

Those to Serve

| Wednesday Evening January 6 | Wednesday Evening January 13 |
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| Building Lock Up—Cartwright WNWTM | Building Lock Up—Lindelof |

| Morning Worship January 10 | Morning Worship January 17 |
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| Opening Prayer Daniel Brown | Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton |
| Song Leader Gary Adams | Song Leader Paul Cartwright |
| Communion | Communion |
| Presiding: James Maxcey | Presiding: Zack Williams |
| Matthew Fabian Charlie Layton | Jacob Carriere Tom Langford |
| Derek Mauney Brandon Stafford | Demetris Kelly Russell Genaro |
| Jimmy Terry Gheath Alatrash | Nathan Scarsdale Phil Godwin |
| Announcements Greg Fabian | Announcements Greg Fabian |
| Closing Prayer | Closing Prayer |
| Nursery Attendants | Nursery Attendants |
| Molly Godwin Nina Layton | Laurie Maxcey |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher) | Ushers (*indicates head usher) |
| *Charlie Story, Lynn Adams, Kevin Scarsdale | *Clifford Layton, Josh Hundley, Brandon Stafford |
| Greeters | Greeters |
| Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale | Clifford & Nina Layton |
| Audio—Projector for AM | Audio—Projector for AM |
| Williams | Williams |
| Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof | Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale |

| Evening Worship | Evening Worship |
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| Opening Prayer Bobby Parker | Opening Prayer Bob Williams |
| Song Leader Greg Fabian | Song Leader Paul Cartwright |
| Communion James Maxcey, Jimmy Terry | Communion Russell Genaro, N Scarsdale |
| 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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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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EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

CONVERSATIONS OVERHEARD

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The conversations went something like this:

"No ma'am, I'm sorry, but if you didn't register this vehicle in Brazoria County and you do not live in Brazoria County, you cannot renew your vehicle registration here."

"Well, I thought that since I'm down here staying with my son and his family for a few more days and I don't want to drive home with expired tags, you could just renew my registration here."

"Yes ma'am, I understand, but you cannot register this vehicle in this county."

"Okay, well thank you."

"You're welcome. Number 15, please."

(Number 15 steps to the counter about three feet from me. By the way, I'm number 31.)

Number 15 says, *"I'm needing to renew my vehicle registration."*

"Sir, this shows your vehicle is registered to an address in Harris County. Do you still live at that address?"

"Yes, I do."

"You'll have to go to a tax office in Harris County."

"Well, this is the closest tax office to my house."

"Yes sir, but we cannot register your vehicle here unless you reside in this county. Number 16, please."

"No ma'am, you cannot renew your registration here. Your driver's license shows that you live in Huntsville, and this notice was mailed to that address. You can't renew here in Brazoria County. Number 17."

"No... Number 18."

"We are not allowed to renew your registration here unless you live here. No... Number 19."

This was repeated several times before number 31 was called. To her credit, the clerk was still courteous when I stepped to the counter; and it only took about three minutes to transact my renewal (and deplete my checking account). I walked out with the proper paperwork in hand and probably gave false hope to the next round of people who apparently needed to hear "No" face-to-face to be convinced that no exceptions were going to be made on their account if they reside in another county.



The list of "reasons" why we should not have to obey the gospel, but should still be granted eternal life, is a very long list. We've developed excuses that are well-argued and, when sounded out on our friends, are very convincing. Grace is demanded! And the expectation is that it will be given in full measure, even though for an entire lifetime we've refused to accept the terms of that grace because it required something we didn't want to comply with. Some will point to a secret belief that they never confessed (Mt. 10:32). Some will give an itemized list of good deeds done in His name (Mt. 7:21-23). Some will point out that members of their family had never complied with what is plainly written. Some will argue that their church and their pastor never required it.

If you can't get past a deputy county tax clerk who will not defy the authority of the legislature in Austin for you regardless of your excuses, why would you think you can fast-talk the Judge on that day? The promise of Scripture is, "Well done, good and FAITHFUL servant" (Mt. 25:21). Faithfulness is obedience to His commands (Mt. 7:21). Those are the terms by which His Grace is given. Are you being faithful?

Get your life in order now, and you'll be amazed at how simple the rest becomes.

Keep studying and keep serving! D.C. Brown ©2016

There will be a VBS informational meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2016, following AM services. If there are questions, please see Paul Cartwright.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION:

Connie Powell's cell phone number is 512-789-6788.



The Secret Sisters Kickoff Meeting has been changed to 6:30 PM on Monday, January 11, 2016, in the Annex. The meal will be potluck. If you are interested in participating, please pick up a form in the foyer, fill it out, and return it to Jean Adams or Janice Pearson before the meeting.

January 31, 2016

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

Friends



Family Day



KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Paul Hillier**, who passed away on January 3, 2016. Services were held on January 5, 2016, at the Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin TX, where brother Hillier was serving as the minister.

Von Knight is in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and can have visitors.

John Sloan is having outpatient surgery today, January 6, 2016.

Mike Barnhill, Greg Fabian's friend, is making progress in his recovery from the motorcycle accident.

Betty Goad, Bobby Parker's aunt, has now been told she has cancer. She is evaluating treatment.

Bo Herrington, the Alatrash's neighbor, is critically ill. He has been in and out of ICU due to a perforated intestine and is septic. He has a wife and a 16-year-old son.

Kinnie Warren, Greg Fabian's co-worker, is undergoing additional tests.

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, Mike & Cindy Barnhill, Ted Bowers, Margaret Brown, Norman Bumpers, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Darrell Farmer, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Capri Hendrix, Robert Holmes, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Dave Manley, Pat Miller, Steve & Gayle Miller, Lauren Murphy, Jillian Polete, Susan Priel, Cloey Pruitt, Kathy Reigh, Jayson Romano, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Frank Staten, Margie Stephens, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Heather Thomas, Larry Thornhill, Kinnie Warren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2016 sign-up sheets for communion preparation and audio-projector assignments are on the bulletin board.

The elders have asked those who have left personal grills or coolers at the building to pick them up at your earliest convenience.

January 2016

- 9 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 9 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 11 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—TBD
- 11 Secret Sisters Kickoff Meeting—6:30 PM—Potluck dinner in the Annex. Please see Jean Adams or Janice Pearson if there are questions.
- 13 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 27 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 31 Friends & Family Day

I wish to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to so many of this congregation who expressed their sympathy and prayers for my family as we recently experienced the death of my young nephew, Michael Lynch. Your kind cards were taken to his mother, my sister, and she sends her appreciation, as well.

I am also very thankful for the many encouraging cards, phone calls, texts, visits, and delivered dishes of food prompted by my ongoing bout of shingles. I am, most importantly, glad to have so many fervent prayers offered in my behalf for my comfort and healing. Please continue your efforts as I continue to fight this terrible disease.

Judy Indest

January Birthdays

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| 4 | Wanda Kirby | 4 | Branden Shelton |
| 8 | Jeanette Hays | 14 | Valerie Lee-McHargh |
| 17 | Tom Langford | 20 | Bobby Parker |
| 21 | Donald Mickan | 22 | Cameron Alatrash |
| 25 | Ethan Brown | 28 | Terri Bumpers |
| 29 | Dawn Bell | 30 | Lindsay Parker |

January Anniversaries

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|---|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 9 | Jason & Noelle Holmes | 17 | David & Libby Clayton |
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PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING FOR CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS:

APRIL 16 & 17, 2016

More information will be provided in the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute to the Homecoming fund, please give your money to Gretchen Whitmire. If you would like to add names to the invitation list, please provide those to Gretchen, as well.