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# Church Newsletter

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## A Message from the Pastor

One of the benefits of summer is many of us are able to set aside routines. We are able to do new things, different things, or the same things at different times. It's refreshing and energizing to be able to do that.

However, there some routines that should not be set-aside, and typically, those are the first to go! I'm talking about spiritual routines. The spiritual disciplines of Bible reading, prayer and church attendance are, unfortunately, among the routines that are set-aside during the summer. Well, it's September and summer is over! It's time to get back into some routines.

Do you have a Bible reading plan? If not, there are several available at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). Joining a Dlife group will also provide a Bible reading plan. A Bible reading routine is important!

Do you have a prayer time? David did. His routine was morning prayer.

Psalm 5:3 King James Version (KJV) My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Psalm 143:8 King James Version (KJV) Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Daniel prayed three times a day, even under the threat of death! If you haven't already, set a prayer time and keep it! A prayer time routine is important.

Jesus had a worship attendance routine. Luke 4:16 "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as *his custom was*, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." If your church attendance routine was disrupted for summer, it's time to get it back!

Now, there is a flip-side to this discussion on routines. The Bible also warns us about getting into a spiritual rut! Don't let your routines become so ritualistic and lifeless that they become ruts! Amen?

We have returned to our normal schedule. All our ministries are meeting again and some new opportunities are coming. Be sure to check the announcements, Facebook page and church web-site for more information. Here's a teaser.... Financial Peace University!

God bless,  
Pastor Rob

## September Calendar

### MONTH LONG FOCUS Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions

#### Sunday, September 2

- Lord's Supper Services

#### Monday, September 3

- Men's Ministry Kick-Off ~  
ALL CHURCH Picnic /Pot Luck
- Labor Day

#### Sunday, September 9

- Youth ~ Bowling
- Women's Ministry Bible Study Begins

#### September 9—16

- Mary Hill Davis Offering Week of Prayer

#### Monday, September 10

- Men's Ministry Bible Study Begins

#### Sunday, September 16

- Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser

#### Thursday, September 20

- Newsletter Deadline
- Anchor Point 2018 Gala

#### Sunday, September 23

- Youth to teach CC-1st service

#### Saturday, September 29

- Youth Service Project at the Houston Food Bank

#### Sunday, September 30

- Community of Churches Picnic at Rex Meador Park

# Weekly Schedule

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study .....	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 .....	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 .....	Berean Adult Fellowship .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am .....	Youth Bible Study .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
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 .....	(No service on 1st Sunday) Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City
5:00 — 6:00 pm ..	Women's Ministry Bible Study "Knitted Together" .....	<b>*Won't meet on 9/30*</b> 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

## Monday

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

## Wednesday

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

## September 2018 Tellers

**Sept 02** ..... John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix  
**Sept 09** ..... Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt  
**Sept 16** ..... Gene & Heather Engel  
**Sept 23** ..... Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long  
**Sept 30** ..... Mary Johnson, Linda Long and Juliet Wall

*Tithes & Offering*

***A look at the church finances...General Funds***

**July 2018.....\$28,547.18**

**Do you need prayer?**

*We would love  
To pray for you!*

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# Birthdays

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Amber Tabb  
AJ Laird  
Kaitlyn Raines  
Dale Shoop  
KC Broyles  
CJ Guinn  
Kim Rangel  
Jessica Forrest  
Mary Hantelmann  
Marta Brain  
Brenda Johnson  
Mark Maggard  
Margie Minix  
Jeanette Moore  
Howard Phelps  
Ronald Butler  
Lucy Anderson  
Steven Gray  
William Singleton



## Women's Ministry Bible Study "Knitting Together"

Begins Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

The ladies will enjoy a light Bible Study and then learn to knit. Eileen Morse as graciously agreed to be our knitting coach.

A sign-up sheet is available on the hallway bulletin board. Please sign up so that we know how many supplies to provide.

## Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

**FBC Seabrook**  
**Men's Monday Night**

September 2018

Resumes Meeting  
Every Monday Evening  
September 10, 2018

EVERY MONDAY  
6:30 pm ~ Snacks  
7:00 pm ~ Bible Study

RAISING UP  
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MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING®

**Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions**  
**Week of Prayer**

September 9—16, 2018

Starting in 1910, the Mary Hill Davis Offering® was established to empower state missions efforts for Texas Baptists.

Your giving mobilizes ministries and missionaries to go make disciples and multiply churches among all peoples for the glory of God.

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*But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and **speak out for HIM**, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you — from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.*

1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG)

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018

**OBSERVANCE OF**  
**THE LORD'S**  
**SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

**Men's Monday Night Ministry Kick-Off**  
**Everyone Is Invited!!**





## **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, **9:30 - 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.

### **Sunday, September 9 ~ Bowling**

The youth will leave after the 2nd service. We will grab a quick lunch and head to **AMF Alpha Lanes** in Webster. Each youth will need \$12 for bowling and money for food/drinks. If money is an issue please speak to Lori Forrest. We do not want any youth to miss out.



### **Sunday, September 16 ~ Youth Bake Sale**

The youth will host a Bake Sale Fundraiser following each service to raise money for our international youth mission trip next summer. We will have a variety of delicious goodies for sale. Items will not be priced individually; instead, we will accept whatever the Lord lays on your heart to give.

