

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening October 28	Wednesday Evening November 4
Building Lock Up—Cartwright	Building Lock Up—Fabian WNWTM

Morning Worship November 1		Morning Worship November 8	
Opening Prayer	Demetris Kelly	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Bobby Parker		Presiding: Demetris Kelly	
Tom Langford	James Maxcey	Phil Godwin	Jimmy Terry
Nathan Scarsdale	Paul Hamilton	Lynn Adams	Brandon Stafford
Maverick Lemus	Zack Williams	Jacob Carriere	Russell Genaro
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro	Nina Layton	Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Daniel Brown, Matthew Fabian		*Derek Mauney, Charlie Layton, Bob Williams	
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—Fabian		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	James Maxcey
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Zack Williams, James Maxcey	Communion	Brandon Stafford, Jimmy Terry
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Demetris Kelly
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
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WHAT IF IT WERE ALL A HOAX?

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The apostle Paul followed that thread of reasoning in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:12-19) and came to the conclusion that if Christ wasn't raised from the dead, then preaching Christ is vain. Faith in Christ is vain, sins are not removed, and believers in Christ are pitiful!

In his book, *Evidences of Christianity*, brother J. W. McGarvey points out that one cannot advantageously turn away from or reject the Christian religion, because there is nowhere else to turn. "No man who studies the evidences of the Christian religion and fails to find proof of its divine origin can find such proof in favor of any other" (intro. p. 2). If other world religions were subjected to the same scrutiny Christianity is subjected to, their demise would be a foregone conclusion.

The Mormon cult, as well as the Jehovah's Witnesses cult, presupposes the coming of Christ and His blood atonement on the cross. If that didn't happen, then even the cults couldn't exist. Islam accepts the God of Scripture, it accepts the Torah (first five books of the OT), and it believes that God gave revelation to Jesus. If no reliable evidence exists for God, Moses, or Jesus, then upon what foundation does the Qur'an rest?

As McGarvey goes on to observe, Christianity offers two essentials that cannot be equaled by any other religion. "If it is true, every man who disbelieves it will suffer final and eternal condemnation. This its founder repeatedly declared, and in the declaration he assumed that the evidence which would attend the gospel would be such that no man could disbelieve without guilt, and such guilt as requires final condemnation. As surely as the religion is true, disbelief is a fatal sin."

Thus, Paul's points of logic to the Christians of Corinth who were being ridiculed for faith are valid points; Christianity is either absolutely true or it is absolutely a hoax! Paul said that they were saved by that very gospel that he had preached (1 Cor. 15:1,2). They could look to the Old Testament Scriptures and see

fulfillment in Christ. They could also look to their culture and see that no pagan religion rested upon such a foundation of logic and truth. Furthermore, they could also recall that when Paul was with them "The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles" (2 Cor. 12:12).



Peter assured the Christians to whom he wrote that Christianity was no hoax. "For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased'—and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:16-19).

John said that our fellowship is with God and with Jesus Christ His Son. "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:1-3).

Until the testimony of the apostles can be successfully impugned, until the testimony of creation can be reasonably denied, and until the declarations of the God who speaks can be legitimately dismissed, the assurances of the Christian faith remain bedrock solid. It's no hoax!

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

Our annual Faith in Action Campaign is taking place on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at the Impact Church of Christ. Once again, our goal is to collect 100 blankets to pass out to the homeless. This year, we will also be accepting donations of socks and bottled water to help with this effort. While this is a youth event, we invite anyone in the congregation to participate. Cash donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Paul Cartwright.

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.



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.



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

Both **Norman** and **Annette Bumpers** are at Cornerstone Hospital Houston–Clear Lake, 709 Medical Center Dr, Webster TX 77598.

Judy Indest is still in a great deal of pain from shingles. The MRI revealed no spinal damage, so she will not require surgery.

Wanda Kirby is still experiencing extreme pain in her back and in her right leg. She is undergoing tests.

Loma and **Sandy Stone** are both recuperating at home.

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**. The contact elder for **November** is **Chris Lindelof**.

There will be no Friends & Family Day in November because the date falls on Thanksgiving weekend. Also, the elders are canceling the evening service for November 29.

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 is pancake breakfast.
- 9 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—TBD
- 11 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 14 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 25 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

October Birthdays

- 28 Steven Cuellar
- 29 Nnenna Osuorji
- 29 Jimmy Terry

October Anniversaries

- 28 Dwight & Leah Bateman
- 29 James & Laurie Maxcey

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

- 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown
- 30 Davy & Kylee May