

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening February 3	Wednesday Evening February 10
Building Lock Up—Fabian WNWTM	Building Lock Up—Lindelof

Morning Worship February 7	Morning Worship February 14
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Charlie Story
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
Presiding: James Maxcey	Presiding: Charlie Layton
Charlie Layton Brandon Stafford	Josh Hundley Jacob Carriere
Nathan Scarsdale Matthew Fabian	Gheath Alatrash Tom Langford
Paul Hamilton Jimmy Terry	Phil Godwin Derek Mauney
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Molly Godwin Nina Layton	Laurie Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Daniel Brown, Demetris Kelly, Derek Mauney	*Clifford Layton, James Maxcey, Bobby Parker
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—Cartwright

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian	Communion James Maxcey, Derek Mauney
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	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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Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

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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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CAN YOU HANDLE THE TRUTH?

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He gets up to speak, and the words flow smoothly. They are well-chosen, rehearsed, and timed to perfection. He knows the hot topics. He's conducted surveys and conferred with experts. There is a level of eloquence, confidence, and assertiveness that is convincing. Allowed to pick the moment and the setting, he gets his message across and connects with the people with ease. But get him out of his element, ask for the proof behind his confident assertions or present evidence that even refutes his claims; and the well-oiled speech skips a beat. It stutters and stammers to a halt.

Whom am I speaking of? Do you think you've figured it out? Is he a politician? Republican? Democrat or Independent?

Actually, I didn't have a specific person in mind. Still, you had no trouble visualizing such a person. The point is that such people are among us, and they utilize their communications skills to draw a following. They may be political, but not necessarily. They're persuasive; and, if you dared to admit it, they may have persuaded you at some point. But then a piercing question went unanswered. A proof that refuted their points could not be disproven. A truth hidden behind their rhetoric is now easily seen. You never again felt the same amount of admiration or respect for that person. Something was lacking. It had been all along, but now you realize it—and their hold is never the same. Examples of such people are found in the New Testament.

Most are nameless, and no one passage of Scripture sums up their nature and their methods in a nice neat little package. You'll have to spend some time in the Gospels and in Acts to get the complete picture. Yet, with one word, I can bring that picture into focus for you: *Pharisees*.

They held the people's attention. And they used a variety of ways to get and keep that attention. They did it by assuming "the chair of Moses," an accurate analogy to describe their belief in their right to teach and to judge. But when their deeds were held to the same standards they meted out, their image was tarnished (Mt. 23:1-4). They did it by posturing in public at every opportunity. They loved to pray loudly at the street corner and to humbly blush when, at their instruction, the horn was blown to draw attention to the alms they gave (Mt. 6:1-5). In short, they did their deeds to be seen of men (Mt. 23:5). They did it by encouraging men to offer to them words of praise and respect. When seen in public settings, they wanted the places of honor (Luke 11:43; 20:46). They did it by accepting, with false humility, the titles conferred on them that denoted their learning and their ability to have a following (Mt. 23:7-12).



That seemingly rock-solid genuineness proved to be a brittle façade when Jesus took His proper place as Rabbi and Teacher. No one with an honest heart who listened to His teachings could doubt Him. The Bible says that His authority was seen in the words He spoke. **When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.** (Matthew 7:28,29).

It was to those who can be amazed at His teachings that Jesus said, **"You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."** (Jn. 8:32).

To borrow a line from a great Jack Nicholson scene, some just "can't handle the truth." Truth be told, no one can—until they know the truth. And that's our task! To know the truth and then spread the truth is our mission.

Keep studying and keep serving! DC 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.

Jr. & Sr. High School Retreat at Camp Hensel is scheduled for March 25-27, 2016. See Paul for applications. Scholarships are available. Sign-up deadline is March 16, 2016.

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

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.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Sheila Banyai has requested our prayers as she plans to move to South Dakota.

Marcia Ellison, Dawn Bell's mother, had a large kidney stone removed on Monday.

Carolyn Cheshier Peters, Susan Peters' mother-in-law, had a heart attack on Monday and underwent surgery (2 stents).

Jeremy Cook's brother is going through some difficult family situations. Also pray for **Jeremy's co-workers** who have lost their jobs and are going through difficult financial times.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Sheila Banyai, 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: Brianna Aaronson, Mary Alford, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Harold Anglin, Mike & Cindy Barnhill, Ted Bowers, Margaret Brown, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Darrell Farmer, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Bo Herrington, Robert Holmes, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Kerry Lemoine, Dave Manley, Blake McAdams, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Steve & Gayle Miller, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Jillian Polete, Susan Priel, Cloey Pruitt, Jayson Romano, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Frank Staten, Margie Stephens, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Heather Thomas, Larry Thornhill, Kinnie Warren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

February 2016

- 3 Wednesday Night with the Master—Meal to be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu is Cowboy Stew. Please bring your own dessert.
- 7 Homecoming Committee will meet at 4:30 PM in the Annex.
- 8 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—TBD
- 10 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 13 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 24 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

Westside Church of Christ in Alvin TX will have its Spring Gospel Meeting on March 4-6, 2016. A detailed schedule is on the bulletin board. The speaker will be Kent Allen.



Jimmy Terry has accepted the responsibility of Transportation Coordinator for our congregation. If you are interested in volunteering for this good work, please contact Jimmy.

The Elders have approved a price increase for the meals served on "Wednesday Night with the Master." Beginning in February, the meal prices will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children over age 6. Children ages 6 and under eat free.

February Birthdays

- 5 Brandon Stafford
- 9 Paul Cartwright
- 15 Jo Knight
- 21 Candice Dobson
- 27 Gretchen Whitmire
- 7 Leah Bateman
- 12 Gary Adams
- 17 Gene Forster
- 27 Everett Brown

February Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Peggy Chisum
- 14 Harold & Alice Moore
- 15 Buck & Jari Thompson
- 9 John & Joy Sloan