

Those to Serve

October 14		October 21	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Rick Nudelman	Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Bob Williams		Presiding: Chris Lindelof	
Tim Nations	Jeremy Brown	David Clayton	Logan Lindelof
Daniel Brown	Matthew Fabian	Paul Hamilton	James Maxcey
Charlie Layton	Logan Lindelof	Phil Godwin	Derek Mauney
Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly	Closing Prayer	Chris Peters
Nursery		Nursery	
Debbie Brown	Molly Godwin	Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale	Communion	Derek Mauney, Logan Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Nursery	Gretchen Whitmire	Nursery	Tracey Mauney
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Charlie Story, Nathan Scarsdale		*Jeremy Brown, Tim Nations, Eugene Priestley	
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Greeters		Greeters	
Gary & Jean Adams		Minnie Harris & Jeanette Hays	
Building Lock Up	Kevin Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	Greg Fabian
Sound & Projector	Wroe	Sound & Projector	Wroe
October 10		October 17	
Building Lock Up	Gary Adams	Building Lock Up	Kevin Scarsdale

Pearland Church of Christ

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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
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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 Nda & Raul Baya- Natitingou
Boniface Yentekoua - Kaboua
Dorothee Tchekpo—Savé, Boubou Pompe
Andre Assogba - Savé, Besse, Atchakpa
Blaise Atta - Beterou, Sinaou, Wari Maro
Elie Kouagou - N'Dali
Joachim Tonou - Abomey
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Bienvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé

Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain

Prison Ministry Gene Rowe



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TWO CONCEPTS THAT DO NOT WORK

There is an obvious dichotomy in our society today. Within each of us lies a strong desire to belong, to be a part of a larger cause. At the same time, the desire to be independent and unaffiliated is equally strong. Young people experience this tug of war for the first time in their teens. It isn't the last time. Young couples experience it. Younger parents experience it, and they will again when they become empty nesters. In the run-up to any important election cycle, such as the one before us today, there are those who want to embrace a party platform but will always declare themselves independents. And there are those who want to be a Christian, but prefer to be an "unchurched" Christian.

To be an "unchurched" Christian is about as easy (and as probable) as being half cat, half bat, and half fish. The concept is contradictory and utterly impossible.

To be a Christian necessitates membership in the body of Christ, which is His church (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18,24). And to be in His church requires fellowship with other Christians, which was practiced from the earliest days of the church (Acts 2:42). While some may be infatuated with the notion of being a follower of Jesus and walking with the Lord, apart from being a part of the church, it is not possible to do so. *If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin* (1 Jn. 1:7). The impossibility of being an unchurched Christian is realized as soon as one sets out to be faithful to Jesus without belonging to local church.

Christians have always partaken of the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20,33). A Christian partakes on the first day of the week with

other Christians (Acts 20:7). In fact Christians are specifically assembled on the first day for that reason (1 Cor. 11:20,33). How can one observe that as an unchurched Christian?



Christianity cannot be practiced without being a part of a body of believers. *For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another* (Rom. 12:4,5).

There is a fundamental flaw in the theory of being an "unchurched" Christian. But having a maverick spirit isn't the only thing that we try to do with futility.

Just as ridiculous and unworkable is the idea of a church family satisfied with having no relationship with those who want to remain "unchurched." There are those who consider themselves faithful to the Lord and faithful in their attendance and fellowship – yet they are not concerned over those who aren't faithful and who do not fellowship. They may even have a callous attitude towards the brother or sister who isn't faithful and who does not attend. Imagine expressing concern over an individual who no longer attends and hearing a reply like, "That's fine with me!" Do we, the faithful, have the right to be satisfied with the unfaithfulness of a brother? Does 1 John 1:7 only apply to the erring brother who chose to be out of fellowship? Can we walk in the Light and have fellowship with the Father and the Son when we aren't concerned about the one who is out of fellowship? Could you be a spiritual leader and have that attitude?

Perhaps the value of the Lord's church that meets here is not appreciated by both the "unchurched" brother and by the brethren who are in fellowship but unconcerned over those who are not.

YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



There will be a Teen Devo following evening services on October 21 at DC & Debbie Brown's home.



Great weather, good company, good food and great fellowship! The folks participating in our Fall Church Encampment had an enjoyable and memorable time. Five families attended the encampment that was held at Martin Dies State Park, near Jasper, TX. Plans are already underway for the next encampment which we hope to have at either Huntsville State Park or Livingston State Park. If this is your thing, start planning now to attend.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Katie Barnes is in Clear Lake Regional Medical Center.

Our sympathy to **Lianne Biegay** on the recent death of her grandmother.

Charlyne Harper was evaluated on Tuesday to see when she would be able to come home. She will not be having surgery.

Bob Young is in MD Anderson. His condition is improving. He would appreciate visits, but call Connie first to determine availability and location. Contact Gretchen if you need Connie's number.

Roy Leasman, Dorothy Cherry's cousin, came through his open-heart surgery well, but still needs our prayers.

Darlene Woods, Susan Lenamon's assistant, is doing well after surgery.

Ressa Zambrano, teenage daughter of Brenda Riggs' former co-worker, is home and able to walk and talk a little after her surgery. Prognosis is hopeful.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Katie Barnes, 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, Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Audrey Nelson, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville, Bob Young. **Shut-In:** 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, Rick Stone, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is the contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.



I want to **thank everyone** for their prayers and cards in my recent illness—also the phone calls. In Christian Love, Minnie Harris

Thanks to each one of you for your prayers, calls and expressions of love and concern during my recent scare. Tests results have so far indicated that all is well. In Christian love, DC

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 13 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers meeting - 9 AM
- 15-19 Meals on Wheels
- 27 Party at the Mauneys' house for 1st grade and younger from 12 noon to 2 pm. Wear your costumes. There will be games and trick or treating. Please give your candy donations to Tracey.



October Birthdays

1	Brenda Riggs	4	Libby Clayton
6	Sheila Banyai	8	Ginny Lindelof
16	Clifford Layton	16	Joy Sloan
17	Martha Cain	17	Melanie Finch
20	Paul Dillon	20	Susan Lenamon
20	Angela Parker	24	Minnie Harris
27	Sarah Adams	27	Jerri Farmer
28	Steven Cuellar		

October Anniversaries

2	Clifford & Nina Layton	5	Lynn & Lucille Adams
21	Paul & April Cartwright	28	Dwight & Leah Bateman
29	James & Laurie Maxcey		

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..