

Those to Serve

December 6		December 13	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Eugene Priestley	Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	David Smith	Presiding:	Greg Fabian
Paul Dillon	Demetris Kelly	Chris Lindelof	Ben Lenamon
Phil Godwin	Paul Hamilton	Kent Wroe	David Blair, Jr.
Lary Roberson	Elijah Sandoval	Loyd Wilson	Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	Bill Russell	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery		Nursery	
Angela Parker	Judy Dillon	Maresha Scarsdale	Sarah Scarsdale
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer		Opening Prayer	Von Knight
Song Leader	Friends & Family Day	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	No evening service	Communion	D. Blair & D. Brown
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	Josh Hamilton
Nursery		Nursery	Amy Cuellar
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Bob Williams, Ross Genaro, Tim Godwin, Tex Greene, James Taylor		*David Blair, Daniel Brown, Clifford Layton, Dal Randle, Gavin Finch	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	John Adams	Video Camera	Matthew Fabian
Greeters		Greeters	
G. & L. Fabian	K. Wroe & R. Bazy	V. & R.J. Knight	B. & Mitzi Williams
C. & N. Layton	B. Shock & M. Harris	D. & B. Blair	G. Whitmire & J. Coe
Building Lock Up	Gary Adams	Building Lock Up	David Blair
Wednesday 12/2		Wednesday 12/9	
Song Leader	Wednesday	Song Leader	Brandon Stafford
Opening Prayer	Night	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Closing Prayer	With The	Closing Prayer	Clifford Layton
Devotional	Master	Devotional	Eddie Ray

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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 – Building & Grounds

Chuck Huckabee – Finances

Chris Lindelof—Benevolence

Kevin Odom – I.T.

Eddie Ray – Education & Missions

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister

Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
Save, Benin West Africa

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With the best of intentions, people seek to do God's will. This is true, not only today, but also throughout the millenniums of human history. But doing God's will implies familiarity with God. Further, it necessarily requires a knowledge of God's revealed will for man. As to the implication of familiarity with God, there is no argument. Unfortunately, as for the fact that it "necessarily requires a knowledge of God's revealed will for man" - not necessarily true. The confident assertions of those who want to be religious teachers are not always based on a knowledge of God's revealed will.

It is a matter of great personal annoyance to me when I see and hear interviews with politicians, bureaucrats, news media analysts or anyone else saying things like "I believe this is what the American people want." Wait a minute! Back up the bus and let me off! Most of the time, I am not in agreement with what they say that I, as part of the American people, want. It annoys me. It frustrates me and it makes me angry. I can't begin to imagine how annoying it is to God when He is continually misrepresented by people "wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions" (1 Tim. 1:7).

We need to be very careful to guard against making assumptions as to what God wants or what God wills.

An Old Testament passage that clearly illustrates how easy it is to fall into that trap is found in 2 Samuel 7. David, with the purest of motives and best of intentions wants to build a temple for the Lord. He acknowledges that his present position of power, authority and wealth are from God and he concludes God should have a better house for the people to worship in than the palace that David lives in. That sounds reasonable, and it is

an admirable desire on David's part. Listen to David's heart as he consults with Nathan, the prophet of God - "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains" (2 Sam. 7:2). In fact, this is such a reasonable observation, and the purity of David's motives are so obvious, that Nathan allows himself to get caught up in the moment. Thus we find Nathan saying to David, "Go, do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you" (7:3).

Here are two people committed to serving the Lord. David's faith in God, his love for God's word and his devotion to God up to this point are impeachable. Nathan is God's prophet. He had long ago submitted his will to God's so that God spoke through him and through him taught both king and country. If ever there were two men living in the same time and place who were intimate with the Lord, David and Nathan would certainly be numbered among them. Yet beginning with the very next verse, it is astoundingly clear that God's will had been assumed rather than known.

2 Sam. 7:4-7 ⁴But in the same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, ⁵"Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?' ⁶For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"

It is critical that we KNOW God's will - our eternity hinges on it. Jesus said, ²¹"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²²Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS'" (Mt. 7:21-23).

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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Faith In Action will be Saturday, Dec. 5th. It is a service project in coordination with the Impact church. We will LEAVE the building at 8:30. Afterwards, we will go to the Scarsdale's home.

Our annual Fruit Basket assembly & delivery will be Saturday, Dec. 12th. Meet in Annex at 1:00 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be "God is Love" (1 John 4) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be "Those Born of God" (1 John 5).



