

## Those to Serve

November 4		November 11	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash		<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Peters	
David Clayton	Kent Wroe	Rick Nudelman	Kent Wroe
Daniel Brown	Charlie Layton	Jeremy Brown	Charlie Story
Paul Hamilton	Matthew Fabian	Russell Genaro	Logan Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Nursery		Nursery	
Nina Layton	Virginia Visel	Susan Peters	Tracey Mauney
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Daniel Brown
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Layton, Paul Hamilton	Communion	Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer	Charlie Story
Nursery	Angela Parker	Nursery	Gretchen Whitmire
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Bob Williams, Jeremy Brown, Eugene Priestley		* Daniel Brown, David Clayton, Clifford Layton	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Greeters		Greeters	
Greg & Linda Fabian		Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Building Lock Up	Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	Williams
Sound & Projector	Feezel	Sound & Projector	Feezel
October 31		November 7	
Building Lock Up	Chris Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Kevin Scarsdale

## 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

### ELDERS

**Gary Adams** 281-997-3790  
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**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, 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**  
**Biennvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé**

**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
**Lewis Romain**

**Prison Ministry** Gene Rowe



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# The Pearland Harvester

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

## THE SWORD OF GIDEON

Bible students are familiar with the great victory that God brought about when He defeated the Midianites and the Amalekites with Gideon's 300. The contrast of strength could not be more apparent.

Midian fielded an army that was as numerous as locust. For seven years they had descended upon Israel and, like locust, consumed their harvest, leaving the land desolate and God's people in despair. Not only were the armies of Midian unrelenting, but their ranks were also swelled by the armies of the Amalekites and the sons of the east. When the great battle was joined, the forces arrayed against Israel were "as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as numerous as the sand on the seashore" (Judges 7:12).

Gideon was allowed to field just 300 men. The first call-up had produced 32,000 men willing to fight. The description leaves no doubt that they were sadly outnumbered, yet the Lord wanted a smaller army. Twice their numbers were reduced. Those who openly admitted fear were sent home, costing Gideon 22,000 men. Then the remaining troops were cut down to 300. The lopsided contest could only result in complete slaughter.

To give Gideon courage, God allowed him to overhear the conversation between two Midianite warriors in which one told the other, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given Midian and all the camp into his hand" (Judges 7:14).

Sword is mentioned three times in the chapter. Once, by the Midianite guard (7:14), a second time by the 300 soldiers of Gideon who, as the

battle was engaged, cried out, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" (7:20), and a third time when the text tells us that on that night, "the Lord set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole army" (7:22).



We'll never know just how many swords were employed that terrible night. All we can say with certainty is that not one of Gideon's 300 men wielded a sword! They held torches in their left hands and trumpets in their right hands. Only the hordes of Midian, Amalek, and the sons of the east used swords that night, and in the confusion and terror of their route, they used them on each other.

Three important lessons to be learned from this account are:

- **God always gives the faithful great victories even in moments when it seems that we are hopelessly outnumbered.** No matter how overwhelming the forces of evil seem, God always outnumbers the evil (1 Jn. 4:4).
- **God will use the power of the wicked against them.** They will always be caught in the plots which they have devised (Ps. 10:2). Haman could attest to that truth. Pride does go before the fall (Prov. 16:18)!
- **God will require something of you!** God didn't need a single man to stand with Gideon, but He chose 300 men. He provided the victory, but He still had those 300 men do something. In their case it was a simple task. "Each stood in his place around the camp" (17:21). Taking a stand for God is still the surest way to victory today.

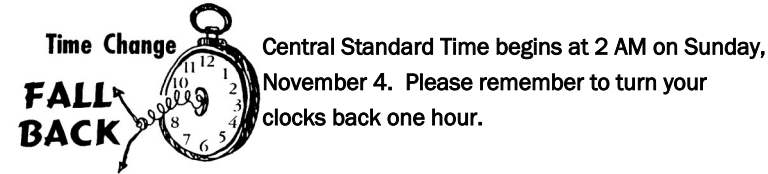
Keep standing, and keep studying!

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



There will be a Teen Devo at Kent and Teresa Wroe's home on Sunday, November 4, 2012, following evening services. The van will leave the building following services and be back at the Annex no later than 9 PM.

There will be a game night for the congregation at the Annex on Saturday, November 10, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please bring your favorite games and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please see Paul Cartwright.



Dear Fellow Christians,

We would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and lovely flowers given to us in my recent procedure. We are overwhelmed with all the love that has been shown to us in our little dilemma.

We would also like to prayerfully be added to the Prayer of Thanks.

In Christian Love,  
Minnie Harris & Jeanette Hays

My Beautiful Christian Friends,

What can I say to tell you how much I appreciate all the many things you have done for me? I am overwhelmed.

Thank you each and every one from the bottom of my heart.

Seeing your smiling faces meant everything.

Love in Christ,  
Charlyne Harper

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

Our sympathy to the family of **Katie Barnes**, who passed away Thursday, October 25. Services will be held in Saline, Arkansas, on November 1.

Our sympathy to the family of **Rossie Gilbert**, who passed away Wednesday, October 24. Services were held on Saturday, October 27, at Forest Park Lawndale.

**Kaliya Kelly** is having difficulties with lupus.

**Neal Clayton**, son of David & Libby Clayton, has meningitis; he is now home and doing better.

**Dixie Dee Scriber**, Pat Wagoner's aunt, is in critical condition in a Louisiana hospital.

**Daniel & Kristin White** have requested prayers for a speedy recovery for Kristin. We rejoice with them on the birth of their daughter, Anna Ruth, on October 24.

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Clifford Layton, Claudia Martin, Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville, Bob Young. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton, Wilma Koob.

**Others:** Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Willadean Hecker, Florence Henshaw, Leslie Hunt, Janice Jackson, Wanita Jones, Bartis Knight, Kerry Lemoine, Roy Leasman, James Lewis, Brent Lindelof, Landon Lovett, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruett, Dixie Dee Scriber, Rick Stone, Dorothy Watters, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods, Ressa Zambrano.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Lindelof is the contact elder for November. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Chris**.

Heather Brown is beginning a recipe swap for the congregation. If you would to participate, please put your name and email address on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions, please see Heather.

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- 4 Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour before going to sleep Saturday.
- 7 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal will be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, and rolls.
- 12 Golden Agers luncheon at 11:30 AM in the Annex.
- 13 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM at Big Humphrey's. Hostesses are Lela Farmer and Gretchen Whitmire.

**November Birthdays**

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brent Finch       | 2 Anthony Sandoval |
| 4 Vi Price          | 5 Warren Hudman    |
| 8 Mitzi Williams    | 13 Laura Moss      |
| 15 Tim Godwin       | 16 Phil Gerber     |
| 18 Doris Stuteville | 26 Lela Farmer     |
| 27 JJ Martinez      | 29 Nicholas Feezel |
| 29 Aaron Peters     |                    |

**November Anniversaries**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Gary & Danette Moss  | 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown |
| 20 Tim & Irene Nations | 25 Tracy & Martha Cain |

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..