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## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Pastor

#### 1 Peter 4:10-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I've been completely blessed by watching our church do church. In just the past few days I've seen God glorified by members ministering to one another in the name of Jesus!

Recently, my wife and I went to visit a member who was in the hospital. When we walked into the room there was one of our church's deacons already visiting, ministering to the family by providing a lunch. This particular deacon had just recently been released from the hospital himself! Blessed!

Just last night while scrolling through Face Book I noticed a member had mentioned to a friend that a group of ladies from the church were gathering to cook meals for a family who could use the help. Blessed!

I know of a couple of guys who have given up Saturdays to help another member with a construction project...in the Houston summer heat! Blessed!

I could go on and on with examples of our church doing church. I pray that you see in the above examples two things; none of them occurred in the church building and none of them were planned by the pastor or church staff!

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the grace of God."

As long as we continue to fulfill the purposes of the church, worship, disciple, evangelize and serve, being careful to keep the glory of God through His Son Jesus Christ as our primary motivator, we will continue to be blessed!

#### Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

God bless,  
Pastor Rob

### August Calendar

#### Sunday, August 6

- Lord's Supper Services
- Quarterly Report Deadline

#### Thursday, August 17

- Ladies Lunch Bunch

#### Friday, August 18

- Youth Group Lock-In

#### Sunday, August 20

- September Newsletter Deadline

#### Monday, August 21

- CCISD 1st Day of School

#### Sunday, August 27

- Youth to teach Children's Church (1st service)

#### Wednesday, August 30

- Quarterly Business Mtg.
- "Italian" Themed Covered Dish Dinner

# Weekly Schedule

## Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 am.....	Berean Adult Fellowship (studying Philippians) .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am .....	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am .....	Youth Bible Study .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 10:30 am .....	1st Nursery .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am .....	Children's Church .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am .....	1st Worship Service .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am .....	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm .....	2nd Nursery .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm .....	Children's Church/Pre-K Church .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm .....	2nd Worship Service .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
1:15 — 2:00 pm .....	Retirement Ministry Worship Service .....	Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

## Monday

6:30 pm.....Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship ..... **\*\*\*ON SUMMER BREAK ~ will resume September 4th**

## Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm.....Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades) ..... Will join the Everybody Bible Study  
 6:30 — 7:30 pm.....Everybody Bible Study "Think Differently" ..... 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)  
 6:30 — 7:30 pm.....Nursery ..... 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy. 146)



## Regular Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
 9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

## August 2017 Tellers

Aug. 06 .....John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix  
 Aug. 13 .....Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt  
 Aug. 20 .....Don Cartwright, Gene & Heather Engel  
 Aug. 27 .....Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long



[Prayer Request Form](#)

## Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds

June 2017.....\$24,159.52

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

# Birthdays

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Dallas Garrett  
Shirley Holquin  
Megan Mills  
Adrianna Guinn  
Robert Tabb  
Aaron O'Neal  
Rick Wilk Jr.  
Aaron Augustine Jr.  
Wayne Sings



Larry Roberts  
Alex Newell  
Cheryl Harrison  
Andy Abernathy  
Linda Teague  
Loraine Pinnock  
Alli Mayes



**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

**OBSERVANCE OF  
THE LORD'S  
SUPPER**

**9:30 & 11:00 AM Service**

## Quarterly Report Deadline

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

**Reporting on May, June and July**



## Ladies Lunch Bunch

**All ladies of the church are invited!**

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

*Church van will leave the parking lot at 11:30 am*

This month the ladies will be going to Bubba Gump Shrimp Palace at 113 6th Street in San Leon. The church van will leave the parking lot at **11:30 am**. This is always a time of laughter and fellowship for the all ladies of the church, please join in the fun—the more the merrier!

## THINK DIFFERENTLY

Nothing is different until you  
think differently



**by James Macdonald**

## Everybody Bible Study

**Wednesday's at 6:30 pm  
through August 16th**

Why do we lose our temper? Why do we tend to hurt those we care for most? How do families find themselves broken? The reason is often the way we think. Beyond behaviors and deeper than attitudes, thinking determines outcome more than anything else. The Book of Romans challenges us to be no longer conformed to the patterns of the world but rather to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. So much of what we are missing in life is associated with the way we process events in the world around us, draw conclusions about our circumstances, and act out of conclusions uninformed by the truth of Jesus and the gospel. In a world constantly bombarded by the fictions of a self-absorbed culture, managing our thinking becomes an even trickier proposition.

