

## Those to Serve

October 11		October 18	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Gary Adams</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Paul Hamilton</b>
Song Leader	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>	Song Leader	<b>Gary Adams</b>
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	<b>David Smith</b>	Presiding:	<b>Eddie Ray</b>
<b>Gheath Alatrash</b>	<b>Charles Huckabee</b>	<b>Davy May</b>	<b>Pete Griffith</b>
<b>Bill Westmoreland</b>	<b>Demetris Kelly</b>	<b>Bobby Parker</b>	<b>Derek Mauney</b>
<b>Lynn Adams</b>	<b>James Taylor</b>	<b>Jeremy Brown</b>	<b>Nathan Scarsdale</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Von Knight</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Ben Lenamon</b>
Nursery		Nursery	
<b>Molly Godwin</b>	<b>Monica Blair</b>	<b>Stephanie Ray</b>	<b>Laurie Huckabee</b>
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	<b>Eugene Priestley</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>David Blair</b>
Song Leader	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>	Song Leader	<b>Gary Adams</b>
Communion	<b>B. Williams &amp; R. Bazy</b>	Communion	<b>C.J. Huckabee &amp; C. Lindelof</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>Tex Greene</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>Chuck Huckabee</b>
Nursery	<b>Tracey Mauney</b>	Nursery	<b>Debbie Brown</b>
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
<b>*Bob Williams, Ron Bazy, David Blair Jr., Bill Russell, Anthony Sandoval</b>		<b>*Charles Huckabee, Chris Lindelof, Dal Randle, Russell Genaro, Charlie Layton</b>	
Announcements	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>	Announcements	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>
Video Camera	<b>Charlie Layton</b>	Video Camera	<b>James Taylor</b>
Greeters		Greeters	
<b>G. &amp; L. Fabian</b>	<b>L. &amp; D. Roberson</b>	<b>V. &amp; R.J. Knight</b>	<b>C. &amp; N. Layton</b>
<b>B. Riggs &amp; J. Hays</b>	<b>B. Shock &amp; G. Whitmire</b>	<b>L. &amp; L. Adams</b>	<b>R. Bazy &amp; K. Wroe</b>
Building Lock Up	<b>Gary Adams</b>	Building Lock Up	<b>D. C. Brown</b>
Wednesday 10/7		Wednesday 10/14	
Song Leader	<b>Wednesday</b>	Song Leader	<b>Paul Cartwright</b>
Opening Prayer	<b>Night</b>	Opening Prayer	<b>Matthew Fabian</b>
Closing Prayer	<b>With The</b>	Closing Prayer	<b>David Blair</b>
Devotional	<b>Master</b>	Devotional	<b>Dick Case</b>

## Pearland Church of Christ

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### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 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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### WHAT IS PREACHING—PT 3

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18:24). Of even greater importance is the necessity to be faithful to the task. Preaching is a responsibility.

While the gospel that we preach is a message of joy and hope, it is also a message that constrains and disciplines the ones who hear it. Twice, in the New American Standard, the message of the Gospel is called a “burden” (Acts 15:28; Rev. 2:24). In both passages it is used in a minimalist sense: “...to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials” (Acts 15:28) and “...I place no other burden on you” (Rev. 2:24). Indeed, John points out that “...His commandments are not burdensome” (1 Jn. 5:3). This needs to be understood in the context of the religious laws and traditions that men impose on one another. For such, Jesus condemned the lawyers and noted that the commandments of God are not like the burdens of men which “weigh men down with burdens hard to bear” (Lk. 11:46).

The point is obvious. Christianity is a call to a higher standard of living in which our daily walk is different. It is a call to new a walk, a walk in newness of life (Rm. 6:4). It is a walk that takes us from fleshly desires to the desires to the Spirit of God (Rm. 8:4; Gal. 5:16, 25). It is a walk of faith (2 Cor. 5:7) that is unlike the way we once walked and unlike the way in which the world still walks (Eph. 2:2). It is a walk that is aimed at pleasing the Lord in all respects (Col. 1:10). That means that it must be a walk that follows a divine rule (Gal. 6:16) and one that originates with Christ and is

acceptable to Christ (Col. 2:6) because it is a walk that follows His commandments (2 Jn. 1:6).

It is easy to see from these few verses that our walk is one that is based on instruction. Since it is unlike what we are familiar with, and in contrast to the manners and thinking of everyone who is not a disciple of Christ, it requires learning a whole new way of life. Preaching becomes the vital link between the old walk that condemns and the new walk that is without condemnation. The message preached must be one that rejects what is sinful and never silences the Scriptures. Paul told the church at Corinth, “...we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God” (2 Cor. 4:2).

The metaphor of “adulterating” is graphic and clear. We cannot join what holy God has taught in His holy word with anything man teaches which contradicts it. It must never become a polluted message. Modern denominationalism does exactly that. The doctrine of grace, on the one hand, has become so polluted by man’s teachings that it is currently being taught as a formula of words and acts of contrition which magically grant absolution. On the other hand, it has been so cheapened by feel good messages that forgiveness is not just a foregone conclusion, it no longer seems necessary to make life changes in order to obtain it.

