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Church Newsletter

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A Message from the Pastor

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I don't claim to understand everything. In fact, seeing all that happens in life, I'm convinced I actually understand very little! However, this I understand. God is absolutely sovereign. Scripture shows us that God has ultimate authority. Psalm 103:19 says, "The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all."

What an absolutely amazing thought! God has total control of everything in all the universe. Everyone and everything is under his reign. He is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient; all-powerful, all present and all knowing!

And He has adopted us as children. Wow.

We should take great comfort and unsurpassable peace in this truth: God is in control and we are His children.

The church schedule is returning to normal. Let's not let "normal" lull us into complacency. Obviously, God is telling us something and we need to listen and respond. Serving one another, loving one another, and sharing the gospel wherever we go are all great responses. Focused worship, prayer time, Bible study, D-Life participation and giving are all good responses. We are so blessed, let's not wait until the next trial or tribulation to spur us on!

I am grateful for how our church has responded during last few weeks. We've served one another and our community. Let's continue to do so.

Stay in prayer for all those who have been impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria, Pray for those who have been impacted by the fires in the Western United States and for those who have been impacted by the earthquakes. Pray for all those who have and are working in the recovery and clean up!

God bless,
Pastor Rob

October Calendar

Youth Fundraiser Butter Braids

Sunday, October 1

- Lord's Supper Services
- New Women's Bible Study begins at 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 5

- National Bring Your Bible To School Day

Wednesday, October 11

- Church Council Meeting

Saturday, October 14

- Free Car Care Clinic

Wednesday, October 18

- Italian Themed Covered Dish Dinner

Thursday, October 19

- Ladies Lunch Bunch

Friday, October 20

- November Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, October 28

- Youth Serve at Houston Food Bank

Sunday, October 29

- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

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
5:00 pm.....	Women's Ministry Bible Study; "Patchwork..."	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & Bible Study (Malachi)	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.

October 2017 Tellers

Oct. 01	John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
Oct. 08	Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Oct. 15	Gene & Heather Engel
Oct. 22	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
Oct. 29	Mary Johnson, Linda Long & Juliet Wall

Do You Need Prayer?
We would love to pray for you!
Prayer Request Form



Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds

July 2017.....	\$34,508.90
August 2017.....	\$23,223.66

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Birthdays

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Don Doyle
Kathy Slater
Mandy Stilwell
Judith Butler
Kurt King
Philip Minix
Billy Crawford
Karen King
Tracy Maggard

James Moss
Martha Frink
Chris VanDerbeck
Jamie Woleben
Kacey Webb
Joshua Garza
Bill Slater
John O'Neal
John Roubion



Sunday, October 1, 2017

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service



Women's Ministry Bible Study

"Patchwork, the Handiwork of God" is a six week Bible Study that will meet on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 PM beginning on **October 1st**. Women will enjoy Bible Study, fellowship and as a bonus we will learn how to make a handmade quilt.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway. Make plans to come and bring a friend. For details please see Cheryl Harrison or Gloria Henry.

MEN'S Ministry

Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Every Monday

6:30 pm ~ snacks, 7:00 pm ~ Bible Study

**** Bible Study ****

"7 Promises of the Promise Keeper - ReMastered"

- 10/2 A Man and His Family (Ephesians 5:25, 6:4)
- 10/9 A Man and His Church (1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 10:25)
- 10/16 A Man and His Brothers (John 17:20-21)
- 10/23 A Man and His World (Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 28:19-20)

***The Pig Roast and Hamburger Family Gathering that had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey has been rescheduled for **Nov. 6th** at 6:30 pm. All Church Family and Friends are invited and encouraged to come. We will be asking that you bring a side dish, as the men will provide the roasted pig and hamburgers.*



National Bring Your Bible To School Day

On Thursday, **October 5th**, be a part of the national student led movement, Bring Your Bible To School. Join thousands of students across the whole country to share God's hope and celebrate religious freedom by doing something simple, yet powerful: Bring your bible to school and talk about it with your friends.

