

## Those to Serve

December 16		December 23	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Cartwright	Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Bob Williams		<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof	
Ben Lenamon	David Clayton	James Maxcey	Demetris Kelly
Tim Nations	Charlie Layton	Ike Atkins	Nathan Scarsdale
Jeremy Brown	Lynn Adams	Bob Williams	Charlie Story
Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery		Nursery	
Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey	Mitzi Williams	Angela Parker
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	Matthew Fabian, Bobby Parker	Communion	James Maxcey, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Nathan Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian
Nursery	Angela Parker	Nursery	Maresha Scarsdale
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Bobby Parker, Daniel Brown, Matthew Fabian		*Clifford Layton, Eugene Priestley, Russell Genaro	
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	Fabian	Building Lock Up	Chris Lindelof
Sound & Projector	Feezel	Sound & Projector	Feezel
December 12		December 19	
Building Lock Up	Cartwright	Building Lock Up	Fabian

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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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**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**  
**Biennvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé**

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

**Prison Ministry** Gene Rowe

DECEMBER 12, 2012

## The Pearland Harvester

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

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## DON'T MISPLACE YOUR PRIORITIES

By my count, we are 12 days away from the Christmas holiday. Plane tickets have been purchased, gifts have been wrapped, and families all over the world are preparing to spend some time together. This is a wonderful time of year, but it is also a time when we can start to put emphasis on unimportant things and misplace our priorities. Jesus spent considerable time in his ministry addressing people with misplaced priorities, and I feel that in this season it is an appropriate time to consider where our priorities are.

### Matthew 23:13

*13 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.*

It is a widely accepted fact that the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were considered the upper crust in Jewish society, the ruling class if you will, and they were extremely proud of this fact. They were so proud of this fact that they were willing to fight to protect their way of life, so much so that they would not even listen to John, who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus, or Jesus himself (John 1:23). Worse than the fact that they didn't want to believe in what Jesus was doing is that they were keeping others from believing in the Kingdom, as well, through their actions which showed how misplaced their priorities were.

The world we live in today is in desperate need of Jesus Christ. The world we live in is plagued with people and things that are shutting the door to the Kingdom, and unfortunately sometimes these people and things are Christians. Unchurched people look

at Christians and see us fighting among each other, living with misplaced priorities, and backstabbing, all the while proclaiming to be followers of Christ. This is not a new phenomenon, and the answer to this problem is not new either; it is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31-33.



### 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

*31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God — 33 even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.*

As God's people, we need to consider our actions and where our priorities are. If we are faced with the decision to do something that glorifies God or something that is sinful, then we need to choose the former and not the latter. When we have the opportunity to be in the company of unchurched individuals, then we need to do our best to live out a Christian example, not by putting on a fake façade, but by living the kind of life that makes God proud. We can do it; but it will take a great deal of work, and it starts with having our priorities in the right place.

As we close, I would like to leave you with a quote:

"Eight times in this chapter Jesus pronounces woe upon the scribes and Pharisees. The word is an interjection and means a term of grief or dismay, and when spoken by an inspired man, means that great calamity is in store for those referred to."-E.M. Zerr

Don't live a life that is a life of woe; rather, live a life that reflects Jesus.

Be Strong and Courageous,  
Paul

YOUTH EVENTS JR. & SR. HIGH



Our annual fruit basket assembly and delivery project for the widows and widowers of the congregation is this Saturday, December 15, beginning at 1 PM.

Teens will have a devotional following the evening services this Sunday. The van will leave after 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 payable to the Pearland Church of Christ or to Arms of Hope.

Please turn in the cans to the office by this Sunday, **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

Services for **Eunice Fayette Martin Jones** are tentatively scheduled as follows on Monday, December 17, 2012, at South Park Funeral Home, 1310 North Main, Pearland: Visitation at 12 PM with services to follow at 12:30 PM. Brother DC Brown will officiate. A private interment with family will be held afterward.

**Harold Moore** was taken to the emergency room this morning.

Our condolences to the family of **Dixie Dee Scriber**, Pat Wagoner's aunt, who passed away last Thursday.

**Mike Farmer** is in intermediate care at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Medical Center. He is up walking and progressing nicely.

**Mark Pridgen's** surgery was postponed.

**Steve Taylor**, Brenda Riggs' son-in-law, is scheduled for surgery today to remove a kidney.

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, Oleda Putman, 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, Rick Stone, Dorothy Watters, Lavonne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2013 Sign-up Sheets for Sound & Projector and Communion Preparation are on the bulletin board.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 13 Secret Sisters will meet at 6:30 PM at Jean Coe's house. Jean Coe and Jean Nudelman are the hostesses. Menu is potluck. If you would like to ride the van to Jean's house, be at the Annex at 6 PM. April Cartwright will drive the van.
- 15 Golden Agers Dinner & Gift Exchange - 6 PM at the Annex. Ham will be provided; please bring a side dish and a gift to exchange. Please see Jo or Nina if there are questions.



December Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 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.