

Those to Serve

March 31		April 7	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gary Adams	Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Lindelof		Presiding: Gheath Alatrash	
James Maxcey	Ike Atkins	Nathan Scarsdale	Charlie Layton
Tim Nations	Daniel Brown	Matthew Fabian	Logan Lindelof
Tom Langford	Daniel White	Shawn Feezel	Charlie Story
Closing Prayer	Charlie Story	Closing Prayer	Bob Williams
Nursery		Nursery	
Dallas Maxcey	Laurie Maxcey	Tracey Mauney	Susan Peters
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton	Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Logan Lindelof, M Fabian	Communion	Logan Lindelof, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Daniel White	Closing Prayer	Daniel White
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Bobby Parker, Jacob Carriere		*Daniel Brown, David Clayton, Clifford Layton	
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Gary Adams
Greeters Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Greeters Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	Nudelman	Building Lock Up	G Adams
Sound & Projector	Mauney	Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire
March 27		April 3	
HISPANIC LECTURESHIP		WNWTM	
Building Lock Up	Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Nudelman

**FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
NO PRAYER MINISTRY
OR EVENING SERVICES**

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

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

MARCH 27, 2013

ALIVE AND GROWING

The crepe myrtles I set out last year have been a concern of late. I purchased them last year, but it was well into the heat of summer when I did. They were of the variety and size that I wanted, and due to the fact that Home Depot wasn't going to receive any more for the rest of the year, the few left in inventory were reduced to half price in order to move them. I moved four of them. They had been passed over for weeks by home gardeners looking for plants that had stronger trunks, healthier looking leaves, and flowers in full blossom. These didn't look so good. I took them home and gave them a week to acclimate before setting them out. I administered root stimulator, fertilizers, and plenty of good potting soil. And I watered, and watered, and watered. Two of them were smitten with aphids and I spent a lot of time and money dealing with that. Then came a black mildew which I was assured was harmless if unsightly. I let them grow and made no attempt to trim back the unwanted growth until they had been in the ground and well established. In mid-February I pruned them back as advised and then waited...and waited.

Spring came and trees leafed out, rose bushes are exploding with new growth, and the crepe myrtles that I had set out two years ago are off and running. But not the four that I bought last year for half price – not the ones that no one else wanted.

When I leave for the office every morning, my routine includes locking up the house and then walking past all of my crepe myrtles. Each is carefully inspected, and every new bud is duly noted. But no buds on the four I bought on the cheap.

Congregations are living organisms that can sometimes struggle to grow. We can get frustrated in our efforts to try to kick-start a congregation back to life. With a straggly plant, you can go to the nearest home center and be surrounded by products that claim they can

rejuvenate your plant. Everyone you talk to has great advice and knows a little secret that is sure to work. In the same way, we sometimes look for a new program that will help our congregation grow or perhaps a new study book or series of videos. It might be time to change preachers (perish the thought) or we might need some new curb appeal to attract those young families that are moving into the area. There are plenty of programs, books, and videos to choose from. Of course we can't violate the injunction: Thou shalt not fire the preacher (1 Brown 2:6), but we could spend a lot of money on curb appeal which includes websites, signage, and other means to project the message that this is where everyone wants to be.



However, the real issue is a fundamental one. Are we alive in Christ or have we died? The challenge to be a congregation that is living in Christ and for Christ is as old as the church itself (Rom. 6:11,13; 8:10; 1 Cor. 15:22; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13). Yet, even though we have been made alive in Christ, we have a personal responsibility to **“grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ”** (Eph. 4:15).

The question is, “How do we grow up?” The same verse gives us guidance: **“but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up ...”** The prescription requires a constant application of truth (God's word) and method of application: love. God gave the church four avenues by which truth comes: apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors (Eph. 4:11). He also explains their importance by showing that through their work the individual saint in every congregation is equipped for the work of service (4:12). If He had had a different purpose in mind, He might well have said, “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the development of church programs, the creation of good Christian literature and media, and for the improvement of appearances.”

YOUTH EVENTS

Camp Bandina is June 9-15. See Paul for applications. We leave at 10:00 AM on Friday from the Annex for Camp Hensel.



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When a church isn't growing, when it appears to be dead, it more than likely suffers in the area of individual commitment to the work of service and to the building up of the body of Christ. No program, book, website, or advertisement can have the positive effect that saints equipped for the work have when they do the work. When each of us works to become "a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" we will have growth.

By the way, this morning as I did my inspection, I found buds on two of the four and a quick test showed green bark on all four. They're alive!

Keep studying! DC Brown ©2013

March 31, 2013

Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!

Friends



Family Day



KEPT IN PRAYER

Fran Barnhill is doing well after her knee replacement surgery on March 26.

Wanda Kirby is recuperating at home after her knee replacement surgery.

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, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. Shut-In: Libby Clayton Others: Tom Althaus, Timothy Anderson, Mike Carter, Bonita Crabtree, Evelyn Fabian, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Frances Grams, Dee Grigg, Willadean Hecker, Charles Huckabee, Leslie Hunt, Matthew Indest, Janice Jackson, James Lewis, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Bryan Orf, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Gene Rowe, Sr., Rick Stone, Laverne Welch, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is the contact elder for March. Even though Kevin is traveling, you may reach him by cell phone. Gary Adams will be the contact elder for April.



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of April 15-19, 2013. We need to collect 200 boxes of Pop-Tarts, variety (6-12 count). Please bring the Pop-Tarts by Sunday, April 14. Let's have a generous donation.

There will be a benefit garage sale for Darlene Woods, an employee of Susan Lenamon, who is being treated for colon cancer. It will be held April 6 at the Pearland Neighborhood Center from 9:00 to 2:00.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings at our Annex on 5/3/13. We will be providing additional data in future bulletins.



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

APRIL EVENTS

- 1 Secret Sisters - Casa Ole - 6:30 PM
1-5 Meals on Wheels
3 Wednesday Night with the Master. Meal will be served at 6 PM. The menu is pizza, salad, and dessert. Remember the adult class in the Library.
8 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex

March Birthdays

- 27 April Cartwright 28 Virginia Visel
29 Judy Indest 31 Heather Cook
2 Morgan Cuellar 2 Derek Mauney
3 Dianne Westmoreland 7 Jack Chisum
7 Elaine Genaro 13 Shawn Cravens
13 Tracey Mauney 14 Jean Coe
16 Brenton Cook 17 Claude Anderson
19 Hannah Atkins 21 Tex Greene
23 Charlie Story 25 Lacey Gartrell
28 Lucille Adams

March Anniversaries

- 30 Brent & Melanie Finch 31 Russell & Canova Genaro
7 Morris & Berna Dyes 7 John & Lacey Gartrell
9 Orlando & Amy Cuellar 11 Douglas & Doris Teague
19 Chuck & Sheila Banyai

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.