

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening April 8	Wednesday Evening April 15
Building Lock Up—Fabian	Building Lock Up—Cartwright

Morning Worship April 12		Morning Worship April 19	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	Ike Atkins
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Craig Williams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Charlie Layton		Presiding: James Maxcey	
Ike Atkins	Phil Godwin	Chris Lindelof	Nathan Scarsdale
Maverick Lemus	Charlie Story	Bob Williams	Demetris Kelly
Logan Lindelof	Matthew Fabian	Daniel Brown	Jeremy Brown
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Laurie Maxcey		Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Rick Nudelman, Josh Hundley		*Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams, Tom Langford	
Greeters		Greeters	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Whitmire, Riggs, Banyai		Whitmire, Riggs, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Communion	Logan Lindelof, Charlie Story	Communion	Bob Williams, N Scarsdale
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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Rick Nudelman
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Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

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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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WHY DID GOD ALLOW THIS?

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Surely every Christian has asked that question, and asked it many times over the course of a lifetime. Sickness, tragic accidents, birth defects, national catastrophes, crimes against the innocent ... the list goes on. “Why did God allow this to happen?” is a question that even the most faithful saint struggles with. There does not seem to be a “one size fits all” answer to the question that satisfies every circumstance.

Truth be told, sometimes the person asking the question doesn’t really want an answer that vindicates our loving and omnipotent Creator. Sometimes the question is merely a polite way to complain or justify a bitter heart. In those instances, no answer will satisfy. Yet, when hurting Christians ask the question with an honest but broken heart, the answers can be found. Answers like...

- *God allows evil to exist because He allows us to have free will.* Evil is a heart disease that manifests in words and actions (Mk. 7:21-23). The Lord taught those who would follow Him to ask the Father to “**deliver us from evil**” (Mt. 6:13). However, deliverance from evil is not the same as immunization from evil. We live in an evil age (Gal. 1:4), and our days are evil (Eph. 5:16). God does promise to provide a way of escape from temptations (1 Cor. 10:13). We are to put on the full armor of God that we might be able to resist in the evil day (Eph. 6:13), and He will rescue the faithful from evil (2 Tim. 4:18); but He does not insulate us from any and all occurrence of evil.
- *God will use our circumstances to His glory and to our spiritual well-being if we trust in Him.* Job is the case study for this truth. But throughout Scripture, we can see the same principle in the lives of people. Esther and Mordecai were living in captivity in an idolatrous land, but God used their unfortunate

circumstances for good (Est. 4:14). And who could forget about the evil and treachery dealt to Joseph, yet in time he understood that God used his circumstances for good (Gen. 50:20). Paul also knew this to be true in his own life (Phlp. 1:12; 4:11,12). Don’t forget that Paul wrote that epistle while wearing the chains of a prisoner!



How many came to Jesus during His earthly ministry because an illness or other tragedy came upon them? Would they have turned to Him if those things hadn’t happened? Would the lepers or the lame or the blind have ignored Jesus and missed an opportunity to believe if they weren’t in miserable circumstances? Have you let your situation draw you closer to God?

From innocent Abel, to unfortunate Mephibosheth, and all the way through to Zaccheus, the little man, God has delivered and/or cared for those whose circumstances in life aren’t fair. Men took the lives of some, like Abel, or took away the future of some, like Mephibosheth; yet God blessed them in spite of these things. Abel, though dead, speaks today (Heb. 11:4). Mephibosheth, crippled and dispossessed, ate at David’s table (2 Sm. 9:13). Zaccheus had hardly a friend (that money couldn’t buy) and a physical condition that limited him in so many ways. Yet he wanted to see Jesus, and that desire and determination changed his life! God told Judah that in spite of the captivity they were to endure, He knew the plans He had for their welfare and their hope (Jer. 29:11).

We can’t know all that God plans for our future, but we can know that He is faithful to keep His promises. No matter what the circumstances of our lives may be, the outcome for those who trust in him is certain. Solomon was right to instruct us in this manner: “**In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight**” (Prov. 3:6).

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2015

YOUTH EVENTS



Camp Bandina is June 7-13, 2015, for 7th-12th graders. Please see Paul for applications.

Seniors Sunday is scheduled for May 17, 2015. There will be a luncheon following our morning services to honor our 2015 high school graduates.

Congratulations to Hannah Atkins, who has been accepted into Harding University!

The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of April 13-17, 2015. We need to collect the following:



- 50 Liquid Laundry Detergent (large)
- 30 Body Wash (bottles)
- 10 Dish Soap (large bottles—90 oz.)

Please bring your items by Sunday, April 12. Let's have a generous donation.



The church-wide encampment is set for April 17-19, 2015, at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. You will need to make your own reservations. At last check, there were plenty of campsites available for that weekend. Overnight cost per campsite is \$20. We hope we have a big turnout.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Le Dell Johnson is still in need of prayers.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Leona Anderson, Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David & Libby Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, 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, Mary Means, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Doris Stuteville, Delores Truelove. Others: Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Richard Fairservice, Marjorie Garrison, Robert Holmes, Carol Jackman, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Bill Severn, Rick Stone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

April 2015

- 11 Ladies Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 11 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 13 Golden Agers' Luncheon—TBD
- 22 Ladies Bible Study -10 AM - Annex - Proverbs 6. Please read and study chapter before class.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings at our Annex on Friday, April 17, 2015. Flyers are in the foyer. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

NEW ADDRESS:

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April Birthdays

- 2 Morgan Cuellar
- 3 Dianne Westmoreland
- 7 Elaine Genaro
- 13 Tracey Mauney
- 16 Brenton Cook
- 19 Michael Terry
- 25 Lacey Gartrell
- 28 Noelle Holmes
- 2 Derek Mauney
- 7 Jack Chisum
- 13 Shawn Cravens
- 14 Jean Coe
- 19 Hannah Atkins
- 23 Charlie Story
- 28 Lucille Adams
- 30 Angela Terry

April Anniversaries

- 7 Morris & Berna Dyes
- 9 Orlando & Amy Cuellar
- 19 Chuck & Sheila Banyai
- 7 John & Lacey Gartrell
- 11 Douglas & Doris Teague
- 25 Josh & Ashley Hundley