Be Bold. Be Strong. Bring Your Bible



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6th through 12th 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 Discipleship and Activities start at **6:30 pm**, ends at 7:30 pm in #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.



Butter Braids Youth Group Fundraiser

During the month of October, the youth will host a Butter Braid Fundraiser. These make delicious desserts or breakfast items for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or any day. An order form will be posted in the hallway and the youth will have order forms as well. We appreciate your support!

Saturday, October 14 ~ The youth will team up with Billy Crawford to provide a Free Car Care Clinic in the church parking lot. We plan to start at 7:30 am and finish up around 2:00 pm. There will be FREE PIZZA for all youth and adult volunteers. If you would like to help out, please speak with Billy Crawford or Lori Forrest.

Wednesday, October 18 ~ The youth will meet to prepare to teach Children's Church. Youth please come to hear the review and to choose your part.

Sunday, October 22 ~ 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.

Saturday, October 28 ~ The youth will be volunteering at the Houston Food Bank for the morning shift. We will plan to meet at the church at 6:15 am and will be returning around 1:00 pm. If you have haven't joined us serving at the Food Bank, we would love for you to do so! If you have joined us before, we'd love to have you join us again! A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway. Everyone must be registered before we get to the Food Bank and Lori will take care of all registrations.



Meeting

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017
6:00 PM**

Attention all Committee and Ministry leads... the Church Council will be planning for the months of November, December and January. These are very busy and important months in the life of the church, so come prepared and on time, and the meeting should only last 20-25 minutes.



FREE Car Care Clinic

**Saturday, October 14th
7:30 am — 2:00 pm**

The church will be having a FREE Car Clinic in the church parking lot on **Saturday, October 14** from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Labor and tools will be provided but parts have to be purchased by the owner of the vehicle.

If you have any questions please call Billy Crawford at 956-246-6773.

Italian Themed Covered Dish Dinner

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Immediately following Wednesday evening services



Members please bring your favorite Italian dish to share.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

All ladies of the church are invited!

Thursday, October 19, 2017

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

The original plan to go to Kelley's in League City has changed due to damage from Hurricane Harvey. This month the ladies will be going to **IHOP in Kemah**. 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!

**Deadline
for November 2017**

Newsletter Submissions

**Friday
October 20, 2017**

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Sunday, October 29, 2017

9:30 & 11:00 am Services

**5th
Sunday
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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.
MATTHEW 5:16

LOOKING
TO GET
INVOLVED? **VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many areas to serve God by serving in the church. If interested please call the church office at 281-474-3281.

Worship Center - each week there is a need to pick up old bulletins and trash and check and sharpen the pencils and replace offering envelopes. This task usually takes less than an hour. It is also a great opportunity to be in the worship center and alone with The Lord.

Call Committee - we need to put together a group of people willing to make calls when life events happen. Someone who can split up the church family and friends phone list among a group of volunteers and pass along important information.

Children's Church & Pre-K Church continues to need volunteer teachers and assistants. Cheryl provides the lessons and everything needed to lead and teach children 4 yrs old through the 6th grade. Please see Cheryl Harrison if you are interested in this ministry.

Food Pantry Ministry - although Gloria Henry and Heather Engel do an amazing job keeping the Food Pantry organized, it would be great if others could help in stocking and organizing the shelves each week or every other week.

Nursery Ministry - the nursery continues to need volunteers to assist the paid employee with the babies and toddlers. Please see Cristey Crawford if you are interested in this ministry.

Building and Grounds Ministry

Flower Beds around the church continually need to have the weeds pulled. If you are a person that likes to 'play in the dirt' and are interested in serving in this way please see Steve Mewborn or John Henry.

Light Bulbs - we need someone to change burned out light bulbs in all the buildings on a regular basis (main, annex, portables and the church office). Please see Steve Mewborn or John Henry if this is a way you can help serve.

Smoke and Carbon Dioxide detectors - we need someone to change the batteries every 6 months. Please see Steve Mewborn or John Henry.



