

Those to Serve

December 2		December 9	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Ben Lenamon
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale		Presiding: Chris Peters	
Tim Nations	David Clayton	Phil Godwin	Derek Mauney
Nathan Scarsdale	James Maxcey	Matthew Fabian	Gheath Alatrash
Bob Williams	Bobby Parker	Charlie Story	David Blair
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Nursery		Nursery	
Molly Godwin	Susan Peters	Nina Layton	Tracey Mauney
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Bob Williams, Bobby Parker	Communion	Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Rick Nudelman	Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown
Nursery	Debbie Brown	Nursery	Gretchen Whitmire
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Daniel Brown, Charlie Layton		*Clifford Layton, Eugene Priestley, Charlie Story	
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Greeters		Greeters	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Building Lock Up	Peters	Building Lock Up	Cartwright
Sound & Projector	Feezel	Sound & Projector	Feezel
November 28		December 5	
Building Lock Up		Building Lock Up	
Lindelof		Peters	

www.pearlandcoc.com

Pearland Church of Christ

...equipping the saints for the work of service, building up the body of Christ...

2217 N. Grand Blvd.

Pearland, TX 77581 • 281-485-2436

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
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
Joachin Tonou - Abomey
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Bienvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé

Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain

Prison Ministry Gene Rowe

NOVEMBER 28, 2012

The Pearland Harvester

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

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT? 1

YOUTH EVENTS 2

KEPT IN PRAYER 2

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 3

UPCOMING EVENTS 3

THOSE SERVING 4

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

Feelings are as much a part of who we are as an arm or a leg. Our emotions are God-given and part of that which makes us in His image. Every human emotion is but an expression of emotions attributed to God. God is grieved at rebellion (Ps. 78:40), and He is angry with those who disobey (Deut. 1:37). God is pleased with men who seek His wisdom (1 Kings 3:10). God loves the world (Jn. 3:16), and He is also a God full of compassion and mercy (Jas. 5:11).

Like God, the feelings or emotions that make us human are based upon our understanding. It is not normal to be randomly happy or jealous or angry or compassionate. We may display all of these emotions at times but they are felt because of what we understand. In other words, our feelings are fed by thinking.

Problems begin when we use feelings to chart a course in life instead of rational thoughts. Christianity is not a “feelings”-based religion. It is a fact-based religion. Jesus did not say, “You shall feel the truth and the truth shall make you free.” He said, “You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (Jn. 8:32).

Six times Jesus asked the question, “What do you think?” He asked it of Peter when Peter was challenged by others (Mt. 17:25), and in the garden He asked it of Peter a second time when Peter used his sword to defend the Lord (Mt. 26:53). On one occasion, He asked the Pharisees, “What do you think about the Christ?” (Mt. 22:42). Three times Jesus asked the question as He taught with parables (Mt. 18:12; 21:28; Lk. 10:36). Scripture does not record a single incident in which Jesus asked anyone how they felt about God’s laws.

Today, feelings are the preferred method to discerning truth. In Bible class, a passage is read which clearly states some doctrine, and having read it, the teacher then asks the question, “How do you feel about that?” That’s a loaded question! When feelings become the coin of the realm, every command in Scripture is subjected to a litmus test of feelings. Would the essentiality of baptism be difficult to discern if feelings weren’t the basis for arriving at truth? Would the plain teaching of singing and making melody in your heart (Eph. 5:19) be impossible to grasp if feelings were not the criteria in matters of music in worship?

The emotions or feelings of the faithful are produced by thinking on the things of God. Fourteen times in the letters to the Romans and the Corinthians, the question is asked, “Do you not know?” Never does it read, “Do you not feel?” Twice Paul prayed for those in the church at Ephesus to know the hope of His calling and to know the love of Christ (Eph. 1:18; 3:19). Clearly, the feelings of hope and love are dependent upon knowledge – not the other way around.

We are to “know how to conduct ourselves in the household of God” (1 Tim. 3:15,) but so many people today conduct themselves according to the compass of personal feelings. Feelings have made worship today more about entertainment than enlightenment or devotion. But then, it did the same thing in the church of Corinth. As a result they were warned against being “children in their thinking” (1 Cor. 14:20ff). Feelings have changed the message of the gospel so that it offers salvation without regard to obedience and forgiveness without repentance.

Feelings are healthy when they are led by thought and knowledge of God’s word. But they are deadly when they determine what we think and what we know.



Keep studying! DC Brown ©2012

YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



Our annual Faith in Action project, in conjunction with the Impact Church of Christ, will be Saturday, December 1, 2012. We will leave from the Annex that morning at 8:15 AM and be home around 3 PM.

Teen Devo at the Sloans' house following evening services on December 2, 2012. Van will leave following evening services and return no later than 9 PM.



Change for Children

Collection cans are available for you to pick up. They are located in the back of the auditorium. Although you may, it is not necessary to fill in the blanks on your can. They will be collected, opened and all monies counted and deposited in our account. The church will then issue one check to Arms of Hope for the total amount given. If you want a receipt for your donation, you should write a check, making it payable to the Pearland Church of Christ or Arms of Hope.

Please turn in the cans to the office by December 16, so we can get your donations to them before Christmas. Thanks for having a heart for the children. James 1:27

KEPT IN PRAYER

Gene Rowe is in MD Anderson undergoing treatments for leukemia.

Daniel White has a bad case of strep throat.

Our sympathy to the family of **Jerry Carman**, George Carman's mother, who passed away recently.

Steve Taylor, Brenda Riggs' son-in-law, is undergoing tests to determine cancer treatment.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, 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. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **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, Wilma Koob, Kerry Lemoine, Roy Leasman, James Lewis, Landon Lovett, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Dixie Dee Scriber, Rick Stone, Dorothy Watters, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

New Address for Hailey Hopkins:
21300 Hwy 16 N #105
Medina TX 78055-3808
She would appreciate cards.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 5 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal will be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu is ham, marinated vegetable salad, scalloped potatoes, rolls, and desserts.
- 7 Holiday Party at Brenda Blair's house - 6 PM. Ladies — start sewing!
- 8 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 8 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM
- 10 Golden Agers luncheon at 11:30 AM in the Annex
- 10-14 Meals on Wheels - See Leah Bateman to volunteer
- 13 Secret Sisters will meet at 6:30 PM at Jean Coe's house. Jean Coe and Jean Nudelman are the hostesses.

We will not have Friends & Family Day on December 30. It has been rescheduled for January 6, 2013.

November Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|--------------|
| 29 | Nicholas Feezel | 29 | Aaron Peters |
|----|-----------------|----|--------------|

December Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Shawn Feezel | 3 | Autumn Taylor |
| 6 | Susan Peters | 6 | Eugene Priestley |
| 7 | Jacob Carriere | 7 | Wilma Koob |
| 12 | Harold Moore | 16 | Chase Shelton |
| 18 | Kaliya Kelly | 19 | Madison Finch |
| 21 | Bryan Hudman | 22 | Gavin Finch |
| 24 | Bob Williams | 25 | Noah Hill |
| 27 | Haley Biegay | 27 | Matthew Fabian |
| 29 | Jennifer Buchanan | 31 | Maresha Scarsdale |
| 31 | Loma Stone | | |

December Anniversaries

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Jeremy & Heather Brown | 9 | Ricky & Janice Pearson |
| 19 | Chris & Susan Peters | 27 | Rick & Jean Nudelman |
| 27 | Bob & Mitzi Williams | | |

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.