

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening January 21	Wednesday Evening January 28
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Cartwright

Morning Worship January 25	Morning Worship February 1
Opening Prayer Lynn Adams	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Chris Lindelof	Presiding: Gheath Alatrash
Matthew Fabian Craig Williams	Jacob Carriere Logan Lindelof
Bobby Parker Rick Nudelman	Charlie Story Kent Wroe
Charlie Layton Nathan Scarsdale	Phil Godwin Zach Williams
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Tracey Mauney Angela Parker	Laurie Maxcey Dallas Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Daniel Brown, Clifford Layton, Paul Hamilton	*Bob Williams, Rick Nudelman, Warren Hudman
Greeters	Greeters
Lynn & Lucille Adams	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Williams, Banyai	Mauney, Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Demetris Kelly	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader Bobby Parker	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale	Communion Charlie Story, 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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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
Lewis Romain

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TREASURE

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When I was a little boy, I had dreams of becoming an archeologist. I wanted to go on a dig and discover a lost breed of dinosaur, spend weeks at a time diving the depths of the ocean exploring shipwrecks, or even dig up a treasure chest left from a long-lost pirate. I guess it is this fascination with lost treasure that caught my attention a few weeks ago when a Revolutionary War time capsule was unearthed from its resting place in the Massachusetts State House.

Contained in this time capsule were several newspapers of the era, coins from the 13 colonies, and an engraving plate thought to be made by Paul Revere himself. The treasures in this time capsule give us a glimpse into the lives of men like Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and several other patriots that helped to shape our country.

Reading this story reminds me of the days when I wanted to be an archeologist searching for buried treasure, but then I remember that I have already found the most valuable treasure that anyone has ever found.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The treasure Paul is speaking of here is the Gospel and the gift of salvation given freely by Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. As Christians, this treasure is ours to possess and to share with those around us who have not yet become Christians. Like an archeologist, you must search for this treasure, but not with a shovel and

pickaxe. Rather, you must search the word of God with the same diligence as those who unearthed and studied the treasures found in the time capsule in Boston.

I wish I could tell you that the story of the time capsule ends with treasures found inside being preserved in a museum or placed in a traveling exhibit where you might be able to see them for yourself, but that would be a lie. The contents of the time capsule will be on display for a time but will eventually be placed back into another time capsule and put back in the cornerstone of the State House for another generation to unearth. As someone who loves history and used to want to be an archeologist, this frustrates me to no end. As a Christian and a minister, I see a dangerous parallel in our fellowship.

As previously mentioned, the Gospel and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ are treasures that we are blessed to possess. When we first find this treasure, we are excited; and we tell those that we know about our newfound discovery. But as the years go on, we tend to put this treasure back into the box we found it in and hope that another generation will discover it. Jesus knew that this was a possibility and, knowing that, said the following words.

Matthew 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

If you're a Christian reading this article, understand that you have discovered the greatest treasure ever and don't put it back in the box. If you are not yet a Christian, I invite you to go on a treasure hunt and discover what God has in store for you. Let's keep digging into God's word to find the treasures therein!

Be Strong and Courageous,
Paul



YOUTH EVENTS



January 25, 2015 - Teen Devo at the Cartwrights' house following PM services.

Ladies - Come Join a Visitation Team!

We are forming visitation teams to visit the sick and shut-in of our congregation. You can either form your own team or Sheila can form them. Starting in March, each team will receive the names of two people (along with current address and phone number) to visit during the month. The timing of the visit is whenever is convenient for the team and the people being visited.

If you would like to join, please email Sheila the following information:

- Your Team Name
- Your Name
- Your Email

If you have questions or want more information, contact Sheila: sheilakaybanyai@icloud.com or 281-799-4548.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the following families:

Our sister, **Sandy Arnold**, passed away January 17, 2015. A memorial service will be held at our building at 11 AM on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Bobby Dees, Daisy's son, passed away January 15, 2015. There will be a memorial and celebration of life service at 11 AM on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the Jacinto City Town Center—Community Center, 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City TX. There will be a potluck luncheon following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department or the Glacier National Park Observatory.

Mrs. **Rusty Searcy**, a former member here, passed away January 19, 2015, in Austin. Family visitation will be Friday, January 23, 2015, from 5 PM to 8 PM at Crowder Funeral Home in Pearland. The funeral service will be at 1 PM on Saturday, January 24, 2015, also at Crowder.

Jim Spaw passed away this morning. Jim was the husband of Barbara (Shock) Spaw, a former member here.

Vi Price is still in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She will be undergoing rehab. Visitors would be appreciated.

Delores Truelove is having knee replacement surgery on February 3, 2015, at Texas Orthopedic Hospital.

Norman Bumpers is suffering from congestive heart failure.

Jan Lemoine has asked for prayers for the health of two ladies whom she met at Tuscany and is studying with: **Betty Little** and **Diana Gill**.

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, Wanda Knight, Brenda Langford, Evelyn Lawhon, Jan Lemoine, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Doris Stuteville, Delores Truelove. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Robert Holmes, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for **January**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Greg**. **Chris Lindelof** will be the contact elder for **February**.

February 2015

- 2 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM. Details to follow.
- 2-6 Meals on Wheels. See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 4 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu TBD.
- 9 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 14 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.

There are still 2 months to be filled for Communion Preparation and 4 months to be filled for Audio-Projector-Video.

January Birthdays

- 21 Donald Mickan
- 22 Cameron Alatrash
- 25 Ethan Brown
- 29 Dawn Bell
- 30 Lindsay Parker

February Birthdays

- 5 Brandon Stafford
- 7 Leah Bateman
- 9 Paul Cartwright
- 12 Gary Adams
- 15 Jo Knight
- 17 Gene Forster
- 20 Bethany Atkins
- 21 Candice Dobson
- 27 Everett Brown
- 27 Gretchen Whitmire

February Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Peggy Chisum
- 9 John & Joy Sloan
- 14 Harold & Alice Moore