

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening April 22	Wednesday Evening April 29
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Williams

Morning Worship April 26		Morning Worship May 3	
Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Opening Prayer	Brandon Stafford
Song Leader	Craig Williams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Greg Fabian		Presiding: Demetris Kelly	
Charlie Story	Matthew Fabian	Tom Langford	Bobby Parker
Jacob Carriere	Charlie Layton	Derek Mauney	Nathan Scarsdale
Zack Williams	Maverick Lemus	Kevin Scarsdale	Paul Hamilton
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Tracey Mauney	Angela Parker	Nina Layton	Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Russell Genaro, Clifford Layton, Rick Nudelman		*Daniel Brown, Jeremy Brown, Logan Lindelof	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Whitmire, Riggs, Banyai		Williams, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Zack Williams, Charlie Story	Communion	Derek Mauney, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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ELDERS

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DEACONS

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
Lewis Romain

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A TREE OR A FOREST?

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The church-wide camping trip was very relaxing; and, all things considered, we campers stayed a lot drier than those who stayed home due to weather concerns. Beautiful days with temps in the high 70's and low 80's were spent in a park that was greener than I've ever seen. The lake was full, and we saw people catching fish from the shore. Our fellowship was great and so were the meals. We ate breakfast burritos, steaks, baked potatoes, homemade desserts, enchilada stack, ice cream, and snacks. Worship service on Sunday was uplifting, and the singing was very good. All in all, it was a great trip. We hope more will take advantage of these events.

One morning I was standing at the edge of the lake in an area with dozens of cypress trees standing out in the water, while pine trees crowded the shoreline. Looking down at the water's edge, I was amazed at the amount of tree roots and the way they grew together and interlocked. Erosion, high winds, heavy rains, and floods could do their best; but it isn't likely that those trees will be falling to the ground.

As we were coming back into Pearland on Pearland Parkway, we saw at least a dozen oak trees in the esplanade that had been uprooted in the recent storms. Some were lying on the ground with their root balls completely exposed. Others were leaning at extreme angles with much of their root balls exposed. Most of those trees were planted in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike in 2008. They were planted to the proper depth and in a rich soil mixture to ensure healthy growth. Each had been staked with four guy wires each. Driving along, we could see the wires still tied to the tree trunks. The

base of each tree had been properly mulched every year. An in-ground sprinkler system allowed each tree to be watered on a regular basis. The parks department fertilized, mowed, and weeded; and it pruned and looked after those trees just as it had been doing for at least six years. Yet for all of that planning, planting, care, and effort, they still went down in the recent rains.



Perhaps the biggest contributing factor to their demise is that they were planted for aesthetics and low maintenance. They stand alone like single sentries at designated posts. Intentionally, there are great distances between each tree. There is no possibility, nor will there ever be, for the root systems of these trees to grow together and interlock to form a root foundation so interwoven and strong that no April showers will ever wash them out of the ground.

Too many Christians prefer to be like single trees that are never too close to another tree. They get to stand out and look pleasing in fair weather; but when storms come, they fall first! Fellowship may be messy at times because we all have our warts, and all of us have been scarred and disfigured. But growing together does not stunt growth or impede progress; it strengthens each one of us.

As much as we might like the image of the lone oak standing on the hill, we really weren't designed to stand alone. None of us attempting it will succeed. But when we stand together and get involved with one another, we form bonds; and we are difficult to break. A support system keeps all of us thriving and growing ever taller and stronger. **Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ** (Galatians 6:2).

Keep studying and keep serving! D.C. Brown ©2015

YOUTH EVENTS



Camp Bandina is June 7-13, 2015, for 7th-12th graders. Scholarships are available. Please see Paul for applications and scholarships.

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



Landon Parker Brown was legally adopted by Sarah Brown on April 17, 2015. Congratulations to the entire family on this very special event!

KEPT IN PRAYER

Dorris Honeycutt is still at St. Luke's Patients Medical Center in Pasadena TX. She has received several blood transfusions, is taking antibiotics, and is undergoing tests.

Wanda Kirby has a lot of pain in her right leg and has been unable to be with us at worship services. She is undergoing tests and hopes to be back with us mid-May.

Evelyn Lawhon is back at Colonial Oaks.

Douglas Teague is at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital today for a lung biopsy. He and Doris don't know how long they will be in the hospital.

Anna Young, Kaliya Kelly's mother, is scheduled for surgery tomorrow, April 23, at St. Joseph Hospital (downtown location).

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. **Greg Fabian** will be the contact elder for May.

May 2015

- 2 Church-wide Cookout & Singing—6 PM –Annex Parking Lot
- 4 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Cracker Barrel, 11019 Shadow Creek Pkwy, Pearland TX 77584. Jean Nudelman and Gretchen Whitmire are hostesses; all ladies are welcome.
- 6 Wednesday Night with the Master—Meal will be served in the Annex at 6 PM. Menu is pizza, salad, and desserts.
- 9 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 9 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 13 Ladies Bible Study—10 AM—Annex. The book of Esther will be the subject matter, so please read it before this class.
- 17 Seniors Sunday Luncheon following AM services
- 25-29 Meals on Wheels—See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 27 Ladies Bible Study—10 AM—Annex.
- 31 Friends & Family Day



There is a draft of the pocket directory on the bulletin board. Please put a check mark by your name if the information is correct, or make changes if it is not. We would like to publish this information by mid-May, so please review by May 3.

April Birthdays

- 23 Charlie Story
- 28 Lucille Adams
- 30 Angela Terry

April Anniversaries

- 25 Josh & Ashley Hundley

May Birthdays

- 4 Josh Hundley
- 5 Karissa Bouillion
- 7 Peggy Story
- 8 Demetris Kelly I
- 9 Murrell Hill
- 13 Jeremy Cook
- 17 David Clayton
- 19 Adam Parker
- 20 Fran Barnhill
- 24 Morris Dyes
- 31 Atticus Brown
- 5 Charlene Bagwell
- 6 Hailey Hopkins
- 8 Heather Brown
- 9 Jean Adams
- 9 Janice Pearson
- 14 Daniel Brown
- 18 Audrey Nelson
- 19 Jojimon Puliampallil
- 20 David Blair
- 26 Gena Coe

May Anniversaries

- 5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof
- 13 Brandon & Patricia Stafford
- 14 Gary & Jean Adams
- 17 Derek & Tracey Mauney
- 18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
- 31 Bruce & Becky Hopkins