

## Those to Serve

<b>Wednesday Evening October 7</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening October 14</b>
Building Lock Up—Fabian <b>WNWTM</b>	Building Lock Up—Scarsdale

Morning Worship October 11		Morning Worship October 18	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> James Maxcey		<b>Presiding:</b> Daniel Brown	
Jimmy Terry	Charlie Layton	Tom Langford	Maverick Lemus
Jacob Carriere	Bobby Parker	Clifford Layton	Zack Williams
Demetris Kelly	Derek Mauney	Bob Williams	Matthew Fabian
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro		Laurie Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Russell Genaro, Charlie Story, Greg Fabian		*Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, Nathan Scarsdale	
Greeters		Greeters	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM	
Brown, Banyai		Brown, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Daniel Brown	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	James Maxcey, Bobby Parker	Communion	Maverick Lemus, Zack Williams
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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**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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## FRIENDS

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One night last week after the evening lecture, I was walking back to my pickup when I realized that the man in front of me was Ryan Parsons. We visited for a while, and eventually the conversation turned to social media and the best strategies to use it for the cause of Christ. I confessed that I knew very little about the potential for social media and how some of it, Twitter in particular, frustrated me. I told him that I use Facebook, but that I didn't think we in the church were utilizing it to its potential. He told me that most young adults didn't use Facebook (which I already suspected) and that there was no social media platform that works across the board.

As frustrating as that is, it's no surprise. Social media is nothing more than high-tech tools to help us connect with people we want to connect to without having to interact with those that we don't. That desire is as ancient as civilization itself. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. didn't create social networks; people did. Each of these tools have in common the assumption that you and I already have a network of friends that we want to reach out to or keep in touch with. The very act of using any one of them not only lets you engage with friends, but intentionally isolates you from everyone but your friends. Therefore, an inherent weakness or strength (depending on your viewpoint) that all these platforms share is the network of friends that you have.

Rehoboam found his life's circumstances undergo a dramatic change once his father died. Overnight, he went from heir apparent to the actual king of the 12 tribes of Israel. He inherited a crown and a well-established government with a network of civil servants who knew a lot more about what works and doesn't work than he did. Rehoboam briefly listened

to the advice of his father's social network but soon rejected them in favor of his own social network. It wasn't his best idea (1 Kings 12:1-15).

Flash forward to the days of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and Ahab, king of Israel. Jehoshaphat came to Samaria to meet with Ahab for a council of war against the king of Aram. Ahab wanted Jehoshaphat to ally his armies with Ahab's. Jehoshaphat was agreeable so long as the Lord willed it. He insisted they consult a man of God (a prophet of God). Ahab responded with 400 prophets who assured the kings that God was on their side. Yet, it was clear to Jehoshaphat they weren't really prophets of God; and so he asked if there was no prophet of God in Israel. Ahab admitted that there was one, but the prophet Micaiah wasn't in his network (i.e., they weren't Facebook friends, didn't follow one another on Twitter, never did the Snapchat or Instagram thing with each other) because Micaiah didn't say what Ahab wanted to hear. That didn't turn out well for Ahab (1 Kings 22).

Paul said bad companions corrupt good morals (1 Cor. 15:33). This is a universal and timeless truth. The very people we include in our social network influence our thinking and behavior.

And that brings me back to the church...

The church will never be strong in any location when its members prefer a social network exclusive of the local church. The Lord intends for the local church to be strong (Eph. 6:10) and thus equipped the church with a social network that allows us to attain a unity of faith, knowledge, maturity, and stature which "belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13). When every member is an engaged part of this divinely chosen social network, the local church will draw new people from all walks of life (Acts 2:42). Would you "friend" me?

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2015





The ladies of the congregation are invited to a Diaper and Wipes Baby Shower to welcome Steve Jojimon Puliypallil on Sunday, October 18, 2015, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the home of Kristin Alatrash, 4922 Pinder Ln, Pearland TX 77584.

Please RSVP to Kristin on 281-997-0661.



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.

*Darrell is home and didn't need surgery. He is taking medications for his heart.*

*Please continue to keep him in your prayers.*

*In Christian Love,*

*Jerrí Farmer*

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Annette Bumpers** is in Room 605 at Cornerstone Hospital Houston-Clear Lake, 709 Medical Center Dr, Webster TX 77598. She can have visitors. **Norman Bumpers** is home.

**Bennie Sue Galindo** received an implanted heart monitor on Monday. She will await results to determine future treatment.

**Judy Indest** has been in a lot of pain with sciatica.

**Leon McHargh** has requested our prayers as he makes important job decisions.

**Douglas Teague** is in hospice care, but may be able to go to a family reunion.

**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, Carter Ellison, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Darrell Farmer, 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, Wells family, Young family.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

If you've borrowed items from the Annex, please bring them back ASAP.

**October 2015**

- 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

Updated pages for the pocket directory are on the bulletin board. Please review your information and make corrections by Sunday, November 15, 2015. Thank you.

There is an immediate need for more cooking teams for Wednesday Night with the Master. Please contact Jo Knight if you can volunteer or if you need more information.



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.

**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

**October Anniversaries**

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