Instead of adulterating the word of God, the preacher must assume the responsibility of manifesting the truth (2. Cor. 4:2). Manifest means to show, but that hardly captures the intensity of the word. It means that something hidden is brought to light. Something unknown is explained. In detail, with much effort and diligence, that which is unknown and unfamiliar is explained so that it becomes known and it becomes familiar. As those who manifest the truth we must be about the



**YOUTH EVENTS**

**JR. & SR. HIGH**

**J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH**



Jr & Sr High Devo will be Sunday evening at the home of the Scarsdales.

J.A.M. will be this Saturday from 1–3 P.M..

**Bible Class 2 Yr Old–6th Grade**

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be *Ahab Dies* (1 Kings 22) Wednesday evening Bible class lesson will be *Elijah Tells of Ahaziah's Death* (2 Kings 1).



business of knowing, seeking to know, and living the truth so that by speech and conduct truth is exposed and known.

Preachers must be able to reprove, rebuke and exhort (2 Tim. 4:2). It is a hard task and one that requires diligence in study (2 Tim. 2:15), but it is not an impossible task. The preacher does not have to know every form of false doctrine and be familiar with every adulteration of God's word in order to discharge his responsibility to make manifest the word of truth. He only has to know the truth and be so familiar with it that he can discern and teach others to discern when something less than truth is being presented. The sermon that has but one verse of Scripture in it, may well be accurate in its content, but it will fail miserably in "manifesting" truth.

Please pray for your preacher and for his preaching. And keep studying. ©D. C. Brown ©2009

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Minnie Harris & Family** on the passing of her brother, Cliff Hollingshead. Services were this morning.

**Tony Bagwell** as he continues his chemo treatments.

**Lauretta Wilson** has learned that her cancer has returned in her mouth.

**Wendell Hines**, friend of Billie Dykes, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer.

**Bruce Welch** has received good news that surgery will most likely happen in approximately 3 weeks.

**Melvin Painter**, brother of Janeen (Cantwell) Cook, is seriously ill following a blood clot in his brain.

**Chris Fink** is thankful that he has found a job.

**Rick Nudelman & Chris Lindelof** continue their search for employment.

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Terry Brown, LaRue Case, Glenda Cashiola, Jerry DeWeese Jr., June Evans, Cooper Gartrell, Elaine Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Becky

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

**Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morgenthaler.

**Others:** Timothy Anderson, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Mark Brown, Delta Burner, Bobbie Chenault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, George Dunn, Michael Fleury, Rachel & Joe Glaze, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, Lola Hill, 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, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Pat Stewart, Gary & Kay Taliaferro, Penny Waldrum, Bruce Welch, Elaine Wilson, Claudia Scott Wright.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Gary Adams** is the contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Gary.
- **Baby Shower honoring Laone Taylor and baby Cortez.** On Sunday, October 11 from 4:00–6:00 PM in the Annex. Laone is registered at Target, Babies R Us & Walmart.com.
- **Golden Agers Game Day** will be Monday at 11:30 AM in the Annex. Bring a pot luck dish & your favorite game.
- **Secret Sisters** will meet on Monday at 7:00 PM at Casa Ole'.
- **A class for college-aged people** will begin on Sunday, October 18th. Kevin Scarsdale will be facilitating these classes. A variety of teachers and topics will be employed. All singles and couples who are beyond High School and are of college age (20's & 30's) are encouraged to attend.
- **Fall Festival** will be Friday, October 23rd, from 7:00–9:00 PM in the Annex & parking area. We will have booths for games, face painting, etc as well as Trunk & Treat. There is a sign up list on the Upcoming Events bulletin board.
- **Family Encampment** will be October 30–November 1 at Martin Dies State Park. There is a sign up sheet on the Upcoming Events bulletin board.
- **Medina & Boles Children Homes** will hold their annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, November 12th. It will be at the Hilton Americas Hotel in downtown Houston. We have 30 seats available to us. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Upcoming Events bulletin board.
- We are going to compile a church **cookbook**. Please contribute recipes from any and all categories including: appetizer/snack, main dish/casserole, soups, salads, breads, vegetables, desserts, misc. There is an envelope on the bulletin board to place your recipes in.
- **Katy Church of Christ** is presenting a series on *Creation v. Evolution* on October 16–18. See information on bulletin board.
- **Watters Rd. Church of Christ Men's Fellowship** will be November 13th & 14th. See information on bulletin board.

**October Birthdays**

8	Ginny Lindelof	10	Mary Means
16	Clifford Layton	16	Joy Sloan
20	Paul Dillon	20	Susan Lenamon
20	Angela Parker	22	Dal Randle
24	Minnie Harris	27	Sarah Adams
27	Jeri Farmer	28	Steven Cuellar
29	Ramona Huckabee		

**October Anniversaries**

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