

Those to Serve

November 10		November 17	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Simmons	Opening Prayer	Chris Peters
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Chris Peters		Presiding: Bob Williams	
Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian	Stephen Morton	Paul Dillon
Matt Cheshier	Tom Langford	David Clayton	David Simmons
Brandon Stafford	Nathan Scarsdale	Tim Nations	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Bob Williams	Closing Prayer	Demetris Kelly
Nursery		Nursery	
Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey	Molly Godwin	Tracey Mauney
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Charlie Layton, M Fabian	Communion	Stephen Morton, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Brown	Closing Prayer	Bobby Parker
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Tim Nations, Jacob Carriere, Warren Hudman		*Clifford Layton, Jeremy Brown, Phil Godwin	
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Greeters		Greeters	
Greg & Linda Fabian		Rick & Jean Nudelman	
Building Lock Up	Lindelof	Building Lock Up	Williams
Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire	Sound & Projector	Banyai, Whitmire
November 6		November 13	
WNWTM			
Building Lock Up	Scarsdale	Building Lock Up	Lindelof

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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 281-224-2183
 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 - 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

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The Pearland Harvester

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

A LESSON FROM A HAIR STYLIST

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Yesterday I got my hair cut and, as usual, it was a different person cutting my hair. I don't know what I'm doing to run off so many stylists, but every time I get one that I like, that person will be gone the next time I come in for a trim. I really liked the woman that cut my hair yesterday (she's probably already got a U-Haul rental), and I think what I liked the best was how concerned she was about my tastes. I've had lots of barbers and stylists that will begin the session asking me how I liked my hair to be cut, but then they did what they wanted and never asked for my input again until the work was finished. Then they spin the chair back to the mirror and ask if it's okay. At that point the service is completed, the money is due, and the results will have to be lived with regardless of how pleased or displeased I am. But the stylist I had yesterday must have asked at least a dozen times as she worked if it was looking ok. And because it was, I kept indicating that it was. At one point she laughed and told me how much more she enjoyed cutting men's hair than women's hair because women see every little detail and have very definite ideas about how they want their hair to appear. We shared a smile and moved on. But I've been thinking about that comparison a lot.

Do you like the way you look spiritually? Are you not "too fussy" about the appearance of the spiritual you, or can you quickly cast a critical eye over yourself and see "the hair out of place"? As you go through life, are you constantly checking in with your soul and asking if things are all right, or do you hope when life is over and the chair spins back to life's mirror, you'll be satisfied?

Of course there are some who think they look good all the time. Most of us aren't in that category when it comes to our physical appearance, but what about the

spiritual man inside? Think about what the Lord taught on this subject.

And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'" Luke 18:9-12



Most of us aren't like that – most of the time. We do see our spiritual flaws. And sometimes we wonder if we'll ever change. Most of us are more like the women my hair stylist was generalizing about – we see so many things wrong and out of place that we hardly notice how much we have matured in Christ and, in fact, have slowly become more and more like Him as our faith grows.

As our faith increases, we develop spiritually into that *transformed*, rather than *conformed*, person we are to be (Rom. 12:2). Peter's final exhortation is that we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pt. 3:18). But that demands that we spin the chair around and look in the mirror a lot! - not for a moment of pharisaical pride in how much better we are than someone else, but to see if we are reflecting the image of Christ. Paul said, "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!" (2 Cor. 13:5). The goal of mirror watching is given in 2 Cor. 3:18 – **But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

Personal grooming tastes are one thing – but being like Jesus is a serious challenge. Look in the mirror and be fussy!

Keep studying! ✍️DC Brown ©2013

YOUTH EVENTS

We are collecting blankets for Faith in Action at Impact on December 7. Please bring your blankets to the Teen Classroom by December 4. Our goal is 150, but it is OK to exceed it!



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 11/25/13. Flyers are in the foyer.

To receive a \$10 package discount, you must pre-register through one of the exclusive Helping Hands sign-up methods:

PHONE: 1-800-324-9458, ONLINE: www.helpinghandsforhealth.com, OR FAX: 1-866-628-4857



Arms of Hope

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 15, so we can get your donations to them before Christmas. Thanks for having a heart for the children. James 1:27

KEPT IN PRAYER

Neil Barnhill is back at The Hampton and feeling better.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Kay Taliaferro**, who passed away October 31. Kay was the mother of Anthony Taliaferro, Dianne Westmoreland's son-in-law. Services were held at the Belton Church of Christ on November 2.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Charlie Pruitt**, who passed away October 31. Charlie was the brother-in-law of Wanda Knight. Services were held in Blanket TX on November 3.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Brenda Langford, 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, Bartis Knight, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Rick Stone, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods, Wayne Wyatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOVEMBER

- 9 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 9 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
- 11 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 11-15 Meals on Wheels
- 16 Elders' Chili Cook Off - 6 PM - Annex



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 November, so please review by **November 10**.

Ladies' Christmas Party at Brenda Blair's house - December 6 at 6 PM. Start sewing!



SECRET SISTERS!

The final 2013 get-together will be at Jean Coe's house on Thursday, December 12, at 7 PM.

Ladies:

Please reserve January 17-18, 2014, on your calendars for an activity hosted by Leah Bateman at her Galveston home. More details will be available as the date approaches.

November Birthdays

- 1 Brent Finch
- 5 Warren Hudman
- 13 Laura Moss
- 18 Doris Stuteville
- 26 Lela Farmer
- 29 Aaron Peters
- 4 Vi Price
- 8 Mitzi Williams
- 15 Tim Godwin
- 22 Parker Simmons
- 27 J.J. Martinez
- 30 Jeremy Bouillion

November Anniversaries

- 2 Gary & Danette Moss
- 20 Tim & Irene Nations
- 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown
- 25 Tracy & Martha Cain