

Those to Serve

February 24		March 3	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Peters	Opening Prayer	Ike Atkins
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale		Presiding: Bob Williams	
Paul Hamilton	David Clayton	Tim Nations	Brandon Stafford
Tom Langford	Nathan Scarsdale	David Blair	Bobby Parker
Ben Lenamon	James Maxcey	Gheath Alatrash	Jeremy Brown
Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly
Nursery		Nursery	
Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey	Gretchen Whitmire	Molly Godwin
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton	Opening Prayer	Daniel White
Song Leader	Bob Williams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale	Communion	David Blair, Jeremy Brown
Closing Prayer	David Blair	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian
Nursery	Angela Parker	Nursery	Nina Layton
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Daniel Brown, Logan Lindelof, Charlie Layton		*Phil Godwin, Matthew Fabian, James Maxcey	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Greeters		Greeters	
Gary & Jean Adams		Chris & Ginny Lindelof	
Building Lock Up	Williams	Building Lock Up	Cartwright
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Mauney
February 20		February 27	
Building Lock Up	Fabian	Building Lock Up	Williams

Pearland Church of Christ

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



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The Pearland Harvester

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

I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

The book of Acts is filled with thrilling accounts of early Christians growing and bearing fruit both in terms of evangelism and in good deeds. Repeatedly we read of their positive influence among people and, where that favorable impression was held, the church was also growing numerically.

Through the centuries there have been times when the church would again enjoy that degree of phenomenal growth, but there have also been times when the church's lamp dims to almost nothing.

I once heard brother F. W. Mattox, noted speaker, author, college professor and first president of LCC, speak of a time in Nashville when there were very few Christians. Knowing how prevalent the church is in that city, I assumed I misunderstood him. I had a chance to question him privately after the speech, and he confirmed that I had heard him correctly.

Sometimes the church slowly dies along with the community it serves. That happens in many rural areas, and it isn't necessarily a reflection of any spiritual deficiency. But when the same thing happens in places where the economy is strong and the community is still thriving, something has gone terribly wrong.

In Great Britain, the Lord's church is weak, and one might assume that it always was. Not so. The Restoration Movement was not unique to North America. The Glassites, Sandemanians and Haldaneans were early pioneers of restoration thinking within Scotland and England and were acknowledged for their efforts by one who came after them, Alexander Campbell. In 1847 Campbell went on a preaching tour in England, Ireland and Scotland. He often spoke to audiences in venues that reached maximum capacity. It is reported that in the city of Nottingham, he preached

to over 2,000 New Testament Christians. According to a brother John Diggle of Ikeston, England (a few miles west of Nottingham), there were no less than six congregations in Nottingham just prior to WWI. Not so today. It seems that after 1920, college and university opportunities for the children of working class families, of which nearly all members of the Lord's church belonged, were to be had. But when these young people went off to the university, they were belittled by the professors for their fundamentalist faith. As a result, many were swayed to the liberal position of tolerance for denominational teachings. Today only a handful of faithful Christians remain. (Bill McDonough, as quoted in *More Biblical Briefs and Lectures*, J.A. McNutt, p. 154).



When men are courageous for the truth, the cause of the kingdom always advances. We see that happening in Benin, where dedicated preachers are winning converts to the Lord from a former communist country in staggering numbers. Paul's great confession in his letter to the church at Rome should be our confession as well: **I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek** (Rom. 1:16).

When we "stand strong in the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10) we can "make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel" (v. 19).

When we are courageous for the truth, we can bring the message that is "destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).

When we are afraid to speak, or when we are quick to entertain false doctrine, we set both great cities and great nations on a path towards spiritual darkness.

