

## Those to Serve

July 7		July 14	
<b>Morning Worship</b>		<b>Morning Worship</b>	
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Demetris Kelly		<b>Presiding:</b> Matt Cheshier	
David Clayton	James Maxcey	Matthew Fabian	Daniel Brown
Tim Nations	Daniel White	Jeremy Brown	Damon McHargh
Charlie Story	Derek Mauney	Charlie Layton	Ike Atkins
Closing Prayer	Chris Peters	Closing Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Nursery		Nursery	
Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro	Nina Layton	Molly Godwin
<b>Evening Worship</b>		<b>Evening Worship</b>	
Opening Prayer	Daniel Brown	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	James Maxcey, Daniel White	Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson	Closing Prayer	Charlie Story
<b>Morning Worship</b>		<b>Morning Worship</b>	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Rick Nudelman, Phil Godwin		*Bobby Parker, Jacob Carriere, Warren Hudman	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Greeters		Greeters	
Chris & Ginny Lindelof		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	G Adams	Building Lock Up	Fabian
Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire	Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire
July 3		July 10	
Building Lock Up	Cartwright	Building Lock Up	G Adams

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### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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### 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



JULY 3, 2013

# The Pearland Harvester

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

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## CHRISTIANITY: THE PERSONAL CHALLENGE

It is always easiest to look at Christianity in the abstract. Making impersonal judgments about who a Christian is or how a Christian should act is a safe exercise that leaves one clinically detached from personal liability. At the same time, it can be an effective way to communicate the principles of righteousness. Jesus used parables to convincingly and authoritatively teach us what He expects of us. Consider, for example, the parable of the faithful servants in Mt. 25:14-30.

The servants of the parable represent those who are in the kingdom (25:1), and the master obviously represents the Father. He gave each of his servants a certain amount of his wealth. It was his wealth, rather than theirs. Lesson: Our talents, abilities, and wealth are not and never were ours - God gives them to us.

He gave each servant differing amounts of his wealth. They were not given equal shares, nor was the distribution done randomly, but each received "according to his ability" (v. 14). Lesson: God knows our abilities and apportions His wealth accordingly. We don't all get to have five talents, which some might think is unfair. We do get to have what God knows we can manage, which is absolutely fair. That He gives us such blessings at all, no matter the size of the portion, is proof that He knows we can succeed!

He gave each servant time and opportunity, without interference. The overprotective parent wants to stay attached to their grown child, and they insert themselves in that child's every decision. God doesn't treat us that way. The text says he "entrusted" his talents to these select servants. Yet it is clearly implied in the text that each of them knew the master had certain expectations

and were not surprised that he eventually called them in to give an account. Lesson: The New Testament is given to us to explain everything that the Lord expects of us. From the moment we became Christians, we knew that He has expectations.



The two servants who doubled their master's wealth were appropriately rewarded and entrusted with even more. Lesson: God's expectations are not beyond reach. The faithful can and will produce more for the Lord.

The servant who buried his master's wealth and then returned it upon demand was punished for wickedness and laziness. Yet no mention is made of wicked behavior. Lesson: We don't have to actively engage in immorality of any kind to be wicked. We only have to be uncommitted!

The servant admitted his fear as justification for not risking his master's money. In one sense that fear was justified, he knew his master not only had expectations but that he would also punish failure. However, his paralyzing fear was in fact unjustified, for he assumed failure without effort. To do so assumes that God doesn't know our abilities after all. To do so also assumes God's tasks for us are sometimes impossible. Yet the success of the other servants demonstrates just the opposite. Lesson: It is sometimes easier for me to dismiss the Lord's expectations as unreasonable and unattainable. But Scripture never describes the efforts of the faithful as unsuccessful. We cannot fail in our responsibilities if we strive to meet them (1 Jn. 4:4), and we can never succeed if we assume we can't.

Christianity is personal. God has blessed me, and God has given me everything I need to succeed (Eph. 1:3). Winning faith demands that I accept and trust the One who has entrusted me.

Keep studying! DC Brown ©2013

**YOUTH EVENTS**

Bay Area Wide Devotional - July 15 - 7 PM at Hidden Valley; van will leave the Annex at 5:45 PM.

Bay Area Wide Devotional - July 22 - 7 PM at Graeber Road; van will leave the Annex at 5:45 PM.

Bay Area Wide Devotional - July 29 - 7 PM at Angleton; van will leave the Annex at 6 PM.

Bay Area Wide Devotional - August 5 - 7 PM at League City; van will leave the Annex at 6 PM.



If you are the parent of a child in the congregation or are responsible for bringing a child to the Pearland Church of Christ, you are invited to a planning session on Sunday, July 21, following the evening worship service. We will have a potluck-style meal, so bring enough food for your family and a few extra. Childcare will be provided for the younger children. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Cartwright.



We will be leaving for **CAMP THOUSAND OAKS** on Monday, July 8, at 7:30 AM from the Annex. Bring a sack lunch for the trip, but you will not need any money. All other meals and snacks will be provided. Bring the following:

- Bible
- Modest shorts & tops
- Swimsuit
- Toiletries
- Bedding
- GOOD ATTITUDE

All Wednesday Night with the Master activities, except World Bible School and card writing, will be suspended for the months of June through August. World Bible School will meet in its designated classroom. Those writing cards will meet in the Elders' Conference Room in the Education Building.

**NEW ADDRESS:**

**Bobby & Angela Parker**  
567 Barringer Ln B  
Webster TX 77598

*Thank you so much for your warmth & hospitality during our visit! It was a real pleasure to meet you all! We continue to be thankful for your prayers, encouragement, & support. We are especially thankful for our meals with the Williams & Browns & the Bible tote bag for Melody. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us!*

*The Sawyers Family*

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Dawn Bell** had successfully surgery on Tuesday, July 2, and will be going home in a few days.

**Linda Kacal** has learned that her cancer has spread to other organs.

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Evelyn Lawhon, Chris Lindelof, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Evelyn Fabian, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Dee Grigg, Charles Huckabee, Mike Huffman, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Charlie Pruitt, Cloey Pruitt, Gene Rowe, Sr., Rick Stone, Steve Taylor, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**July Events**

- 8-12 Camp Thousand Oaks
- 8 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—Annex
- 9 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Big Humphrey's
- 13 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room

**THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS WILL NOT MEET ON JULY 10 or JULY 17. IT WILL RESUME ON JULY 24.**

If you are interested in ordering business cards (example below), please see DC Brown or Gretchen Whitmire. The cost is \$13.50 per 100 cards. The cards are double-sided with a high-gloss finish.



**If you have borrowed any items from the Annex and have not returned them, please do so as soon as you can.**

**July Birthdays**

- 3 Nina Layton
- 6 Leon McHargh
- 12 Shane Harder
- 17 Amy Cuellar
- 19 Gary Moss
- 23 Sarah Brown
- 27 Jack Cherry
- 29 Logan Finch
- 31 James Maxcey
- 6 Gabriel Alatrash
- 8 Linda Fabian
- 12 Trenton Hudman
- 19 Logan Lindelof
- 20 Doris Teague
- 24 Neil Barnhill
- 27 Leah Gartrell
- 31 Kylee Fabian

**July Anniversaries**

- 7 Demetris & Kaliya Kelly
- 25 Paul & Judy Dillon
- 28 Jeremy & Heather Cook
- 31 Jack & Dorothy Cherry

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.