to be there for you when you need them to be. A prince might feel responsible for his

citizens, but he will at times be incapable of delivering on their trust.

It seems that you can't even trust yourself. "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered" (Prov. 28:26). "...Lean not on your own understanding...Do not be wise in your own eyes..." (Prov. 3:5,7). "There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death" (Prov. 16:25).



If you can't trust the other guy, whom can you trust? You can always trust in the Lord! Before you think to yourself "Everybody knows that," think about how often the message of trusting in God is dealt with in Scripture. Nor is it just the repetition of that message, recall also that virtually every occurrence of the message is directed toward those who should already know that God is worthy of trust! You would think that, among Christians, confidence and trust in the Lord are cherished and never forsaken. Yet, it is to Christians that the inspired writers of the New Testament issue a constant plea to trust in Him. "...for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?" (Heb. 13:5,6).

The article cited above went on to describe the downward spiral of mistrust. We become jaded, cynical, and incapable of trusting others. True, trust in self and trust in others are often betrayed; but trust in the Lord will never be misplaced! When we model that trust in our lives, those who've lost all hope of finding someone trustworthy will find the Lord. Trusting in Him can touch more hearts than just your own!

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2014

YOUTH EVENTS



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER, DELORES TRUELOVE

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KEPT IN PRAYER

Evelyn Lawhon is back at Colonial Oaks.

Doris Stuteville has requested our prayers. She has been very ill and was in the hospital 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, 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, Dewayne Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sheryl Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

October

- 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.
- 20 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex (Change in date)

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.



Fall Festival

Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
2-4 PM

Children are welcome in costume  
Carnival Games, Crafts, Snacks and Fun

If you would like to sign up to help or donate  
candy please see the list in the Foyer.



October Birthdays

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|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 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     |

October Anniversaries

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

If you didn't get a cookbook from the first run and would like to have one (or more), please sign the list on the bulletin board and indicate how many you want. The second printing will be done in November. Please see Jean Nudelman if you have any questions.