

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening September 9	Wednesday Evening September 16
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Adams

Morning Worship September 13	Morning Worship September 20
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Charlie Story
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Charlie Layton	Presiding: Bobby Parker
Tom Langford Ike Atkins	Josh Hundley Derek Mauney
Gheath Alatrash Demetris Kelly	Brandon Stafford Matthew Fabian
Jacob Carriere James Maxcey	Jojimon Puliypallil Nathan Scarsdale
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro	Laurie Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Zack Williams, Maverick Lemus, Russell Genaro	*Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, Daniel Brown
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Lynn & Lucille Adams
Audio—Projector—Video for AM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM
Williams, Banyai	Williams, Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Zack Williams, Maverick Lemus	Communion Brandon Stafford, B Parker
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	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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DEACONS

Demetris Kelly
Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

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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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SUNDAY NIGHT

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If this past Sunday evening proves typical of the immediate future, it was a great beginning! Moving to the Annex was a bold experiment. Change is something that we all embrace on an individual basis. We change up our routines at home. We like variety in what we eat, and we all get the occasional “wild hair” and shake things up a bit. Changing the times, the format, or the location of worship and assemblies on Sunday is an altogether different matter.

As was mentioned a week ago, Christians have always blended traditions with Scriptural injunctions without violating what has been written. We meet in a fixed, usually central, location by tradition. We use pews instead of rugs by tradition. We meet at standardized times by tradition. We begin services with a prayer instead of a hymn or the offering by tradition. All of these things are appropriate, and they serve us well in our desire to come together as a family to worship in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24).

The ability to separate in our minds what we are to do with what is a sound way of doing it is essential. Otherwise, we’ll soon fall into the trap of thinking that everything we do is a “Churches of Christ tradition.” That has been the oft-suggested, though incorrect, reasoning for singing without the accompaniment of a choir, or a band, or the piano. If we see the elements of worship as “our traditions,” we’ve lost the ability to see and then follow what God has commanded.

Furthermore, if our traditions become the determining factor, we’ll always struggle to meet the needs of our times. I don’t like the fact that younger generations don’t hold the same values that I hold

any more than my parents or grandparents did with regard to my generation. They didn’t like some of the hymns that my generation likes, and today I find myself in the same uncomfortable position. But changes in hymn styles are not inherently sinful. Changing the venue from the auditorium to the Annex isn’t sinful either. What we did last Sunday in the Annex would be impossible to replicate in the auditorium; yet, the experience is going to benefit our worship in the auditorium in the future.



I appreciate the boldness of the elders’ decision to make this move. Apparently quite a few others do as well. I set up the seating for slightly more than we typically have in attendance on any given Sunday night, and we filled almost every seat. We’ll plan for a larger crowd next week.

In the coming weeks, there will be a combination of instruction, singing new and old hymns, and, as was announced, regular lessons taught by the elders in a format that is less intimidating and far more intimate. In my dreams of the future, I see it as the place where our younger men first begin to deliver lessons and lead us in song or in prayer. I see a stronger bond of fellowship, and I see an opportunity to focus on topics and questions that are timely in ways that get all of us more engaged in the process. Of course, providing opportunities for obedience to the gospel, requesting prayers, and even providing opportunities for those who couldn’t share in the Lord’s Supper at the AM service are still offered.

I know that I’ll see you next Sunday morning, and I’m expectantly looking forward to seeing you Sunday night!

Keep studying and keep serving! ✍️ DC Brown ©2015

YOUTH EVENTS



There will be a devotional at DC & Debbie Brown's house for the young singles and young married couples on Friday, September 11, 2015, at 6 PM.

\$1,280 has been contributed to date for the Dominica disaster relief fund. If you would still like to contribute, please contact one of our elders or Bob Williams.



The dates for the Fall Campout are October 30–November 1, 2015. We will be camping at Cagle Recreational Area, which is 6 miles west of New Waverly on FM 1375. Take I-45 north to New Waverly and then FM 1375 west for 6 miles to Cagle Road. We will be in the 2nd loop of the park. All sites have water and electricity for tents and full hook-up for RVs. There are two nice bathhouses, hiking trails, and paved roads throughout. The campground is 80 miles north of Pearland. Each camper is responsible for making his own reservations. For those not wanting to camp out, the day trip is about 90 minutes each way. We encourage all members to consider taking advantage of this opportunity for fun and fellowship.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Sandy Stone's recent tests showed an area of concern on her heart. She is currently showing no symptoms and will have follow-up tests in 6 months.

Cecil Hollingshead, Minnie Harris's brother, had no residual effects from his recent stroke.

Betty Stafford, Brandon Stafford's grandmother, is in hospice at her home in Pryor, Oklahoma.

Frank Staten, Sandy Stone's boss, is undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He has returned to work, and his prognosis is good.

Continue to pray for the family of our brother in Christ, **Kevin Young, Jr.** Funeral services for Kevin were held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, David & Libby Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Murrell Hill, Christi Hines, Samuel Holmes, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Wanda Knight, Jan Lemoine, Mary Means, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Mary Alford, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Norman Bumpers, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Glenda Garner, Robert Holmes, Carol Jackman, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Myra Njoku, Jillian Polete, Cloey Pruitt, Kathy Reigh, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Betty Stafford, Frank Staten, Rick Stone, Douglas Teague, Stephanie Vaniec, Ingram & McIntosh families, Young family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for September. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.

September 2015

- 12 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 12 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 14 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—Von & Jo Knight's house, 3422 E Orange, Pearland TX 77581
- 14-18 Meals on Wheels. See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 23 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex.

There is a flyer on the bulletin board about the Ladies Day at Westside Church of Christ in Alvin. It will be held on September 19, 2015. RSVP by September 12.

There is a card on the bulletin board about the Ladies Day at Midway Church of Christ in Hitchcock. It will be held on October 3, 2015. More details later.

Please let Paul Cartwright know if you'd like a CD of the new songs we're learning.



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of October 5-9, 2015. We need to collect the following:

Liquid Laundry Detergent (large 150-wash size)
Please bring your items by Sunday, October 4. Arms of Hope did not specify quantity, but let's have a generous donation.

September Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Kenneth Cain | 2 | Danette Moss |
| 3 | Hugh Fletcher | 4 | Kristin Alatrash |
| 5 | Emma Cartwright | 5 | Janice Lemoine |
| 5 | Larry Truelove | 6 | Randy Knight |
| 7 | Cooper Gartrell | 7 | Maurya Hill |
| 8 | Rick Nudelman | 8 | Patricia Stafford |
| 14 | Dorothy Cherry | 16 | Samuel Holmes |
| 16 | Ben Maxcey | 18 | Landon Brown |
| 20 | Berna Dyes | 22 | Becky Hopkins |
| 23 | Greg Fabian | 23 | Canova Genaro |
| 24 | Ricky Pearson | 26 | John Sloan |
| 30 | Lianne Biegay | | |

September Anniversaries

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| 16 | Bobby & Angela Parker | 22 | Ben & Karen Valdez |
| 30 | David & Brenda Blair | | |