

## Those to Serve

August 19		August 26	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Peters		<b>Presiding:</b> Kevin Scarsdale	
Charlie Story	Gheath Alatrash	Nathan Scarsdale	Kent Wroe
Demetris Kelly	Matthew Fabian	Paul Hamilton	Tim Nations
Charlie Layton	Bobby Parker	Jeremy Brown	Logan Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Nursery		Nursery	
Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney	Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Clifford Layton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	Bobby Parker, Charlie Story	Communion	Jeremy Brown, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery	Susan Peters	Nursery	Mitzi Williams
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Daniel Brown, Logan Lindelof, Eugene Priestley		*Clifford Layton, Matthew Fabian, James Maxcey	
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Gary Adams
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	Chris Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Gary Adams
Sound & Projector	Banyai & Whitmire	Sound & Projector	Banyai & Whitmire
August 15		August 22	
Building Lock Up	DC Brown	Building Lock Up	Chris Lindelof

## Pearland Church of Christ

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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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### ELDERS

**Gary Adams** 281-997-3790  
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**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, Soklogbo, Paouignan**  
**Jonas Sambieni - BTC and Glazoue**  
**Gaston & Raoul - Natitingou**  
**Boniface Yentekoua - Kaboua**  
**Dorothee Tchekpo—Savé, Boubou Pompe**  
**Andre Assogba - Savé, Besse, Atchakpa**  
**Blaise - Beterou, Senalou, Wari Maro**  
**Boniface - Kaboua**  
**Elie - N'Dali**  
**Joachim - Abomey**  
**Gabon - Savalou**  
**Bienvenou - BTC student from Save**  
**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
**Lewis Romain**  
**Prison Ministry Gene Rowe**

## The Pearland Harvester

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### IT'S LIKE THAT IN BOHICON

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that was put to me by one young man really drove home the point that Bohicon is at the epicenter of idolatry and witchcraft in the country of Benin. He wanted to know if I could advise him regarding the claims of a local woman who insists that God had sent a spirit to her and that she was the only one who could tell this man what do for salvation.

He was obviously sincere in his question. He had asked other questions already that indicated to me that he really wanted to know more about the faith. We were meeting in a very hot and cramped room with very little air circulation and had been there for a long time; yet like everyone else, he had stayed and listened to the questions others were asking, listening to the answers, and asking questions of his own. It was late on a Saturday afternoon; yet, here he was asking his question with as much sincerity as anyone else.

I couldn't help but think of the hold that Simon once held on the people of Samaria. Act 8:9-11 **Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; <sup>10</sup>and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God." <sup>11</sup>And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.** Yet his power to persuade with trickery was broken when Philip came preaching the truth. Acts 8:12,13 **But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. <sup>13</sup>Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.**

Here, in the city of Bohicon, was a 21<sup>st</sup> century example of that very thing happening. Who can legitimately say that the Bible is no longer relevant?

**W**hile visiting with the congregation in Bohicon (Benin, West Africa), I had the privilege to preach the word and then answer questions...a lot of questions! A question

In answering the young man's question, I did not dwell on the events recorded in Acts 8. As similar as the circumstances were, the more compelling passage to direct him to is found in the letter to the churches of Galatia.

Galaiaans 1:6-12 **<sup>6</sup>I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; <sup>7</sup>which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! <sup>10</sup>For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup>For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. <sup>12</sup>For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.**

It only took a few brief moments to explain the context of the passage and the need for Paul to have written it. The young man listened carefully, understood Paul's argument and was satisfied that he did not have to fear this woman or any power that she claimed. He was grateful for having been shown such clear and authoritative instruction from the word of God.

It is like that in Bohicon. Good people are held captive to the superstition and false teachers of spiritual darkness. God's word is still living and active and sharper than any two edged sword (Heb. 4:12).. It still leads people out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God's beloved son (Col. 1:13). And the Lord's church is still the pillar and the support of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15)! The people of Bohicon need the truth. Bohicon needs the people of God in that city to live by faith and have a determination to give an answer to every man that asks them for the hope that is within them (1 Pt. 3:15).

And it's like that in Pearland ... keep studying!

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YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



To Pearland Church of Christ,  
On behalf of the Harvey and Langford families, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. Rocky passed away on July 29 and was buried on August 3 in Lafayette LA. I attended the services. He walked the earth a Christian and went home to serve the Lord.  
Thanks,  
Tom & Brenda Langford

Welcome back, Mary Means. It is so good to have you back at Pearland!

Same sweet Mary—same address.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our sympathy to the family of Rocky Harvey, who passed away July 29.

Our sympathy to the family of Carmon Moon, who passed away August 9. Carmon was Virginia Visel's friend.

Sandra Martin Scott, Brenda Riggs' sister, is having back surgery today (8/15) at St. Luke's.

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, Florence Henshaw, Leslie Hunt, Janice Jackson, Wanita Jones, Bartis Knight, Kerry Lemoine, James Lewis, Brent Lindelof, Landon Lovett, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, 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

20-24 Meals on Wheels - Please see Leah Bateman to volunteer.

August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

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