### **Sunday, September 23 ~ Youth Lead Children's Church**

The youth will lead Children's Church during the first service. Please be in the Children's Church classroom by 9:15 am. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

### **Saturday, September 29 ~ Houston Food Bank**

The youth will be volunteering for the 8:00 am — 12:00 pm shift at the Houston Food Bank. This is always a lot of fun. Everyone is invited to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Everyone must be registered through the Houston Food Bank and for our shift. All of the information will be on the sign-up sheet and Lori will take care of registering everyone. We hope you will join us!



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **October Newsletter Deadline** Thursday, September 20, 2018

### **Community of Churches Picnic**

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**  
**2:00 — 6:00 PM**

Everyone is invited to gather for a picnic with all the churches in the Seabrook Community.

**Rex Meador Park Pavilion**  
**2400 Hammer at N. Meyer in Seabrook**

Join us for fun, fellowship, games and a community service project. A pig roast and hamburgers will be served at 4 pm.

Please bring a side or dessert to share and any outdoor games to share. For details, please contact Pastor Rob.

## **Coming In October**

**Every Thursday, beginning October 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.** This is a proven program that will show you how to master budgeting, save for emergencies, pay off debt, plan and invest for the future, and live like no one else.

**Registration and Membership Fees are required ~ one per family.** Register Early! First Ten Families who register will receive their membership for \$99.00. After ten registrations, the membership cost rises to \$109.00. For details, please sign-up and we will contact you with registration information.

## **Coming In November**

**Church Camp Out at Stephen F. Austin Campground** currently has plenty of camp sites available for the November 2-4 weekend. There are shelters available as well if you don't have an RV. Come be a part of this weekend, we hope to make this an annual or semi-annual event. Contact John or Gloria for more details. *Reservations can be made at <http://texas.reserveworld.com/Home.aspx>.*





## September 2018 Lamplight ~ Battles

A few weeks ago, I dreamed a vivid dream. The dream was a bit on the violent side, which is not normal in my dream world. I agree that the Star Trek movie from earlier in the day contributed to the action and sense of reality of the dream, but my subconscious was captivated. The dream seemed real and it stayed with me for quite a while after waking. What follows is my best recollection...

The setting of the dream was sometime in the future.

The "Good Guys" in my dream included many members of my family plus a few friends from high school. The "Enemy" was an army of faceless humans that were not from earth. The "Set" was the pink house I lived in when I was twelve years old.

My dream played out like the usual science fiction thriller. When the enemy arrives, they travel from home-to-home, leaving dead bodies in their wake. Authorities warned people to stay inside. News reporters repetitively advised, "Lock all doors and windows. Turn off all lights." But this did not stop the enemy. In the darkness, they advanced one house at a time until entire neighborhoods were left lifeless.

The noise of battle increased as the enemy entered our neighborhood. We were scared... No, we were terrified that the enemy would find us unprepared. The house was battened down. My family and friends hid in the darkness, waiting for the battle to begin.

The battle did begin, but it wasn't the battle we expected. This battle was crazy! When the enemy entered the pink house, all barricades and weapons disappeared. Walls vaporized and there we were, face to faceless with the enemy. Everything we had done to protect ourselves was gone. No weapons remained, except the enemy's weapons that were strategically placed in the center of the battlefield.

The battle was set and seemed simple enough. All we needed to do was beat the enemy to their weapons. So that's what we did. We advanced to the center line, grabbed the enemy's weapons, opened fire and... one after the other we began to die. Then I woke up...

I woke up startled and puzzled by the dream. I pondered it for a while, but the meaning of the dream did not hit me until I was in the shower. Somewhere between shampoo and conditioner these words came out of my mouth..." *We can't win battles with the enemy's weapons.*"

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6** says, *"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."*

In my dream we tried to fight the battle with the enemy's weapons and we found out that these weapons were designed to kill. I wondered to myself... Is it possible, as Christians that we use the enemy's weapons more than we realize...

We are already defeated if we try to fight emotional pain by spewing angry words.  
 We are already defeated if we try to fight discontent with grumbling complaints.  
 We are already defeated if we try to fight injustice with hatred.  
 We are already defeated if we try to fight the unknown with fear.  
 We are already defeated if we try to fight any battle with the enemy's weapons.

In my dream, the enemy had us right where they wanted us. We were in our stronghold armed with ineffective weapons. Thus, when the time came, we were primed and ready to use the enemy's weapons. Thank God it was only a dream, because in the end... nobody survived.

To be victorious, we must remember that **God is our weapon**. We must remember that the battle isn't ours; it's His. God alone provides the divine weapons that destroy every stronghold that hinders God's work through us. So, we ask... "What should we do?" The answer... Submit to God, Pray, and get out of His way!

Just a little something for you to think about. Remember this... you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ,  
 Cheryl



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>I am TEXAS Missions</b> MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING® Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Mission Week of Prayer: September 9 -- 16						1
2  9:30 & 11:00 Services	3 6:30 PM Picnic Inspired Pot Luck Supper 	4	5 Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	6	7	8  Youth Bowling tomorrow after church
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