

Those to Serve

| November 24 | | December 1 | |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Morning Worship | | Morning Worship | |
| Opening Prayer | Charlie Story | Opening Prayer | David Simmons |
| Song Leader | Greg Fabian | Song Leader | Paul Cartwright |
| Communion | | Communion | |
| Presiding: Stephen Morton | | Presiding: Gary Adams | |
| Charlie Layton | Matthew Fabian | James Maxcey | Nathan Scarsdale |
| Matt Cheshier | Paul Hamilton | Logan Lindelof | Daniel Brown |
| Tim Nations | Brandon Stafford | Daniel White | Bobby Parker |
| Closing Prayer | Gary Adams | Closing Prayer | Charlie Story |
| Nursery | | Nursery | |
| Susan Peters | Virginia Visel | Nina Layton | Angela Parker |
| Evening Worship | | Evening Worship | |
| Opening Prayer | Greg Fabian | Opening Prayer | Lynn Adams |
| Song Leader | Bobby Parker | Song Leader | Paul Cartwright |
| Communion | Charlie Layton, M Fabian | Communion | Logan Lindelof, James Maxcey |
| Closing Prayer | Demetris Kelly | Closing Prayer | Paul Hamilton |
| Morning Worship | | Morning Worship | |
| Ushers (*indicates head usher) | | Ushers (*indicates head usher) | |
| *Daniel Brown, Warren Hudman, Jacob Carriere | | *Rick Nudelman, Clifford Layton, Chris Peters | |
| Announcements | Chris Lindelof | Announcements | Gary Adams |
| Greeters | | Greeters | |
| Clifford & Nina Layton | | Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale | |
| Building Lock Up | Peters | Building Lock Up | Cartwright |
| Sound & Projector | Banyai, Whitmire | Sound & Projector | Williams |
| November 20 | | November 27 | |
| Building Lock Up | Williams | Building Lock Up | Peters |

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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

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

The Pearland Harvester

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

WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

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For too many, “Church” has become a verb designating an activity, at a fixed location, which requires regular attention. In this, we are no different from previous generations. Seeing the church as the Lord describes it requires a perspective not

portrayed or promoted in our culture.

The church exists to glorify God throughout all the generations (Eph. 3:21). The church is the body of Christ, who is its Savior and head (Eph. 5:23). It functions as the body of Christ, and it is subject to Christ Jesus, its head. That means that the world does not have the right to define the church in any way or determine its role. Nor do we, as Christians, have the liberty to define its role.

That also means that we do not have the liberty to *define* our role in the church, nor do we have the freedom to *limit* our role in the church. “Church” has undergone a realignment, whereby it often ceases to fulfill its intended purpose in order to act as an agent of change for a social agenda or offer health care or emotional care for masses. While individuals in the church have freedom to work for such purposes, those are not responsibilities of the local congregation. Our purpose remains unchanged: to preach the gospel (Mk. 16:15,16), to support the truth (1 Tim. 3:15), to build up the body of Christ by equipping the saints (Eph. 4:12), and to encourage one another in the faith (Heb. 10:24,25).

None of these activities can be accomplished within the confines of a single worship assembly on Sunday morning. Nor can they be fulfilled by a token few within the local body.

Our culture has been wildly successful in selling such false concepts to the Christian community at large. We might even be tempted to think that this is the bane of our age – it isn’t. The New Testament letters

have much to say about the importance of every individual Christian doing his or her part every day! Clearly, the brethren of the first century struggled with the same issues!

We have an identity crisis in the church that manifests itself in a couple of ways. On the one hand, this identity crisis is seen in the church’s abandonment of its ordained roles. That means that it is possible for a church to enjoy the blessing of having all of its members fully engaged and involved in its pursuits – but the pursuits are not what the head has ordained. Thus, the church in that location does not glorify God.

On the other hand, the crisis is manifested in its individual members’ forgetting that they have an identity to the Lord ONLY IN the church. It is possible, and all too often the case, that the local church has not lost sight of its God-given purpose. Sound teaching is still heard in its pulpit, and advancing the cause of Christ is still its goal; but many of its individual members see their role as participating in a worship assembly once a week. That church also does not glorify God.

Two soul-searching questions ought to be answered by each member of the local church. First, do I know what the Bible says about the purposes of the church? If I don’t know what those are, I can’t glorify God in my Christian walk. Second, do I do my part every day to promote the purposes of the church? If I know the right answers but don’t commit my energy, my money, and my faith toward that purpose, I cannot glorify God.

Church isn’t a verb that is put into action one day a week, nor is it a place where I go once a week. May we overcome the identity crises that Satan hopes to afflict us with, by staying in His word and in His service.

Keep studying! ✍️ DC Brown ©2013



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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!



There will be a Teen Devo following evening services this Sunday.



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

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruby Lee McGaw**, who passed away November 13. Mrs. McGaw was the sister of Audrey Nelson.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David Clayton, 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, Mary Means, Betty Pridgen, Brenda Riggs, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Timothy Anderson, 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.

We will not have Wednesday Night with the Master on December 4. Classes will meet as usual at 7 PM.

DECEMBER

- 6 Ladies Christmas Party - 6 PM - Brenda Blair's house. Start sewing!
- 7 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Joe's Banquet Center, 1300 E Hwy 6, Alvin TX
- 9 Golden Agers Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex.
- 12 Secret Sisters - 7 PM - Jean Coe's house
- 13 Christmas Party for the congregation at 6 PM in the Annex. Please bring your favorite Christmas dish and a gift of no more than \$20 for White Elephant.
- 25 No Wednesday night classes or services
- 29 Friends & Family Day

JANUARY 2014

- 1 No Wednesday night classes or services

Ginny Lindelof needs your pictures for the Christian school display by the end of November.

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

- 22 Parker Simmons
- 27 J.J. Martinez
- 30 Jeremy Bouillion
- 26 Lela Farmer
- 29 Aaron Peters

November Anniversaries

- 20 Tim & Irene Nations
- 25 Tracy & Martha Cain

December Birthdays

- 6 Susan Peters
- 7 Jacob Carriere
- 12 Harold Moore
- 18 Kaliya Kelly
- 21 Bryan Hudman
- 22 Gavin Finch
- 25 Noah Hill
- 27 Matthew Fabian
- 31 Maresha Scarsdale
- 6 Eugene Priestley
- 7 Wilma Koob
- 16 Chase Shelton
- 19 Madison Finch
- 21 Stephen Morton
- 24 Bob Williams
- 27 Haley Biegay
- 31 Jessica Bouillion
- 31 Loma Stone

December Anniversaries

- 1 Jeremy & Heather Brown
- 19 Chris & Susan Peters
- 27 Bob & Mitzi Williams
- 9 Ricky & Janice Pearson
- 27 Rick & Jean Nudelman