

Those to Serve

June 24		July 1	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Greg Fabian		Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale	
Clifford Layton	Logan Lindelof	Phil Godwin	Shawn Feezel
Tim Nations	Charlie Layton	Russell Genaro	Tim Nations
Larry Roberson	Paul Hamilton	James Maxcey	Nathan Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown
Nursery		Nursery	
Mitzi Williams	Angela Parker	Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Rick Nudelman
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Chris Peters, Jeremy Brown	Communion	Demetris Kelly, Matthew Fabian
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker
Nursery	Susan Peters	Nursery	Mitzi Williams
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Chris Peters, Shawn Feezel, Eugene Priestley		* Demetris Kelly, Bobby Parker, Logan Lindelof	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters		Greeters	
Chris & Ginny Lindelof		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Building Lock Up	Gary Adams	Building Lock Up	Greg Fabian
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Banyai & Whitmire
June 20		June 27	
Building Lock Up	Cartwright	Building Lock Up	Gary Adams

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-997-3790
Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
Chris Lindelof 281-997-6437
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

David Blair
Demetris Kelly
Rick Nudelman
Bobby Parker
Chris Peters
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Rene Kouagou - Besse
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Jonas Sambieni - BTC and Glazoue
Theophilus Mpo - Beterou
Raoul Baya - Natitingou
Boniface Yentekoua - Kaboua
Dorothee Tchekpo and Andre Assogba - Save
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain

Gene Rowe Prison Ministry

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The Pearland Harvester

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

DESTROYING DISEASES AND THE CHURCH

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About a week ago I set out several crape myrtles. This time of year, the stock of crape myrtles begins to dwindle and what remains have been picked over for weeks. But bargains can be had. I was able to pick up some good sized plants at low prices, but they were definitely stressed out and in need of lots of TLC. Before setting them out, I put them in a protected place and kept them in their buckets and nursed them back to health. When I did set them out, I dug large holes, put in soil amendments, fertilizer, and root stimulator. After planting them, I staked them, added mulch and plenty of water. They have put out lots of new growth and showed every sign of thriving.

Then Monday evening I noticed something shiny on the leaves. It was the "honeydew" slime that indicates aphids. Sure enough, the undersides of the leaves were swarming with the little critters. So it was back to the store to pick up a dedicated sprayer for insecticides and the proper insecticide. I've spent about as much for fertilizer, mulch, and insecticides as I did on the plants. But having bought the plants, it makes no sense to simply put them in the ground without giving them everything they need to thrive.

The Lord's church, planted in a community such as ours, can thrive, but is also subject to any number of problems that can leave it stressed and vulnerable. For instance...

Nonattendance weakens the entire congregation. When a person chooses not to be in attendance, he weakens himself, but it doesn't stop there. As individuals make the choice not to attend, the entire family is handicapped by their absence. If a leaf falls from a tree, it hurts the leaf; but when more and more leaves begin to fall from the tree, it's harmful to the tree as well. We need to learn to stimulate one another to love and good deeds and not forsake our assembling together (Heb. 10:24,25). Do I really need to miss the assembly? Am I missing but still remaining strong in

my faith and in my love for the Lord? Really?

Indifference weakens the entire church. Indifference describes the generation of Elijah's day that assembled as required at Mt. Carmel, but refused to commit themselves to serving God - nor the gods of the nations around them (1 Kings 18:19-21). Indifference is not as easily detectable as nonattendance, but it soon becomes apparent. Indifference will allow the parking lot to be full and the pews to be occupied, but hearts will not be touched. Spirits will not be renewed. Christians will not say, "I will do ..." and a community will not say, "That's the church I want to be a part of."

Murmuring and gossip are insidious diseases that are by nature hard to detect, yet they leave scars and destruction wherever they strike. Murmuring was a problem in the Jerusalem church (Acts 6:1). Gossip was one of many sins that Paul feared he would discover at the church at Corinth (2 Cor. 12:20). No one could successfully argue that the church at Corinth was a healthy congregation. According to Paul's instruction to Timothy, gossip is a learned sin that consumes not only the person who spreads it, but also the church at large (1 Tim. 5:13).

Ignorance of God's word, and specifically His will for us, will destroy the people of God every time (Hosea 4:6). Paul warned the elders of the Ephesian church that unless they adhered to those things that are profitable (Acts 20:20), to the whole counsel of God (v. 27), and be faithful to the word of Grace to which they were commended (v. 32), they were destined to be the weak and defenseless prey of wolves that would not spare the flock (v. 29).

Fortunately, everything that weakens and sickens the local church can be remedied by turning to the word and letting His loving discipline and instruction keep us firmly rooted, built up in Him and established in our faith (Col. 2:7).

