

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening December 10	Wednesday Evening December 17
Building Lock Up — Cartwright	Building Lock Up — G Adams

Morning Worship December 14	Morning Worship December 21
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Zach Williams
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale	Presiding: Chris Lindelof
Kent Wroe Rick Nudelman	Russell Genaro Demetris Kelly
Charlie Layton Nathan Scarsdale	James Maxcey Paul Hamilton
Logan Lindelof Derek Mauney	Matthew Fabian Bob Williams
Announcements Gary Adams	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Molly Godwin Nina Layton	Laurie Maxcey Dallas Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Jeremy Brown, Jacob Carriere, Ike Atkins	*Daniel Brown, Warren Hudman, Phil Godwin
Greeters	Greeters
Lynn & Lucille Adams	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Whitmire, Riggs, Banyai	Whitmire, Riggs, Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Bobby Parker	Song Leader Craig Williams
Communion Charlie Layton, Logan Lindelof	Communion James Maxcey, M Fabian
Closing Prayer Gary Adams	Closing Prayer Gary Adams

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Demetris Kelly
Rick Nudelman
Bobby Parker
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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FAITH IN ACTION 2014

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This past Saturday our congregation, along with several others in the area, participated in our annual Faith In Action campaign. In this campaign, Pearland partners with other area congregations and the Impact Church of Christ to meet the needs of the homeless people living on the streets of inner-city Houston. The thrust of our campaign this year was to meet, pray with, and distribute blankets and other items to these outdoorsmen. Generally, after a campaign of this magnitude, it is the accepted practice to give a report to the congregation; but since this campaign is an annual event and most of you are aware of what went on this past Saturday, a report of that nature would not be all that interesting to you. I have decided to use this article to share with you some of the spiritual benefits of participating in this campaign annually. I would encourage you to seek out someone who participated in the campaign this year and talk to them about their experience during Faith In Action.

#1 Cross-Generational Ministry

In our group from Pearland, the ages covered a wide spectrum: Emma was the youngest at four and our oldest participant was Chris Lindelof at ...well, you get the point, with all ages in between. It was a blessing to stand back and watch our adult members of the congregation partner with the teens and children of the congregation, working towards a common goal. To hear these older men teaching the next generation to lead a prayer with someone they have never met before was comforting and heartwarming. If we are going to prepare the next generation to take up the mantle of leadership in the church, then activities like these are essential. The Psalmist wrote, **“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.”** Psalm 145:4. In order for this to happen, we have to bridge the gap between the generations.

#2 Pure Religion

James wrote **“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in**

their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” James 1:27.

This past Saturday we met many people that were widowed and orphaned and ministered to them through prayer and meeting some of their physical needs. Someone once said that the great ones “practice the fundamentals,” and I believe this past Saturday that is what we were doing. Far too often, we get caught up in the minutia of our own day-to-day activities and even allow our faith to become lost in the background. Activities like Faith In Action help us to refocus and to practice that pure and undefiled religion.

#3 Sharing Burdens

Two days before we were supposed to participate in this campaign, the youth minister from Angleton had to put his young daughter into the hospital as she was suffering with pneumonia. It became evident very quickly that he would not be able to attend Faith In Action and that his teens might not be able to attend either. After a few phone calls and the servant’s heart, Chris Lindelof and I were able to share that burden with Chris Dunning and take his teens to Faith In Action. The relationship that exists between the ministers in this area is a good example of the principle that Paul tried to teach us in his letters when he wrote **“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”** Galatians 6:2. By the way, Chris Dunning’s little girl is home and doing much better!

I want to end this article by thanking all of you for your generous donations to this wonderful campaign. Each year we put the word out, and each year we meet and exceed our goal. That is a testament to this congregation’s loving spirit. Thank you, Chris Lindelof, and the other adults who stepped in and drove the teens and transported our donated goods to Impact for this campaign and for all that you do to support the youth ministry here. December 2015 isn’t too far away; and I am sure, Lord willing, we will participate in this campaign again next year. Please make plans to be a part of Faith In Action 2015!

Be Strong and Courageous,
Paul



YOUTH EVENTS



December 13 - Fruit bag assembly for our widows and widowers will be in the Annex this Saturday. We will assemble at 1 PM; hope to see all the teens there for this wonderful activity .

The new pocket directories are in the foyer.

Current address for Delores Truelove:

Tuscany Village Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
2750 Miller Ranch Rd Rm #504
Pearland TX 77584

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of our brother **Claude Anderson**, who passed away on December 5, 2014. Funeral services were held yesterday at Clayton Funeral Home, and interment will be in Bastrop TX today.

Lela Farmer will be meeting with her doctor later this month to discuss her test results.

Von Knight will continue to be treated medically. He appreciates all of the prayers and encouragement.

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, Betty Pridgen, Doris Stuteville, Delores Truelove.
Shut-In: Libby Clayton **Others:** Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Adams is our contact elder for December. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.

December

- 11 Secret Sisters End-of -Year Party - 6:30 PM - Jean Coe's house. Meal will be potluck. Please bring meat, sides, or desserts. You'll discover who your Secret Sister was! If you would like to ride on the van, please be at the Annex at 6 PM.
- 12 Congregation Christmas Party - 6-8 PM - Annex. Meat will be provided. Please bring your favorite Christmas dish and a gift for white elephant (\$15 limit).
- 13 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room

Communion Preparation and Audio-Projector-Video sign-up sheets for 2015 are on the bulletin board.

December Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 6 | Susan Peters | 7 | Jacob Carriere |
| 12 | Harold Moore | 16 | Chase Shelton |
| 18 | Kaliya Kelly | 21 | Bryan Hudman |
| 24 | Davy May | 24 | Bob Williams |
| 27 | Haley Biegay | 27 | Matthew Fabian |
| 31 | Jessica Bouillion | 31 | Maresha Scarsdale |
| 31 | Loma Stone | | |

December Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Jeremy & Heather Brown | 9 | Ricky & Janice Pearson |
| 19 | Chris & Susan Peters | 27 | Rick & Jean Nudelman |
| 27 | Bob & Mitzi Williams | | |