

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening April 2	Wednesday Evening April 9
Building Lock Up — C. Lindelof <b>WNWTM</b>	Building Lock Up — C. Peters

Morning Worship April 6	Morning Worship April 13
Opening Prayer Chris Peters	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Stephen Morton	<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash
Daniel White Daniel Brown	Tom Langford Matthew Fabian
Jeremy Brown Brandon Stafford	Charlie Layton Logan Lindelof
Bobby Parker James Maxcey	Phil Godwin Tim Nations
Announcements Gary Adams	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey Dallas Maxcey	Virginia Visel Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Kent Wroe, Jacob Carriere, Rick Nudelman	*Clifford Layton, Lynn Adams, Warren Hudman
Greeters	Greeters
Lynn & Lucille Adams	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM
Mauneys & Sheila Banyai	Mauneys & Sheila Banyai
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C. Peters	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G. Fabian

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Jack Chisum	Opening Prayer Demetris Kelly
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Bobby Parker, James Maxcey	Communion Charlie Layton, M Fabian
Closing Prayer Demetris Kelly	Closing Prayer Nathan Scarsdale

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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**Benin, West Africa:**  
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon  
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa, Soklogbo, Paouignan  
Jonas Sambieni - Glazoue  
Gaston Nda - Natitingou  
Boniface Yentekoua - Kaboua  
Dorothee Tchekpo—Savé, Boubou Pompe  
Andre Assogba - Savé, Besse, Atchakpa  
Blaise Atta - Beterou, Sinaou, Wari Maro  
Elie Kouagou - N'Dali  
Jochin Tonou - Abomey  
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou  
Bienvenu Assogba - BTC student from Savé  
**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
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# The Pearland Harvester

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

## STRONG WORDS

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Strongly worded language is not unusual in Scripture, but it is often ignored. Soothing rhetoric often enjoys universal acceptance and is even embraced by atheists. Examples would include Mt. 7:12; Mt. 12:35; 1 Cor. 13:4-7.

Scripture is very clear on two pertinent points:

- 1.) God is the source of all truth, and therefore what is contained therein is both of God and necessarily true (Jn. 17:17). Denying truth because it is harsh is futile.
- 2.) God cannot be denied, and He certainly won't be ignored (Rm. 1:18-20).

Let's briefly examine that second point. Romans 1:18-20 <sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

There are five concise arguments raised:

- 1.) It is not possible to suppress truth except by being unrighteous. Righteousness is the state of being right in the sight of God. To be an adult who suppresses what God has revealed about Himself and our relationship to Him is to be unrighteous. And it can be no more acceptable to God than for an adult to deny his own father's existence and a personal relationship to his father. Even if he never saw his father, he could not deny that he has one. And to make the conscious decision as an adult that he no longer has a father and never did have one is an absolute insult. To create a doctrine that denies the existence or need of a father cannot be done without destroying truth.

- 2.) For the unrighteous, it is never possible to escape

the wrath of God. The folly of the unrighteous is to say that there is no God (Psalm 14:1), as if by denying God's existence one is immune to God's wrath. To illustrate: a person might foolishly choose to be of the opinion that the courts of this land have no authority and therefore he is free to do as he wishes. But that opinion does not obliterate the courts nor does it insulate him from their judgments.



- 3.) God's wrath visited upon every generation is itself a visible thing. Men, by denying God's existence and authority, have never created a better society! A godless culture does not breed men and women with inherent honesty and a desire to seek the betterment of mankind. Did the great experiment of the U.S.S.R., which taught for 70 years that there is no God, make that country great? Did they solve the problems of alcoholism, rising divorce rates, child abandonment, cruelty, greed, anger, or lust by denying God and elevating Humanism as a god? As a culture goes further away from God, the evident consequences of its folly are undeniable! Its denial brings about a worsened human condition that is visible.

- 4.) God's wrath is justified by the fact that He has made His eternal existence and power and holiness evident to all men. Creation declares His existence, nature, power, and glory (Ps. 19:1). It is not possible for the intellectual to see what is and deny its greater Cause!

- 5.) Neither man's ignorance nor his denial of God is excusable. There has never been a generation of mankind that was without the required evidences necessary to acknowledge God and those things about His nature that make Him God.

Ahab didn't like strong words (1 Kings 22:8), but not even a king as powerful as he could "wish them away." We need to soberly think on these things and share them with others.

Keep studying! DC Brown ©2014

YOUTH EVENTS

Teen Devo following Sunday evening services.



Camp Hensel is April 18-20, 2014. Applications are available; please pick one up and return it to Paul ASAP.

Family Encampment

Our next Family Encampment is April 11-13, 2014.

- 1. We are at Cagle Recreation Area just west of New Waverly.
2. You will need to make your own reservations; call Peggy Story if there are questions.

We are still in need of volunteers for communion preparation and sound/projector. Please check the sign-up lists on the bulletin boards to see if you can help in the available months.

Dear Friends in Pearland:
I come to you with thanks so much, and ask my God's blessing on you all for the food, the prayers sent up for me and my family, ham, sandwich tray, veggie tray, and the flowers.
I don't have the words to thank you all enough.
With God's love to you all,
The Jesse Abel family

KEPT IN PRAYER

Eugene Priestley is now at Windsong. Visitors are not permitted.

Scott Westmoreland was scheduled to try a new treatment this week.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Morris Dyes, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Noah & Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Brenda Langford, Evelyn Lawhon, Claudia Martin, Betty Pridgen, Eugene Priestley, 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, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Scott Westmoreland, Darlene Woods, Wayne Wyatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Adams is our contact elder for April. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.

April

- 7 Secret Sisters will meet at 6:30 PM in the Annex. The meal will be provided. Please contact Jo Knight if there are questions.
12 Ladies Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
12 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
26 Congregational Cleaning Day - Meet at the building at 9 AM.
28-May 2 Meals on Wheels - Please contact Leah Bateman to volunteer.



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of April 14-18, 2014. We need to collect 50 large bottles of clothes washing liquid and 30 bottles of body wash. Please bring your items by Sunday, April 13. Let's have a generous donation.

Hoppy Easter Party

Saturday April 19th 10-Noon
Location - Annex/Outside
Please bring a friend and your basket
Snacks, Egg Decorating, and Easter Egg Hunt
Ages 1 year - 3rd Grade
Church Family - Please donate plastic eggs, goodies to fill them and/or filled eggs in the tubs in the foyer by April 13th



Baby Shower for Trish Stafford on Sunday, April 27, from 4 to 6 PM in the Annex. Trish is registered at Target, Babies 'R' Us, and Amazon.

April Birthdays

- 2 Morgan Cuellar
3 Dianne Westmoreland
7 Elaine Genaro
13 Tracey Mauney
16 Brenton Cook
19 Hannah Atkins
25 Lacey Gartrell
28 Noelle Holmes
2 Derek Mauney
7 Jack Chisum
13 Shawn Cravens
14 Jean Coe
17 Claude Anderson
23 Charlie Story
28 Lucille Adams

April Anniversaries

- 7 Morris & Berna Dyes
9 Orlando & Amy Cuellar
11 Douglas & Doris Teague
19 Chuck & Sheila Banyai