

Those to Serve

June 27		July 4	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Gary Adams	Presiding:	Kevin Scarsdale
Paul Dillon	Josh Hamilton	Demetris Kelly	Claude Anderson
Kent Wroe	Daniel Brown	Larry Roberson	Kyle Huckabee
Derek Mauney	Charlie Layton	Ross Genaro	Anthony Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown
Nursery		Nursery	
Angela Parker	Molly Godwin	Maresha Scarsdale	Sarah Scarsdale
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Bill Westmoreland
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	B. Russell & C. Huckabee	Communion	G. Alatrash & R. Nudelman
Closing Prayer	Rick Nudelman	Closing Prayer	Clifford Layton
Nursery	Kristin Harrington	Nursery	Tracey Mauney
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Bill Russell, Charles Huckabee, Demetris Kelly, Shawn Feezel, Kyle Huckabee		*Gheath Alatrash, Rick Nudelman, Eugene Priestly, James Taylor Sr., Charlie Layton	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Video Camera	James Taylor	Video Camera	Gavin Finch
Greeters		Greeters	
B. & D. Westmoreland	J. Harris & O. Putman	G. & J. Adams	D. & M. Blair
G. & L. Fabian	C. & N. Layton	D. & T. Mauney	V. & R.J. Knight
Building Lock Up	Gary Adams	Building Lock Up	Von Knight
Wednesday 6/23		Wednesday 6/30	
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Opening Prayer	D. C. Brown	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer	Eddie Ray
Devotional	Ralph Bryant	Devotional	Elmo Adams

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
 Morning Worship.....10 am
 Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class.....7 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-485-2436
Greg Fabian 281-485-2436
Von Knight 281-485-2436

DEACONS

David Blair
Chris Lindelof
Rick Nudelman
Kevin Odom
Bobby Parker
Eddie Ray
Kevin Scarsdale
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
 Bohican, Benin West Africa

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FORM OR APPEARANCE?

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In a previous article it was noted that the Spirit inspired Paul to write a series of short pithy exhortations that serve us well as a check-off list of things to do or refrain from doing that we might obtain “salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:9-22). The final exhortation from that list was to “abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22).

That statement, as translated by the NASB, is significantly different than the statement given to us in the KJV; which states, “abstain from all appearance of evil.” The difference is hard to miss. Does the apostle have in mind that we avoid what appears to be evil, or did he insist that we avoid what actually is evil in whatever form it may take?

The answer, in full, would take more space than this publication can permit. It would require an in-depth look at the original language and all the occurrences of the noun in Scripture. Taking nothing away from the value of that kind of methodical approach, it would still be possible to arrive at the right conclusion by a simpler means: what does the context require us to understand? Contextually speaking, it becomes apparent (pun intended) that “appearance” misses the point and “form” is the superior translation.

While Paul does address some particular shortcomings among some in the church of Thessalonica, he did not intimate that those evil practices were the only ones that hindered their salvation through Christ. Everyone has individual areas of weakness and those areas become the main battle line in Satan’s war against human righteousness. Therefore, in whatever form an evil may exist, it must be abstained from. Abstain literally meant “to

hold oneself away from” some form of evil. A little boy wants to lean over the rail for a better look, then to step on the bottom ledge to get an even better view. Almost before he knows it, his knee is over the next railing and his arms are pulling him up a little higher. He never intends to fall or put himself in harm’s way – he is just trying to get a little closer. Then his mother or father, not content to merely give a warning, reaches out and literally holds him back against his will. That willful, forceful and measured act is what Paul means when he writes “abstain from.”



The benefit of this self discipline is more that the immediate and obvious one. The routine practice of this discipline will also make us more aware of the many forms evil can take. We become more vigilant against evil each day. Beyond that, it will also prevent us from things that indeed could *appear* to be evil. (But keep in mind that evil is not a subjective term – evil is that which is sin in God’s eyes. The chief priests and other Jewish leaders saw the Lord’s work and that of His apostles as being evil. It had that appearance to them, but in fact it never was.) Still, we should be aware that things that appear to be evil could cause others to stumble. For that alone we abstain – even if the thing itself is not evil.

Salmon P. Chase, who at various times was the Governor of Ohio, a US Senator from that state and eventually appointed to be the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court was also Secretary of the Treasury in the first Lincoln administration (1861-1864). He was the architect of a successful campaign to reverse mounting national debt and a failing economy and in creating the economic machine that sustained the Union during the long civil war. Still, he had his petty shortcomings and an ambition that often put him at odds with fellow cabinet members. One of his successes involved a relationship

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

Bible Class 2 Yr Old–8th Grade



Bay Area Wide Devo will be in Katy. We will meet at the Annex 5:45.