October 2017 Lamplight ~ Safe and Secure From All Alarm

My heart goes out to everyone who has been affected by Hurricane Harvey. The damage on my street alone is clearly represented by the pungent debris that litters almost every yard. As far as the eye can see there are piles of wet flooring, insulation, moldy drywall and cabinets, furniture, and a collection of other personal property. This story is not unique to my neighborhood. It can be told many times over, in varying degrees, by many different neighborhoods...

On August 26, 2017 at approximately 11:00 pm, the squalls of Hurricane Harvey began. The dark sky lit up with constant lightening and sideways rain began to pelt homes. Within a short period of time most streets were severely flooded and water lapped at porches and doorways. In our case, water came in from above and below. We scrambled to find buckets to catch water in the attic and upstairs hallway, and we did our best to carry personal items higher ground. It's funny now, but we actually thought that duct taping the bottom of our doors would slow down the water. Note to self... water comes in from all sides once it floods the weep holes. Yeah, it's all fun and games until you hear the sound of "splish, splash" in your living room.

In the end, Harvey decided to hang around for awhile. He rained and poured for three more days. Many residents were evacuated, while others hunkered down and waited for him to leave. Can you imagine what might have happened if Harvey had stayed around for another thirty-seven days? Thankfully, God keeps His promises.

Finally, the rain stopped and the water receded... then came the aftermath. Some homes suffered a few inches of flood water, while others surpassed three or more feet, but every single home was set on the same path to restoration.

Right now, my home is broken. It needs to be fixed, and as I consider the events of the past three weeks I can't help but see the gracious hand of God. The following list represents many different people who for now will remain nameless ~ God knows who they are, and so do they...

- Meet the many friends who called and texted to make sure we were safe. Some of them were in contact with us when the water began to enter our house during the wee hours of the morning.
- Meet the prayer-warriors who faithfully prayed whenever I asked for prayer, especially when our kids were forced to walk in chest-high water to reach higher ground.
- Meet the Hero who drove his big truck into deep waters, not once but twice to evacuate our family, including two dogs and three cats. Side note... cats do not like to be stuffed into duffle bags.
- Meet the many volunteers who helped us with the hard work of removing the wet sheetrock and moldy cabinets from our first floor. Also, the ones who helped with attic and upper hallway problems due to water that came in from the roof.
- Meet the thoughtful people who provided us with much needed encouragement, meals, supplies, transportation and money to help us on our way.
- Meet some of our neighbors who before the storm were strangers, but now I know their names and their needs.
- Meet the Cavalry that is on its way from Alabama to help us and a few other neighbors with repairs.

Meet יהוה יְרֵאָה (Jehovah-Jireh)... He is our God. He is faithful and true, and nothing is too hard for Him. It's because of Him that we are always "Safe and Secure from All Alarm."

A big heart-felt thank you to ALL!

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

In Christ, Cheryl



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1</p>  <p>9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper</p> <p>5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>STUDENTS</p>  <p>National Bring Your Bible To School Day</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>YOUTH Fundraiser</p>	<p>7</p>	
<p>8</p>  <p>5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 PM Church Council Mtg.</p> <p>6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>7:30 - 2:00 FREE Car Care Clinic</p>	
<p>15</p>  <p>5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>Italian Themed Covered Dish Dinner</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 am Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Deadline to submit November Newsletter articles</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>22</p>  <p>5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>YOUTH Service Project houston  foodbank</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 & 11:00 AM 5th Sunday Hymn Sing </p>  <p>5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Regular Sunday Services</p> <p>8:15-9:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>9:15-10:15 AM Berean Adult Fellowship & Youth Bible Study</p> <p>9:15-9:30 AM 1st Adult Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:10-10:30 AM 1st Nursery / Children's Church / Pre-K Church</p> <p>9:30-10:30 AM 1st Worship Service</p> <p>10:45-11:00 AM 2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:45-Noon 2nd Nursery / Children's Church</p> <p>11:00-Noon 2nd Worship Service</p>				 <p>Worship Schedule</p>