

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening September 30	Wednesday Evening October 7
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Fabian WNWTM

Morning Worship October 4	Morning Worship October 11
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Gary Adams
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Presiding: Maverick Lemus	Communion Presiding: James Maxcey
Brandon Stafford Phil Godwin	Jimmy Terry Charlie Layton
Matthew Fabian Tom Langford	Jacob Carriere Bobby Parker
Ike Atkins Daniel Brown	Demetris Kelly Derek Mauney
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Tracey Mauney Angela Parker	Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Paul Hamilton, Derek Mauney, N Scarsdale	*Russell Genaro, Charlie Story, Greg Fabian
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Lynn & Lucille Adams
Audio—Projector—Video for AM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM
Brown, Banyai	Brown, Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Greg Fabian	Opening Prayer Daniel Brown
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Daniel Brown, N Scarsdale	Communion James Maxcey, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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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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FEAR OF MISSING OUT

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There is a recent cultural phenomenon known as the “Fear of Missing Out” or “FOMO.” “Urban Dictionary” defines this phenomenon as “The fear that if you miss a party or event you will miss out on something great.” Someone who is constantly looking at social media on their smartphones to make sure they don’t miss out on anything can further characterize FOMO. Another characteristic of FOMO is the ever-constant “selfie,” where someone uses their smartphone to take pictures of themselves to capture the event that they are afraid of missing out on. Speaking of selfies, this past week an article I read reported that deaths associated with selfies are now more common than those associated with shark attacks. There are several teenagers whose lives I am genuinely concerned over due to this article.

All of this talk of FOMO and selfies serves as a sad commentary of the times in which we live; but if you wade through all of this, you are left with one inescapable point. As Christians, we should have a fear of missing out on certain things in this life here on earth. Jesus Christ left his children with marching orders for our time here; and, day after day, Christians are missing out. For the next few moments, let’s consider some things we are missing out on as Christians and how to remedy that situation.

#1 We are missing out on opportunities to share our faith.

In the Great Commission, Jesus states the following, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20.**

As a nation, we are more mobile now than we have ever been. It is not uncommon for men and women to wake up in their homes only to board a plane and go across the globe on business. Pearland is a bedroom community with commuters going in every direction for work; and, yes, through the blessing and curse of social

media, you don’t even have to leave your home to be involved in something halfway across the world. The sad fact of the matter is that as mobile as we are we have become isolated to the point where we don’t even perceive what is going on around us (no wonder people are dying taking selfies). As God’s people, we cannot afford to miss out on opportunities to share our faith with those we meet as we go out into the world. The solution, simply put: Look up every once in a while and become aware of who and what is going on around you.



#2 We are missing out on opportunities to be still and know God.

The Psalmist wrote, “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” **Psalm 46:10.**

Along with being so mobile, we have also become busier than we ever been as a nation. With all of that busyness comes the inability to be still and know God. It is in the stillness that comes with knowing God through the study of his word that we truly come to understand God’s will in and for our lives.

#3 We are missing out on human relationships.

In Genesis we read, “Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” **Genesis 2:18.**

This is, of course, speaking of the husband/wife relationship between Adam and Eve; but the principle is solid: God intended for us to have relationships. In all of our connectivity that exists in the 21st century, we have forgotten how to have relationships with people; and relationships are the cornerstone for sharing our faith with the lost of this world.

I have FOMO, but not about missing a social gathering. I fear I am missing out on God-given opportunities. Today the advice I give to myself and to all of you is the following: look up every once in a while or life is going to pass you by and you’re going to wonder why you wasted all those years.

Be Strong and Courageous,
Paul

Several of us gathered last Monday for the dedication of the David L. Smith Fire Administration Building. This is a great honor for a wonderful Christian man and public servant.



Our Fall Cookout will be Saturday, October 17, 2015, in the Annex parking lot. Meat will be provided; please bring other fixings, desserts, and drinks. Other grills will be needed. We will begin serving at 5:30 PM.



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

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mollie Mae Forster**, who passed away September 26, 2015. Mrs. Forster was Gene Forster's mother. Services were held on September 29, 2015, in San Antonio TX.

Annette and **Norman Bumpers** are both in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Annette had another surgery to remove an infection.

Jennifer Ellison's newborn son, **Carter**, is in NICU at The Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston. Jennifer is a friend of Laurie Maxcey.

Casey & Carrie Wells, friends of the Cartwrights, recently had twins. One twin passed away shortly after birth, and the other is in NICU at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Murrell Hill, 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, Paul Hillier, Robert Holmes, Carol Jackman, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Dave Manley, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Myra Njoku, Jillian Polete, Cloey Pruitt, Kathy Reigh, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Frank Staten, Rick Stone, Douglas Teague, Stephanie Vaniec, Ingram & McIntosh families, Young family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is our contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.

October 2015

- 3 Midway Church of Christ Ladies Day
- 5 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM— 888 Chinese Restaurant, 1325 E Broadway St, Pearland TX 77581. Hostesses are Sheila Banyai and Debbie Brown.
- 7 Wednesday Night with the Master—Meal will be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu is fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and desserts.
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 10 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 12 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—TBD
- 14 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 28 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

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

30 Lianne Biegay

October Birthdays

- 1 Brenda Riggs
- 6 Sheila Banyai
- 10 Mary Means
- 16 Joy Sloan
- 20 Angela Parker
- 27 Sarah Romain
- 28 Steven Cuellar
- 29 Jimmy Terry
- 4 Libby Clayton
- 8 Ginny Lindelof
- 16 Clifford Layton
- 20 Susan Lenamon
- 24 Minnie Harris
- 27 Jerri Farmer
- 29 Nnenna Osuorji

September Anniversaries

30 David & Brenda Blair

October Anniversaries

- 2 Clifford & Nina Layton
- 5 Lynn & Lucille Adams
- 21 Paul & April Cartwright
- 28 Dwight & Leah Bateman
- 29 James & Laurie Maxcey