Sunday morning's Bible class lesson will be "Salvation to the Gentiles; Cornelius" (Acts 10) Wednesday evening's Bible class lesson will be "Receiving the Uncircumcised; Disciples Called Christians" (Acts 11).



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with Jay Cooke, a wealthy financier, who helped to sell millions of dollars in Treasury Bonds to sustain the war effort. Cooke also helped Chase with his own personal debt, at times extending credit when perhaps he should not have. At one point Chase returned a \$4,200.00 check for dividends of stocks that he not yet paid for saying "In order to be able to render most efficient service to our country it is essential for me to be right as well as seem right and to seem right as well as be right." (*italics were in the source quoted* – Doris K. Goodman, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, p. 10,599 Kindle ed.).

It was not just the appearance of impropriety that Chase worried about; it was also the actual wrongness of earning profits for what he had not paid for. Perhaps Chase better understood the spirit of the Spirit's message in 1 Thessalonians 5:22 than most of us do today. If we abstain from the forms, we'll never have to worry about the appearance.

Keep studying, DC Brown © 2010

June Birthdays

23	Gheath Alatrash	23	Debbie Brown
26	Oleda Putman	28	Ben Lenamon
28	Katie Barnes		

July Birthdays

3	Nina Layton	5	Larry Roberson
6	Gabriel Alatrash	6	Leon McHargh
8	Linda Fabian	13	Dillon Blair
16	James Taylor, Jr.	17	Amy Cuellar
19	Logan Brown	22	Jenna Genaro
23	Erica Blair	23	Sarah Scarsdale
24	Neil Barnhill	25	Suzy Jones "100th"
27	Jack Cherry	27	Leah Gartrell
27	Laura Odom	31	Kylee Fabian

This summer we will have a series of guest speakers for our Wednesday night services.

The schedule for the summer is:

- 6/23 Ralph Bryant
- 6/30 Elmo Adams
- 7/7 Wednesday Night With The Master
- 7/14 Nathan Burrow
- 7/21 Rayford Welch
- 7/28 Gene Rowe, Sr.
- 8/4 Wednesday Night With The Master
- 8/11 Singing
- 8/18 Leland Rodgers

July Anniversaries

19	Tom & Brenda Langford	20	Charles & Ramona Huckabee
25	Paul & Judy Dillon	30	Loyd & Laura Wilson "50th"
31	Jack & Dorothy Cherry		

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for June. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **Dominica Mission team** will be involved in the mission trip from July 2nd through July 11th. Please keep this trip in your prayers as well as those going on the trip. The team members are: Gary Adams, Sarah Adams, D. C. Brown, Heather Brown, Amy Cuellar, Kylee Fabian, Chris Lindelof, Brandon Stafford, Patricia Stafford, Bob Williams, Mitzi Williams and Kent Wroe.

- **Secret Sisters** will meet Monday, July 5th.
- **World Bible School Teachers:** Due to foyer renovations, the wooden box for turning in lessons for shipping has been moved to the WBS classroom. Teacher folders with student lessons are also located there. Please check regularly to see if you have new assignments.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Claudia Martin fell last Sunday and broke her neck again. She will undergo surgery sometime before the end of the weekend. She is in Hermann Hospital in the medical center.

Fran Barnhill surgery on her nose last week went well.

Our sympathy to **Ed Koob & family** on the loss of his daughter, **Karen Cox**.

Brenda Riggs is having a difficult time bouncing back from her latest chemo treatment, please keep her in your prayers.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Brenda Blair, Terry Brown, LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Jerry DeWeese Jr., June Evans, Cooper Gartrell, Elaine Genaro, Rossie Gilbert, Pete Griffith, Dorendia Hamilton, Becky Hopkins,

Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Claudia Martin, Brenda Riggs, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Bill Westmoreland.

Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Rebecca Morgenthaler.

Others: Timothy Anderson, Justin Britt, Mark Brown, Delta Burner, Hazel Childress, Virginia Cole, George Dunn, Chris Fleury, Sonny Forrester, Rachel & Joe Glaze, Jim Godwin, James Green, Dee Grigg, Steve Harrist, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Lola Hill, Wendell Hines, Gail Hunter, Kaye Hopkins, Leslie Hunt, Bartis Knight, Samuel Knight, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Jim & Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Ruth Schultz, Rick Stone, Gary & Kay Taliaferro, Bruce Welch, Gary Wells, Elaine Wilson, Lauretta Wilson.



Welcome New Members

Ryan & Kathryn Daltry
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Christina Brown was baptized into Christ by D.C. on Monday night.