Keep studying! ✉ DC Brown ©2012



YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



Bay Area Wide Devotional - June 25 - 7 PM at League City; van will leave the Annex at 6 PM.
Camp Thousand Oaks (completed 3rd—6th grades) - July 2-6.
Bay Area Wide Devotional - July 2 - 7 PM at Channelview; van will leave the Annex at 6 PM.

Our work in Benin

In July, I will be traveling to Benin, along with Christians from several other congregations that share in the work of supporting the Benin Bible Training School in Zinvie, Benin. We will attend graduation and will be spending a lot of time on the main campus (where the full time students attend and where the Frankie Smith Ag Project is located). We will also be visiting the two satellite schools and conducting a lectureship series. After the others have returned to the states, I will be staying in Benin for another week and will be working with the preachers that we support in a number of congregations. As I've done in the past, I hope to take a financial gift to aid our preaching brethren. If you would like to contribute specifically to this gift offering, please give your cash or checks to Gretchen Whitmire, Bob Williams or myself. I will need to have the cash available to convert to new currency before leaving. You have been very generous in the past and they have been able to do a number of things with your gift. Please be praying for this trip and its opportunities and be planning to make a contribution towards that gift. - DC



*To our brothers and sisters at the Pearland Church of Christ,
 Thank you so much for all the food, cards, calls, and good wishes during Pat's recent surgery and Hugh's illness. It is good to know that we have such wonderful Christian friends to rely on in time of need. We look forward to being back in services with you in the near future.
 In Christian Love,
 Pat & Hugh Fletcher*

KEPT IN PRAYER

Bob Young can have visitors at home, but please call first.

Brenda Riggs has an appointment on July 2 to discuss cat scan results and a surgery date.

June Evans will begin her treatments soon.

Miss **Landon Lovett**, a friend of Ed and Judy Jones, who is recuperating from severe car wreck injuries.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Paul Dillon, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Hugh & Pat Fletcher, Rossie Gilbert, Dorendia Hamilton, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Clifford Layton, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville, Bob Young. **Shut-In:** Katie Barnes, Libby Clayton, Wilma Koob. **Others:** Julie Searcy Anderson, Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Terry Brown, Mike Carter, Ben Davis, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Rocky Harvey, Florence Henshaw, Rowan Howard, Leslie Hunt, Janice Jackson, Wanita Jones, Bartis Knight, Kerry Lemoine, James Lewis, Brent Lindelof, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Carmon Moon, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruett, Barbara Shane, Rick Stone, Colten Ullrich, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland.

New Address for Dick Case:

Dick Case
 5100 Randol Mill Rd Apt 4113
 Fort Worth TX 76112

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is the contact elder for June. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Chris**.
New Pocket Directories are available for pick up in the foyer.

Hurricane Season is here! Thursday, June 21, there will be a Hurricane Preparedness meeting at Berry Miller Jr. High located on FM 1128 between Fite Rd. and Magnolia. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. All residents of Pearland, Brookside, and Manvel are urged to attend.



Attention, couples who have been married 35+ years! Please give Ginny Lindelof a picture of both husband & wife at the wedding, on the honeymoon trip, or during the 1st year of marriage by Wednesday, June 27. If you have any questions, contact Ginny.

Attention, WBS workers. WBS was not suspended for the summer. Please pick up your folders as soon as possible. If there are questions, please contact Minnie Harris or Jeanette Hays.

June Events

- 24 Going-away sandwich supper for Tim Godwin in the Annex following evening services. Please bring enough sandwiches for your family and one other person. Last names A-M, please bring desserts; last names N-Z, please bring chips & dips. Drinks will be provided.
- 25-29 Meals on Wheels - Please see Leah Bateman to volunteer.

July Events

- 9 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM—8:30 PM at Big Horn BBQ (meeting room in back), 2300 Smith Ranch Road, Pearland TX. If there are questions, please see Sheila Banyai or Debbie Brown. This is scheduled one week later than usual because of the July 4 holiday.
- 14 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM
- 14 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM at Kelley's
- 16 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM in Annex (one week later than usual)

June Birthdays

4	Alice Moore	4	Betty Pridgen
7	Kevin Scarsdale	10	Sandra Arnold
10	Von Knight	10	Chris Peters
11	Lucy Gartrell	11	Charlyne Harper
12	Phil Godwin	15	Tracy Cain
15	Alexis Feezel	16	Dallas Maxcey
18	Dwight Bateman	18	John Gartrell
20	Jeremy Brown	21	Chris Lindelof
23	Debbie Brown	23	June Evans
26	Oleda Putman	28	Katie Barnes
28	Ben Lenamon		

June Anniversaries

1	Charlie & Peggy Story	6	Larry & Deborah Roberson
7	Neil & Fran Barnhill	12	Hugh & Pat Fletcher

*We will not intentionally omit anyone from the birthday/anniversary list. If you have not turned in the **Members Information Update Sheets** to the office, please do so..*