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Knowing is not synonymous with assuming. I can no more "know" what God wants without consulting His word, that I can "know what the American people want" without polling each citizen one by one. As a nation we subject ourselves to public opinion polls every day regarding government policies, social interests and economic views but in the land of "God bless America" and "In God we trust" there aren't many who turn to Scripture to know God's will. A good hearted assumption seems to many to be a valid substitute. It's not! Keep studying. *—D. C. Brown ©2009*

Friends & Family Day

December 6, 2009

Plan to bring your friends and family! Members are asked to bring a meal for the pot luck.

December Birthdays

2	Ed Koob	3	Autumn Taylor
6	Eugene Priestley	6	Donna Russell
7	Jacob Carriere	7	Wilma Koob
10	Ron Bazy	11	Barbara Puckett
11	Craig Willeford	12	Harold Moore

December Birthdays—cont.

17	John Genaro	24	Joyce Howard
24	Bob Williams	25	Noah Hill
27	Matthew Fabian	27	Mallory Odom
31	Maresha Scarsdale	31	Stacey Sandoval
31	Loma Stone		

December Anniversaries

9	Eddie & Stephanie Ray	9	Ricky & Janice Pearson
18	Bill & Dianne Westmoreland	27	Rick & Jean Nudelman

December Anniversaries—cont.

27	Bob & Mitzi Williams
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for December. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **Ladies Christmas Party** will be Friday, December 4th at 6:00 PM at the home of Brenda Blair. Please bring a wrapped home made gift and come prepared for lots of fun and food.
- **Festival of Lights**— Golden Agers and anyone who wishes to join them will go to Galveston for the Festival of Lights on December 10th. We will leave the Annex at 4:30 PM, have dinner & go see the lights. Sign up on Upcoming Events bulletin board.
- **Elders Deacons & Ministers Meeting** will be Saturday, December 12. Breakfast at Kelley's at 8:00 AM and meeting at 9:00 AM at building.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, December 12. Breakfast at Kelley's at 8:00 AM.
- **Secret Sisters** will be December 14 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jean Coe.
- **Senior Sunday** will be Sunday, the 20th. We will be honoring **Kylee Fabian & Elijah Sandoval** who are both graduating this month. We ask that you bring a pot luck dish & plan to stay to honor these graduates.
- **Arms of Hope** (formerly Medina & Boles Children's Homes) **Can Drive has begun.** Please pick up a can off the table in the foyer & start collecting your change. Please return cans by December 20th.
- **Toy Drive for Impact Church of Christ**—we will be collecting toys that will be donated to Impact. There is a sign up sheet if you are willing to donate toys.
- There is a need for someone to deliver communion to two ladies in Tuscan Village each week. If you are willing to help in this, please sign up on the Upcoming Events bulletin board.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Larry Phillips is much improved and is scheduled to go home on Friday. He still has complete loss of hearing and we ask for your prayers concerning this—he will see an ENT on Tuesday.

Claudia Martin remains in Windsong Village.

Ruth Cartwright, Paul's grandmother, has learned that her cancer has not spread & will be meeting with doctors to determine treatment.

Nelda Brockett, former secretary at Southeast Church of Christ, is in St. Luke's Hospital in unstable condition following heart surgery.

Rick Nudelman & Chris Lindelof continue their search for employment.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tony Bagwell, Terry Brown, LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Jerry DeWeese Jr., June Evans, Cooper Gartrell, Elaine Genaro, Rossie Gilbert, Dorendia Hamilton, Becky Hopkins, Dorothy Kirk-

land, Ed & Wilma Koob, Claudia Martin, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone, Wally Weeks, Bill Westmoreland.

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

Others: Timothy Anderson, Elton Bennett, Scott Bockart, Justin Britt, Mark Brown, Delta Burner, Bobbie Chenuault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, George Dunn, Michael Fleury, Rachel & Joe Glaze, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Lola Hill, Wendell Hines, Gail Hunter, Kaye Hopkins, Leslie Hunt, George & Sandra Kassos, William Kay, Samuel Knight, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Jim & Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Diane Plumb, Lt Col Robert Reese, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Ruth Schultz, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Pat Stewart, Gary & Kay Taliaferro, Penny Waldrum, Bruce Welch, Gary Wells, Elaine Wilson, Lauretta Wilson, Claudia Scott Wright.