

Those to Serve

October 19		October 26	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Dwight Ramsey	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Greg Fabian	Presiding:	Charles Huckabee
Larry Roberson	Loyd Wilson	Phil Godwin	Jeremy Pettit
Ron Bazzy	Paul Dillon	Chuck Huckabee	Claude Anderson
Chris Lindelof	Elijah Sandoval	Gary Adams	Anthony Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Ben Lenamon	Closing Prayer	Mike Turner
Nursery		Nursery	
Amy Cuellar	Michelle Griffith	Julee Genaro	Canova Genaro
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Von Knight	Opening Prayer	Eddie Ray
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Mike Turner
Communion	C. Layton & K. Odom	Communion	B. Pack & B. Williams
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery	Stephanie Ray	Nursery	Angela Parker
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Kevin Odom, Dal Randle, Kevin Scarsdale, Kyle Huckabee		*Brian Pack, Bob Williams, Kevin Ford, Gheath Alatrash, Nathan Scarsdale	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Anthony Sandoval	Video Camera	Elijah Sandoval
Welcomers Tex & Pat Greene Larry & Deborah Roberson		Welcomers Von & Rubye Jo Knight Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	Eddie Ray	Building Lock Up	Kevin Odom
Wednesday 10/15		Wednesday 10/22	
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Dwight Ramsey
Opening Prayer	Von Knight	Opening Prayer	David Smith
Closing Prayer	David Blair	Closing Prayer	Tex Greene
Devotional	Eddie Ray	Devotional	Greg Fabian

Pearland Church of Christ

...equipping the saints for the work of service, building up the body of Christ...

2217 N. Grand Blvd.

Pearland, TX 77581 • 281-485-2436

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
Clifford Layton 281-485-2436

DEACONS

David Blair – Building & Grounds
Chuck Huckabee – Finances
Chris Lindelof—Benevolence
Kevin Odom – I.T.
Eddie Ray – Education & Missions
Mike Turner— Worship Services

MINISTERS

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

www.pearlandcoc.com

A PUBLICATION OF THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Pearland Harvester

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

A MAN PREPARED IS A MAN BLESSED

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- A MAN PREPARED IS A MAN BLESSED 1
- YOUTH EVENTS 2
- BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES 2
- ANNOUNCEMENTS 3
- KEPT IN PRAYER 3
- THOSE SERVING 4

Talk about tradition! He was carrying on a practice that his father had been charged with. And his father before him, and his father before him, and his father before...well, to save a lot of repetition, his ancestors had been doing the same thing for a long, long time. He was the 17th generation descendant of the first one who had been charged with the task that he was now determined to do and to excel in.

He was so skilled and highly trained that the highest authority in the government had authorized him to make a long and arduous journey so that he could carry out his mission. It took four months to make that journey and yet he arrived with all who had accompanied him without harm having befallen any of them. His protection was from the Lord and the Scripture reveals that **“the good hand of his God was upon him.”** The text says that his requests to make the trip and to have the personnel and materials necessary were granted unconditionally for the same reason that he was able to finish the journey: **“because the hand of the Lord his God was upon him.”** We are also told why the hand of God was upon him: **“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel”** (Ezra 7:10).

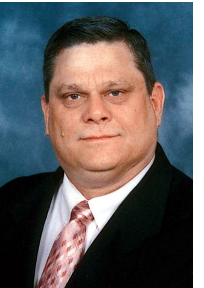
Ezra carried with him a letter from king Artaxerxes granting him the widest possible latitude in acquiring his every need. It afforded him and those who accompanied him with every protection imaginable including a permanent tax exempt status. It authorized him to do everything necessary to restore true worship and true religion in Judah once again. Yet this wide latitude

did have some constraints.

Ezra was authorized neither by God nor the king to go beyond the things written in the Law. Ezra the priest and scribe was a man **“learned in the words of the commandments of the Lord and His statutes to Israel”** (7:11). He was to inquire as the needs **“concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to law of your God which is in your hand”** (v. 14). He was free to do **“whatever seems good to you... according to the will of your God”** (v. 18). He could have anything he wanted in terms of money and materials – cost was no concern – so long as he was doing according to what was **“commanded by the God of heaven”** (v. 23). He could appoint magistrates and judges once he arrived in Judah so long as they knew **“the laws of your God”** and he could **“teach anyone who is ignorant of them”** (v. 25). Ezra was given a free hand to do anything that God had commanded without fear of any hindrance from the king or the king’s officials. But the condition which granted such generous terms was that he do only as God had commanded.