If you repeatedly find yourself in places where you don't want to go, it's your thinking that's leading you there. This 10 session Bible study by James MacDonald identifies strongholds, examines how they came to be, and offers believers a biblical path toward repentance and the renewing of their minds. God offers our only hope for victory over disposition, dysfunction, double-mindedness, and every other mental stronghold. With Him we can think differently.

### Remaining Session topics:

Aug. 2 Repentance

Aug. 9 When You Fail to Think Differently

Aug 16 Renewing Your Mind





## R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, 9:15—10:30 am in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Activities start at 6:30 pm, ends at 7:30 pm. This month the youth will join the Everybody Bible Study in the Worship Center.

**Friday, August 18, 2017, 7:00 PM  
through Saturday, 7:00 AM**



Friday, August 18th, 7:00 pm through Saturday, August 19th, 7:00 am, the youth will celebrate the end of summer with an all-night party. We will have food, games, food, music, food, movies, and lots of fun...and food!

All youth are invited and **ADULT HELP IS NEEDED!!!** If you would be interested in helping, a sign-up will be in the hallway. Please put your name, contact information and what time frame you would like to serve.

**Monday, August 21 ~ CCISD 1st day of School**



**Sunday, August 27~ Youth Lead  
Children's Church**

The youth will be teaching Children's Church during the first service. This is always a fun time for the kids and an opportunity for the youth to be servants of the Lord. YOUTH please be in the children's church room no later than 9:15 am.

**Deadline  
for September 2017**

## Newsletter Submissions

**Sunday  
August 20, 2017**

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### Quarterly Business Meeting

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017  
6:30 pm**

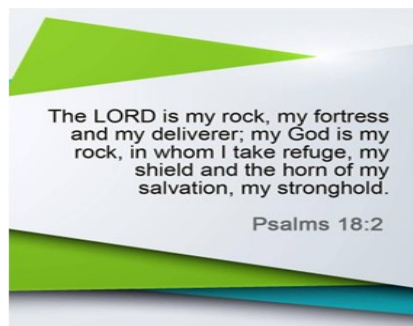


### Italian Themed Covered Dish Dinner

*Immediately following the business meeting*

Members please bring your favorite Italian dish to share.





## August 2017 Lamplight ~ Strong-Walled Places

This year's summer Bible study, "Think Differently", by James MacDonald has taught me a lot. So far I have learned how difficulties, dispositions and dysfunction are the tools used to bend, begin, and build multiple strongholds in my life.

The key passage for this study is **2 Corinthians 10:4-6**...

*For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.*

I was curious, so I looked up the original Greek word for *strongholds*. This is what I found... the word - ὀχυρωμάτων - is a genitive plural noun that indicates possession. In other words the strongholds (plural) mentioned in the verse belong to us. It's *our warfare*, therefore these are *our strongholds*.

The Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament clarifies the translation further... *In some languages a 'fortress' may be described in terms of its function, for example, 'a place for protection' or 'a place to defend oneself.'* **Often, however, a fortress is described in terms of its construction, for example, 'a strong-walled place.'**

As I continued to study I found myself in **Psalms 18:1-3**... *I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

The Hebrew word for stronghold - מְשֻׁנָּה - is a first person singular construct noun that also indicates possession. In this verse it means *my stronghold*, and that stronghold is God.

The Hebrew and Aramaic lexicon of the Old Testament describes the word as a metaphor—*God as a refuge*. Tie this together with the lexical meaning and you have a "*high point for refuge*", which indicates a high, inaccessible place that keeps us safe from enemies.

As I pondered the connection between these verses I was reminded of **Isaiah 55:8-9** ...*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

**There it is...** Everything about God is higher than me. All my life I have built *my strong-walled places* with my *strong-willed arguments and opinions*. I may believe that these strongholds are safe, but God is the only fortress that truly protects me. Only God can lift me to a safe place that was never built by human argument or opinion. Therefore, I must learn to combat my *strong-willed ways* so I will stop building *strong-walled places*. I must choose to *take every thought captive to obey Christ*. This and only this will bring God's peace to the battlefield of my mind.

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Remember this... you are loved and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ, Cheryl



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27	28	29 	30 6:00 PM Quarterly Business Meeting  Italian Themed Covered Dish Dinner	31		