

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening October 15	Wednesday Evening October 22
Building Lock Up — Lindelof	Building Lock Up — G Adams

Morning Worship October 19		Morning Worship October 26	
Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Craig Williams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Bob Williams		Presiding: Gary Adams	
Charlie Layton	James Maxcey	Nathan Scarsdale	Derek Mauney
Phil Godwin	Daniel Brown	Bobby Parker	Jeremy Brown
Brandon Stafford	Russell Genaro	Paul Hamilton	Matthew Fabian
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Molly Godwin	Nina Layton	Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Logan Lindelof, Jacob Carriere, Matthew Fabian		*Daniel Brown, Warren Hudman, Rick Nudelman	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
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—G Adams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Communion	Charlie Layton, James Maxcey	Communion	Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale

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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RULES FOR BIBLE STUDY

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Figurative language is something that we all use every day. We intend that these expressions should be understood as metaphoric, and we expect the listener to understand that a figure of speech intends to emphasize a truth. For example: *As we listened to her argument, no one dared to mention the 800 lb. gorilla in the room.* A bit too obvious? Not any more so than the obvious figurative language used throughout the New Testament, which is so often forced to be taken literally.

How can we know that a word or an expression found in Scripture is to be understood figuratively? Here are five simple rules:

1. An expression should be taken literally unless its obvious meaning won't allow a literal interpretation. Peter writes, "Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you" (NKJV) or "... as long as I am in this tabernacle..." (KJV). He was not writing from inside either a tent or a tabernacle. The context indicates that he spoke of his body and simply meant that, as long as he was alive, he would remind them of certain things.
2. An expression should be taken literally unless doing so would be impossible. Jesus once said, "...allow the dead to bury their own dead" (Mt. 8:22).
3. An expression should be taken literally unless it demands action that is ethically wrong. Jesus stated as a condition of discipleship that one must hate his own father and mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life (Lk. 14:26). Clearly Jesus did not demand

that Christianity requires hating everyone but Him!

4. An expression should be taken literally unless it contradicts biblical teaching. The previous passage, if taken literally, contradicts statements like, "...husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies..." (Eph. 5:28) and "The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now" (1 Jn. 2:9).
5. An expression should be taken figuratively if the context instructs us to. When Jesus cleansed the temple in Jerusalem the first time, He was challenged by the Jews who wanted a sign to validate His authority to do so. Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (Jn. 2:19). They mistook His meaning and said, "...It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body" (Jn. 2:20,21).

Obviously, Scriptures contain many figures of speech to illustrate, explain, and emphasize spiritual truth. And, just as obvious is the fact that we can recognize these figures of speech and draw the intended conclusions. But when we refuse to do so, we usually add error to our confusion. If we recognize that Jesus is not literally a door (Jn. 10:9), why is it impossible to recognize the metaphors in the Revelation? If they must be literal, why isn't Jn. 10:9? Scripture is given for instruction. Therefore we can discern the truth by rightly dividing the word of God. Of course, it will require study on our part; but then we're commanded to do that (2 Tim. 2:15).

Keep studying and keep serving! ⚡DC Brown ©2014



YOUTH EVENTS



Saturday, October 18 - Eat and Hang - Meet at the Annex at 6 PM. Bring money for a fast-food meal, and come prepared to spend some time together.

Sunday, October 19 - Teen Devo at the Cartwrights' house following PM services.



Fall Festival

Saturday October 25th
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.



Faith In Action is December 6. Our goal is to collect blankets, stocking caps, and socks to help 100 people. Donations can be dropped off in the youth room. Please direct any questions to Paul Cartwright.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Claudia Martin was sent to Memorial Hermann Southeast this morning for tests.

Annette Bumpers requested prayers for her husband, Norman, who has multiple health issues.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bryce Thompson, 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, 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

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

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.

TEMPORARY ADDRESS:

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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.