

## Those to Serve

August 12		August 19	
<b>Morning Worship</b>		<b>Morning Worship</b>	
Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
<i>Presiding:</i> Demetris Kelly		<i>Presiding:</i> Chris Peters	
Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian	Charlie Story	Gheath Alatrash
Tim Nations	James Maxcey	Demetris Kelly	Matthew Fabian
David Clayton	Derek Mauney	Charlie Layton	Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer	David Smith	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery		Nursery	
Mitzi Williams	Molly Godwin	Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney
<b>Evening Worship</b>		<b>Evening Worship</b>	
Opening Prayer	Bob Williams	Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian	Communion	Bobby Parker, Charlie Story
Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery	Nina Layton	Nursery	Susan Peters
<b>Both Services</b>		<b>Both Services</b>	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Bobby Parker, Clifford Layton		*Daniel Brown, Logan Lindelof, Eugene Priestley	
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Greeters		Greeters	
Nina & Clifford Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Building Lock Up	DC Brown	Building Lock Up	Paul Cartwright
Sound & Projector	Banyai & Whitmire	Sound & Projector	Banyai & Whitmire
August 8		August 15	
Building Lock Up	Charlie Story	Building Lock Up	DC Brown

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### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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*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*  
*Pascal Djedatin - Dassa*  
*Jonas Sambieni - BTC and Glazoue*  
*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

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## REAPING A HARVEST IN BENIN

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The time spent in Benin last month has given me memories that won't be forgotten. This third trip was unlike the previous trips in a couple of aspects.

First, it was easier to get beyond the cultural differences and see the challenges of preaching the gospel there as well as the great potential for conversions in Benin.

Benin is so different from anything we know here. The lifestyles, the poverty, the dirt, the chaos of travel, and a dozen other things are so distinctively dissimilar that it is difficult to get beyond them and stay focused on the work. Those who have been there know what I mean. The stark differences and the abject poverty can become the focus, and, in so doing, rob the visitor of the ability to see what really needs to be seen and understood. Knowing what I was going to be immersed in before I arrived enabled me to accept it and give greater concentration and energy to the work.

A second difference was the work itself. I was involved in two separate missions while on a single trip. The first ten days were focused on the work at the Benin Bible Training Center, or BTC as it is commonly referred to. Four members of the board were on this trip. We spent a great deal of time at the school. We participated in their graduation service, and we conducted a special series of lectures for present and past graduates of the school and their spouses on the challenges of marriage and ministry. We sat down with students and with faculty members and discussed strategies and goals for the future. We also visited the satellite school in Parakou and held a two-day seminar there before heading to Se in the southwestern part of Benin to hold a seminar on evangelism.

While I have been on the campus each time I've been to Benin, previous trips didn't afford the opportunity to really examine the scope of work or the challenges and goals that BTC faces. In September I will be discussing these things with each of the board members at our annual meeting in Kentucky.

The last half of my time in Benin involved a tremendous amount of travel. In the past 20 years, the advance of the Lord's kingdom can easily be charted on a map. Like a virus, the gospel has steadily pervaded that country, moving from the south to the north and spreading beyond the borders of Benin as it advances. While Pearland has not been involved with the work in Benin for its entire 20-year history, we have been a part of it for about 14 years. As the gospel has gone forth from BTC's campus in Zinvie, the evangelists have planted many congregations. As it has spread northward, the role that Pearland has played is very evident. From Bohicon, Dassa, Glazoue, Soclogbo, Atchakpa, Save, Berea, Boubou-pompe and Besse, to Kaboua, Parakou, Wari-Marou, Beterou, and now Natitingou - the gospel has gone forth and Pearland has been blessed to be among those whom God has chosen to advance His cause.

These are not just the strange sounding names of villages and cities. These are the places in the very heart of darkness where light now shines! Brethren meet in buildings provided by you. Evangelists travel to their villages every week with the gospel and with exhortation because you provide them a small salary and, in many cases, a motorcycle to get them there. Tracts of land have been bought, buildings have been erected, sound systems have been purchased and, most importantly, faithful men have been trained, equipped, and sent out to do the Lord's bidding by your prayers, your commitment, and your love for the kingdom. In spite of adversity and in spite of Satan's attempts to denounce the message or cause a brother to lose faith, God's kingdom thrives in Benin. Brethren are meeting in places where the gospel has never gone before, and they are telling others about the hope that lies within them. You are a part of every success. Every congregation begged me to thank you on their behalf and tell you how much they pray for you every day!

Thanks for your support, and for sending me to Benin again. I can't wait for the next opportunity to return to Benin and see what God has done with your efforts. God bless, DC



**YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH**



This Sunday, August 12, there will be a meeting for the teens and parents of 7th–12th graders following AM services at the front of the auditorium. We will discuss activities for the fall and winter. Please plan to be there.

2012 Graduates of BTC. These men are from Chad, Togo, Cameroon, and Benin.



Full ears of corn being grown at the Frankie Smith Ag Project.



The group that traveled to Benin.

Front row: Daphne and Brenda Craycraft of Crockett, Nathan Smith of Waco, Kendell Stevenson of Benton KY. Back row: D.C., George Akpabli of Zinvie, Todd Kempton and Paul Montandon of Tyler, Denise from Atlanta and Brian Gouchenour of Waco.



**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Audrey Nelson** had successful surgery on July 30.

**Rick Nudelman** was able to be with us at Bible study and worship services this past week.

**Brenda Riggs** returned to work on August 6.

**In Continuing Need:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gary Adams** is the contact elder for August. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Gary**.



The **Arms of Hope Grocery Run** will be the week of **September 3-7, 2012**. We need to collect **laundry detergent (sensitive & regular)** and **sweet cereal (no corn flakes)** by **Sunday, September 2**. Let's have a generous donation.

**August Events**

- 11 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 11 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM
- 13 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 20-24 Meals on Wheels - Please see Leah Bateman to volunteer.

**August Birthdays**

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 4  | Elijah Sandoval  | 5  | Lynn Adams      |
| 7  | Tim Nations      | 8  | John Adams      |
| 8  | Judy Dillon      | 9  | Russell Genaro  |
| 9  | Dorothy Kirkland | 10 | Molly Godwin    |
| 10 | Nathan Scarsdale | 11 | Billie Dykes    |
| 13 | Evelyn Lawhon    | 13 | Beverly Stewart |
| 14 | Jean Nudelman    | 15 | David Smith     |
| 16 | Peggy Chisum     | 17 | Brenda Blair    |
| 22 | Robbie Alatrash  | 22 | Laurie Maxcey   |
| 23 | Ross Genaro      | 26 | Charlie Layton  |
| 27 | Wanda Knight     | 30 | Pat Fletcher    |
| 30 | Josh Hamilton    |    |                 |

**August Anniversaries**

- |    |                          |    |                           |
|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1  | Von & Jo Knight          | 2  | Jim & Judy Indest         |
| 3  | Cecil & Dorothy Kirkland | 4  | Leon & Valerie McHargh    |
| 18 | Noah & Murrell Hill      | 20 | Gheath & Kristin Alatrash |
| 24 | Bob & Connie Young       | 29 | Ben & Susan Lenamon       |

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..