It seems obvious then that Ezra could NEVER have taken full advantage of the king’s benevolence, a thing the king clearly wanted him to do, without knowing all that God had commanded. To that end, he had set his heart to study, to practice and then to teach the ordinances of God (v. 10). Ezra was giving himself every advantage and by doing so he was able to fully exploit the king’s generosity.

The Bible class that meets in our home on Tuesday nights is going very well and I think everyone that attends is seeing a real benefit in being a part of it. The class, which I have called Basic Bible Research, is a class that takes a hands-on approach to learning some of the reference tools available to



Continued on pg 2

YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Bay Area Wide Paintball War will be Saturday, November 1st at 10AM. Cost is \$25 which includes rental equipment and lunch. See Paul for more details.

J.A.M will be November 8th from Noon to 2 PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be Dividing the Promise Land Among the Israelites Joshua 13-19 . Wednesday evening lesson will be Cities of Refuge & Levite Cities Joshua 20-21.



Continued from pg 1

any student of the Bible. It is very satisfying to me when I see the "lights click on" in someone's eyes as they learn some new thing about the Bible by becoming familiar with these reference tools. I have no doubt that every member of the class will be a better Bible student because of the knowledge and skills that they are acquiring.

Far more benevolent than even king Artaxerxes, and able to do more for us than Artaxerxes could have ever hoped to be able to do, God is able and wants to give us the richest of blessings. But to enjoy them we have to do what Ezra did. He set his heart to study and practice and teach God's ordinances. And today we have to apply all diligence so that our faith is firmly rooted in moral excellence and knowledge (v. 5). Equipping ourselves with every advantage so that our study is fruitful has great reward. We actually limit the blessings intended to by God when we don't strive diligently to know God's word. I hope you are giving yourself every advantage, because a man prepared is a man blessed!

Keep studying, D. C. Brown ©2008

The apostle Peter wrote, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord" (2 Pt. 1:2). Were those just empty words that sounded good? Hardly! Peter KNEW that we can have grace and peace multiplied through the knowledge of God and Christ because, "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him" (v. 3).

October Birthdays

16	Clifford Layton	16	Joy Sloan
20	Angela Parker	20	Paul Dillon
20	Susan Lenamon	21	Lenjen Go
22	Dal Randle	24	Minnie Harris
27	Jarod Go	27	Sarah Adams
27	Jeri Farmer	28	Steven Cuellar
28	Ashley Turner	29	Ramona Huckabee

October Anniversaries

21	Paul & April Cartwright	28	Dwight & Leah Bateman
29	James & Laurie Maxcey		

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazzy, Cooper Gartrell, and Bill Westmoreland as they continue to struggle with health issues.

Betty Bazzy has returned home.

Jalyn Wick will undergo outpatient surgery on Monday, October 13th.

Mary Alford, Judy Indest's mother, is in Brazosport hospital in Lake Jackson suffering from pneumonia.

Lauren Murphy was released today. She will be living with Rick & Jean Nudelman. They request prayers for Jean's strength in caring for her as well as Lauren & her family.

Grant O'Brien, grandson of Vi price, is in Texas Children's Hospital following surgery on a broken arm.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Betty Bazzy, LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone. Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. Others: Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Kerry Lemoine, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Talley Pruitt, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

In anticipation of an updated pocket directory, to ensure that our birthday & anniversary list is correct, and so that our list of those willing to serve in different areas can be updated. We are asking that EVERYONE fill out a blue information sheet that is available on the foyer table. Even if you have already filled one out in the past, we ask that you provide the office with an updated one. Thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Von Knight is the contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- Meals on Wheels is coming the week of October 20-24.
- Bison Daze at Harding University will be October 23rd-26th. Meet at the Annex at 7:30 AM on Thursday, the 23rd, to load & leave.
- Trunk-n-Treat will be Friday, October 31st from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Annex parking lot. We are asking that you decorate the trunk of your car,

bring candy to pass out & come dressed in seasonal attire if you wish. We need to know a definite number of cars participating-PLEASE sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- Sync/Swim has been postponed to Nov. 7th & 8th. All times and other information remains the same.