

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening February 10	Wednesday Evening February 17
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Cartwright

Morning Worship February 14	Morning Worship February 21
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Zack Williams
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Charlie Layton	Presiding: Daniel Brown
Josh Hundley Jacob Carriere	Nathan Scarsdale Paul Hamilton
Gheath Alatrash Tom Langford	Charlie Story Brandon Stafford
Phil Godwin Derek Mauney	Matthew Fabian Demetris Kelly
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey	Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, James Maxcey, Bobby Parker	*Lynn Adams, Russell Genaro, Jimmy Terry
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Williams	Williams
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion James Maxcey, Derek Mauney	Communion Charlie Story, Brandon Stafford
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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Bob Williams

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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 LIVE UP TO THE RESPONSIBILITY?



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The headline from Reuters, Oct. 5, 2015 reads: “Pope says Church can’t be ‘museum’, but be open to change.” The specifics of that change are creating some strong sentiments on both sides of the issue, and it seems that since October the debates have heated up. This article is not about the issues embroiling the papacy of the Roman church. Yet, the wording of the headline serves as an illustration to what this article does seek to address.

In every generation there are those who see the rules of the church, which Jesus built (Mt. 16:18) and purchased with His precious blood (Acts 20:28; 1 Pt. 1:19; Rev. 5:9), as archaic. They see the church as little more than a living museum. They believe passionately and sincerely that a change to make it more relevant to the modern cultural and communicative norms would be positive and therefore necessary.

Buried deep within the layers of efforts to change things out of a desire to modernize and create or, at the least, enhance relevancy lies a fundamental axiom that is almost never detected until the changes clamored for require its emergence.

Changing anything about what belongs to someone else demands a change in ownership.

This is not the same thing as perceiving a need for someone to change their business policy or their house rules and then presenting that person with the reasons for needing change in a way that convinces the owner such a change is necessary. It is his to begin with, and it remains his throughout the process. He sees the need to change and he wills that change, and therefore his ownership is never relinquished.

But when someone other than the owner perceives a change, develops an argument to promote that change, wins support from others to demand the change—and then effects the change without the owner’s consent, a change of ownership has occurred!

Some who demand change are naïve, never thinking or intending to take ownership of what was never theirs in the first place. They simply believe strongly that their perceived needs for change override all else. Others are more aware of the principles at stake and make their insistent demands for change in arrogant expectation of ownership. They know what they are doing and are intentional about it.

The Lord’s church is not only bought and paid for, therefore owned, by Jesus the Christ; the Lord’s church is set up according to His will. Men cannot change one thing that is given in Scripture by commands, by examples, or by necessary inferences without taking ownership. There is no middle ground on this. If we force change by our teaching and our practice, we necessarily take ownership.

Now what does ownership demand? RESPONSIBILITY! Those who embrace the changes in teaching and the changes in practice that they were taught are not in the Lord’s church. They never were. They are in the church of the person who effected those changes. That new owner is now responsible for their souls. They, unwittingly in most cases, entrusted their souls to the teachings of the new owner. But the new owner can’t forgive because he cannot redeem them with his sinless and precious blood. The new owner can’t grant them eternal fellowship in heaven because he hasn’t gone to heaven to prepare a place for them (Jn. 14:3). The new owner can’t change their circumstances when they commit future sins because he is not their advocate before the throne of God (1 Jn. 2:1,2).

If you take over my business, you own it. You now have to see to and administer its every detail. Whether you wanted to or not, whether you have time to or not, you must! Its success or failure is now yours. Think long and hard about taking from another man because you think you know a better way. And think even more soberly about changing what belongs to the Lord no matter how convinced you may be that a change is needed. Ask yourself this question: Can you live up to the responsibility?

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.

Requests from our elders:

Weekly Bible trivia question. Please submit answers to the elders. The first correct answer reported to the office will be recognized and published in the next bulletin. Here goes...**Which book of the Bible describes a baker's dozen resulting in victory?**

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, February 11, 2016:

- Thursday—Romans 1-2
- Friday—Genesis 1-3
- Saturday—Joshua 1-5
- Sunday—Psalms 1-2
- Monday—Job 1-2
- Tuesday—Isaiah 1-6
- Wednesday—Matthew 1-2

The elders have requested a listing of all brotherhood broadcasting available in our market. Please help the office compile a master list by submitting the names of programs, the times aired, and the network channel or radio stations that broadcast them. When the data is complete, it will be published. Thanks.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Please keep **Kaliya Kelly** and her sister, **Catina Davis**, in prayer as they deal with health issues.

Von Knight is receiving medical treatment at home when needed and is continuing dialysis.

Cody Holcomb, son of Becky Nicholson's friend, is in critical condition in Memorial Hermann (Medical Center) ICU, after incurring burns and smoke inhalation from a house fire in Pasadena. His girlfriend and her brother perished in the fire.

Bartis Knight, Jerri Farmer's brother, is in hospice due to congestive heart failure.

J. S. Miller, friend of the Maxceys, came home from the hospital on January 29. He is much better than before and appreciates all the thoughts/prayers. Please keep praying for a speedy recovery.

Anna Young, Kaliya Kelly's mother, had foot surgery today (February 10) and is already home to start her recuperation.

Brooke Dempsey asked for prayers for a safe road trip from Louisiana to Pearland and for a job and monetary support in the meantime.

Pedro Vasquez asked for prayers for a law enforcement job in which he can glorify the Lord, for his relationship with his girlfriend, for this new season, and for clear direction.

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, Marcia Ellison, 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, Carolyn Cheshier Peters, 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

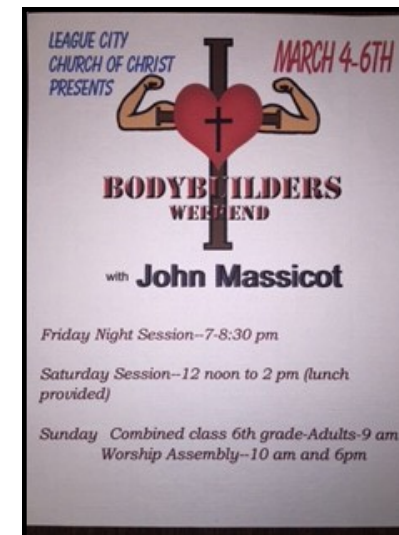
Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

February 2016

- 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



The church-wide encampment is set for April 22-24, 2016, at Cagle Recreational Area which is 6 miles west of New Waverly on FM 1375. Take I-45 north to New Waverly, take FM 1375 west for 6 miles to Cagle Rd. All sites have water and electricity for tents and full hookup for RVs. Two nice bathhouses, hiking trails and paved roads throughout. The campground is 80 miles north of Pearland. Each camper is responsible for making reservations.



Please RSVP to Ralph Bryant, League City Church of Christ, 281-332-1015, by February 29, 2016, if you plan to attend.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING FOR CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS:
 APRIL 16 & 17, 2016
 If you would like to contribute to the Homecoming fund, please give your money to Gretchen Whitmire.

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.

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries

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

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