

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening October 21	Wednesday Evening October 28
Building Lock Up—Adams	Building Lock Up—Cartwright

Morning Worship October 25	Morning Worship November 1
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash	<b>Presiding:</b> Bobby Parker
Charlie Story Charlie Layton	Tom Langford James Maxcey
Bobby Parker Jacob Carriere	Nathan Scarsdale Paul Hamilton
Greg Fabian Demetris Kelly	Maverick Lemus Zack Williams
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Molly Godwin Appeal Byers	Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Daniel Brown, Jimmy Terry, Gary Adams	*Clifford Layton, Daniel Brown, Matthew 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—Cartwright	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Gary Adams	Opening Prayer Greg Fabian
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Charlie Story, Bobby Parker	Communion Zack Williams, James Maxcey
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof

### 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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**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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## The Pearland Harvester

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## THINKING ABOUT IT

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Critical thinking is challenging, rewarding, and necessary. On several occasions Jesus asked individuals and groups, “What do you think?” He wasn’t asking for emotional and thoughtless responses, nor was He asking for the standard “party line” on a given subject. He wanted the respondent to think critically and then answer.

It would be shallow-minded to think that there are not very many critical thinkers today. A more correct observation might be that there has always been a deficiency of critical thinkers. What is true today was true when the Lord asked, “What do you think?” And what was true in the first century was true in Job’s day when God asked His questions of Job.

The following is taken from the website: [criticalthinking.org](http://criticalthinking.org)

*Everyone thinks. It is our nature to do so. But much of our thinking, left to itself, is biased, distorted, partial, uninformed, or downright prejudiced. Yet, the quality of our life and that of what we produce, make, or build depends precisely on the quality of our thought. Shoddy thinking is costly, both in money and in quality of life. Excellence in thought, however, must be systematically cultivated.*

*Critical thinking is that mode of thinking—about any subject, content, or problem—in which the thinker improves the quality of his or her thinking by skillfully analyzing, assessing, and reconstructing it. Critical thinking is self-directed, self-disciplined, self-monitored, and self-corrective thinking. It presupposes assent to rigorous standards of excellence and mindful command of their use. It entails effective communication and problem-solving abilities, as well as a commitment to overcome our native egocentrism and sociocentrism.*

Perhaps a bit “overkill,” but the point is reachable and understandable. Critical thinking is essential. But this truth is not limited to the fields of science, math, or philosophy. It is equally essential to the genuine Christian faith—hence the Lord’s challenge: “What do you think?”



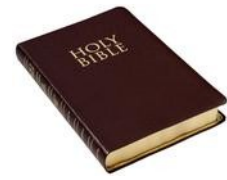
Faith is seldom understood and appreciated. It is often viewed as a weak crutch for those who aren’t critical thinkers. Yet, the faith that we are called to embrace is a faith that cannot be had unless we are critical thinkers. Our walk of faith (2 Cor. 5:7) is based on what we know. We know that Jesus is the Son of God, and we know that we can have eternal life through Him because indisputable evidence vindicates every claim of Scripture about Him (Jn. 20:30,31). Even those who refused in spite of the indisputable evidence had to admit that it really was indisputable evidence. Unless that evidence ceased, it would result in wholesale belief (Jn. 11:48). The nature of the faith that is demanded (Heb. 11:6) is a faith that assures us of an unseen outcome (Heb. 11:1; 1 Jn. 5:13), and that originates in the indisputable evidence given in Scripture (Rom. 10:17).

The gift and challenge of preaching is that, when done properly, it elevates the hearer’s level of thinking to that point where absolute certainty based on fact leads to a conviction that dictates life. That’s faith!

Some refuse to accept credible proof. Whatever their reasoning, their conclusions were reached without critical thinking. Far too many more are willing to accept truth on an emotional level but will not mature and experience life-changing behavior; but they really don’t think too much beyond the elementary matters of faith.

What has your faith led you to do lately? Our Lord asked, “What do you think?” to stimulate life changes. Are you thinking about it?

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



Starting October 25, the following choices for Adult Bible Class will be offered:

- 2 Timothy study led by Jason Holmes
- Religions of the World led by Gary Adams

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.

November 29, 2015

Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!

Friends



Family Day



**KEPT IN PRAYER**

Loma Stone is feeling better.

**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, Judy Indest, 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, 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.

*October 2015*

28 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

*November 2015*

2 Secret Sisters will meet at the home of Jodi Briand, 205 Greenbriar, Friendswood TX 77546, on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 6:30 PM. Jodi will contact the people who are bringing food. If you have questions, call her on 713-560-9375.

4 Wednesday Night with the Master—Meal to be served at 6 PM in Annex. Menu TBD.

9 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—TBD

11 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM

14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's

14 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room

25 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM



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**

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|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 24 | Minnie Harris  | 27 | Jerri Farmer   |
| 27 | Sarah Romain   | 28 | Steven Cuellar |
| 29 | Nnenna Osuorji | 29 | Jimmy Terry    |

**October Anniversaries**

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|----|-------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 21 | Paul & April Cartwright | 28 | Dwight & Leah Bateman |
| 29 | James & Laurie Maxcey   |    |                       |

**November Birthdays**

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|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 3  | Ben Valdez      | 4  | Vi Price         |
| 4  | Karen Valdez    | 5  | Caroline Holmes  |
| 5  | Warren Hudman   | 8  | Buck Thompson    |
| 8  | Mitzi Williams  | 13 | Laura Moss       |
| 15 | Tim Godwin      | 18 | Doris Stuteville |
| 20 | Becky Nicholson | 21 | Delores Truelove |
| 27 | J.J. Martinez   | 30 | Jeremy Bouillion |

**November Anniversaries**

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|---|----------------------|----|------------------|
| 5 | Daniel & Sarah Brown | 30 | Davy & Kylee May |
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Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, October 31.