

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening January 28	Wednesday Evening February 4
Building Lock Up—Cartwright	Building Lock Up—G Adams WNWTM

Morning Worship February 1		Morning Worship February 8	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Zach Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Gheath Alatrash		Presiding: James Maxcey	
Jacob Carriere	Logan Lindelof	Craig Williams	Tom Langford
Charlie Story	Kent Wroe	Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian
Phil Godwin	Zach Williams	Demetris Kelly	Paul Hamilton
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey	Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*N Scarsdale, Rick Nudelman, Warren Hudman		*Jeremy Brown, Lynn Adams, Daniel Brown	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Williams, Banyai		Mauney, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	James Maxcey	Opening Prayer	Bob Williams
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Story, Logan Lindelof	Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	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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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
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STOP STEALING FROM THE BIBLE

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Let's take a little five-verse test before getting into the point of today's article. Weigh your thoughts and see what comes to mind when you read these verses.

1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." – Genesis 1:1
2. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." – John 3:16
3. "Judge not, that you be not judged." – Matthew 7:1
4. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God..." – Ephesians 2:8
5. "...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." – Romans 10:9-10

If you're anything like me, you might have thought something like the following on any or all of these verses:

1. Refutes atheists and evolutionists
2. Yeah, but it's not only about believing
3. Don't take that verse out of context, we have to judge!
4. But don't forget about the importance of baptism
5. Confessing is only part of the equation

Most of the the sermons and classes I've heard, along with many of the articles I've read by those in the church, come at these verses from the angles I described. If, like me, one of those thoughts came to mind for you upon reading those verses, we've got work to do.

See, the Bible wasn't written to refute the people who disagree with us, it was written that we all might be taught, reproved, corrected, and trained (2 Timothy 3:17). When we come to a verse and immediately go on the defensive, trying to explain what it doesn't say, we are in danger of missing what it does say and stealing the true, inspired power from it. To use Ephesians 2:8 as an example – just because John Calvin and others have taught it falsely doesn't mean that we have to skim over the beauty of what the verse is saying. We have been saved by grace through faith. That's not an incorrect statement or something we need to supplement by jumping to Acts 2:38 or any other verse. We need to let each verse speak for itself. Ephesians 2:8 is no less true than 1 Peter 3:21.

I'm not going to get into the context of each of the verses mentioned above or discuss every single verse that we often look at defensively. The point is, a proper understanding of the Bible starts with what it meant to the original readers. Then, we take the principles of what was said to them and apply them to ourselves. Yes, the Bible helps us refute false claims, but that's not its original purpose. It's not good enough for our understanding of a verse to be merely "not wrong," we need to understand it correctly. Instead of telling people what a verse *doesn't* mean, we need to realize how much more powerful it is to tell them what it *does* mean. Let's stop robbing the Scriptures of their true power to only get a watered-down understanding that refutes someone else. Instead, let's let them speak and say everything they were meant to say.

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YOUTH EVENTS



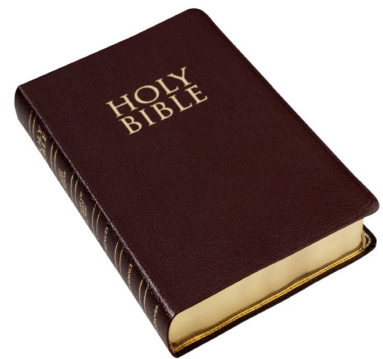
Ladies - Come Join a Visitation Team!

We are forming visitation teams to visit the sick and shut-in of our congregation. You can either form your own team or Sheila Banyai 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.



Attention, Ladies:

A Ladies Bible Study will begin on February 11, 2015, at 10 AM at Leah Bateman's house and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The topic of the study is the book of Proverbs. The first chapter will be covered on February 11. Please read and study the chapter before class. The class will be included in our bulletin calendar each month.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of our brother, **Neil Barnhill**, who passed away January 22, 2015. Services were held today at Clayton Funeral Home.

Von Knight is still at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, but hopes to go home today.

Two of our members are currently in St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital:

Lela Farmer is in Room 2161 - Bed 1.

Alice Moore is in ICU.

Harold Moore is also in need of prayers.

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

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David & Libby 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. **Others:** Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Robert Holmes, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Shery 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 - Carino's (Silverlake Village Drive). Patricia Stafford and Brenda Riggs are the hostesses.
- 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 is fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert.
- 9 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 11 Ladies Bible Study -10 AM - Leah Bateman's house - Proverbs 1. Please read and study chapter before class.
- 14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 14 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
- 25 Ladies Bible Study -10 AM - Leah Bateman's house - Proverbs 2. Please read and study chapter before class.



SUPER BOWL WATCHING FELLOWSHIP
 FEBRUARY 1, 2015 - 5:20 PM - ANNEX
 GAME WILL BE PAUSED FOR SERVICES IN AUDITORIUM AT 6 PM AND THEN RESUMED
 CHILI, HOT DOGS, BUNS, CHIPS, & THE USUAL "FIXIN'S" WILL BE PROVIDED
 BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS TO SHARE

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

There are still months to be filled for both activities.

January Birthdays

- 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