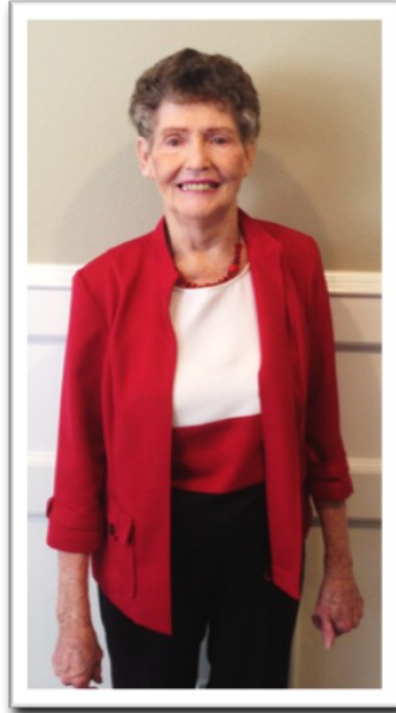
YOUTH EVENTS



Teens will go Putt-Putt golfing Saturday, February 23. Meet at Paul's office at 6 PM and bring \$5 for a round of golf and some money for a fast-food supper.

2013 Camps for 7th-12th graders —Camp Hensel is March 29-31; Camp Bandina is June 9-15. See Paul for applications.


Our Newest Member



Doris Teague and her husband, Douglas, live at 4055 Village Dr, #2102, Pearland TX 77581

281-412-5792

Relay For Life of Pearland
Join the fight against cancer!



What: A team event to fight cancer!

When: April 26-27, 2013 - 6 PM - 6 AM
(Survivors' lap begins at 6 PM on April 26)

Where: Prensner Stadium, 2315 Old Alvin Road, Pearland TX

If you wish to participate as a survivor, be part of a team, or just be a spectator, please contact Jeanette Hays to sign up or get more information.
Website: www.relayforlife.org/pearlandtx

KEPT IN PRAYER

Janet Guest, Charlyne Harper's niece, passed away last Thursday in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Bill Crabtree, friend of Wanda Kirby, passed away recently.

Our condolences to the Mauney and Savage families on the recent passing of Derek's uncle, **Bob Savage**.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Evelyn Lawhon, Clifford Layton, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Bonita Crabtree, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Willadean Hecker, Leslie Hunt, Matthew Indest, Janice Jackson, James Lewis, Lyle Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Gene Rowe, Sr., Rick Stone, Laverne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Feb. 23 A Concealed Handgun License course is being offered from 9 AM to 7 PM (including a trip to the gun range) in the classroom wing. Course cost is \$100, plus \$25 if you want a Florida license. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. If there are additional questions, contact Janice Pearson.

Building in Bohicon

Let's not forget the work in Bohicon, Benin. Paul Tohionon in Bohicon and Joachin Tonou in Abomey are working in that region of Benin most heavily influenced by idolatry. God continues to open doors for them and the church is strong in its faith. They are meeting in rented quarters in an almost inaccessible part of Bohicon. Their desire is to have a location of their own in which to meet in the center of town. We are raising funds for that effort and so are they. Please help if you can and feel free to speak with DC or Bob Williams if you have any questions.

MARCH EVENTS

- 4 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM - Carino's in Silverlake Village. Lela Farmer is the hostess.
- 6 Wednesday Night with the Master - Sandwiches, chips, and dessert will be served at 6 PM. Please remember the adult class in the library.
- 9 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM at Kelley's
- 9 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM in the Education wing.
- 10 Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM. Turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to sleep Saturday night.
- 11 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM in the Annex.
- 31 Friends & Family Day



There is a draft of the pocket directory on the bulletin board. Please put a check mark by your name if the information is correct, or make changes if it is not. We would like to publish this information before the end of February, so please review by **February 24**.

Thanks to your generosity, we sent two checks totaling \$3,405 to Arms of Hope on December 20, 2012. On February 8, 2013, we sent another check for \$220, bringing our grand total to \$3,625. Thanks again for your participation.

February Birthdays

20 Bethany Atkins	21 Candice Dobson
27 Everett Brown	27 Gretchen Whitmire
March Birthdays	
3 Ike Atkins	3 Claudia Martin
4 DC Brown	6 Taylor Cuellar
8 Emma Oncken	13 Bennie Sue Galindo
17 Pat Wagoner	19 Sandy Stone
25 Evelyn Cordell	25 Demetris Kelly II
27 April Cartwright	28 Virginia Visel
29 Judy Indest	31 Heather Cook

March Anniversaries

1 Daniel & Kristin White	9 DC & Debbie Brown
14 Jeff & Gena Coe	17 Kent & Teresa Wroe
22 Greg & Linda Fabian	30 Brent & Melanie Finch
31 Russell & Canova Genaro	

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.