

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening November 5	Wednesday Evening November 12
Building Lock Up — Fabian <b>WNWTM</b>	Building Lock Up — Lindelof

Morning Worship November 9		Morning Worship November 16	
Opening Prayer	Zach Williams	Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Demetris Kelly		<b>Presiding:</b> Charlie Story	
Phil Godwin	Tom Langford	James Maxcey	Logan Lindelof
Daniel Brown	Derek Mauney	Charlie Layton	Matthew Fabian
Kent Wroe	Brandon Stafford	Ike Atkins	Nathan Scarsdale
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey	Molly Godwin	Nina Layton
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Warren Hudman, Rick Nudelman		*Derek Mauney, Jacob Carriere, Russell Genaro	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Williams, Banyai		Williams, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Craig Williams
Communion	Derek Mauney, Jeremy Brown	Communion	Charlie Layton, Matthew Fabian
Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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**Chris Peters**  
**Charlie Story**  
**Bob Williams**

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**Paul Cartwright** Youth & Family Minister

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**Paul Tohionon - Bohicon**  
**Pascal Djedatin - Dassa**  
**Blaise Atta - Bétérou**  
**Clément Djebede - Okéwo**  
**Boniface Yantekoua - Kaboua**  
**Joachim Tounou - Abomey-Goho**  
**Gaston Nda - Natitingou**  
**Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou**  
**André Assogba - Savé et Kokoro**  
**Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé**  
**Paul Kouagou - N'Dali**  
**Jonas Sambieni - Glazoué**  
**Gabin Agbeci - Savalou**  
**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
**Lewis Romain**

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NOVEMBER 5, 2014

# The Pearland Harvester

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

## CHRISTIANS

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There is nothing like an election, midterm or otherwise, to remind us of the fact that as Americans we are as politically divided and opinionated as we can be. Now that we are post-election for this latest cycle, we can enjoy about a month's peace from campaigning (sorry, Louisiana, not you); and we can also expect several weeks of finger-pointing and blaming the other guy for why my candidate lost. In other words, things won't be noticeably different. We'll still be divided, and those divisions will continue to be so substantial that needed legislation will not be passed without major concessions. It will leave us more disappointed and more cynical as a result.

Compare that reality to another one: As a religion, Christianity is about as divided as it can be! There are Baptist Christians, Methodist Christians, and Catholic Christians. There are fundamentalist Christians and evangelical Christians. There are universalist Christians who feel that ultimately God will save everyone, and there are Calvinist Christians who believe most of the world is predestined to be eternally lost. Some believe grace is sufficient; some insist on a system of works to merit salvation. And even though we erect more church buildings, appeal to the unchurched, and tinker with sensational worship styles, the results continue to be disappointing. More people are skeptical and cynical about Christianity than ever!

Division isn't a good thing! Unity is. Oneness is what the Lord prayed for (Jn. 17:21), and in the beginning it was also the reality. Obedient believers in Christ were simply called Christians (Acts 11:26). There were no labels that served as a prefix to that name; all were simply Christians. About 30 years after the church came into existence, the apostle Paul would preach the same message to king Agrippa. The

king's response, though disappointing, is very telling. "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian" (Acts 26:28). The message hadn't changed since it was first preached on the day of Pentecost, and thus Agrippa knew and understood a simple truth: if he obeyed Paul's teaching, he would become a Christian and a Christian only.



The term "Christian" is only found three times in Scripture; but in each of its occurrences, the concept of a group of unified believers in a single message is evident. After decades had passed since the church began in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection, Peter would write, "but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name" (1 Pet. 4:16). It simply isn't possible to glorify God by another name or by an appendage or prefix added to that name by men.

Names are important! By the name of Jesus and in no other name there is salvation (Acts 4:12), and at the name of Jesus someday every knee will bow and every tongue will confess (Phlp. 2:10,11). A Christian is one who reflects the Lord's teaching in all that is said and done and who serves the Lord exclusively. At Corinth, some wanted to do that, but within a smaller subset of like-minded people who were to be distinguished by who baptized them or who taught them the truth. Their attempts at disunity were rebuked soundly, and they were reminded that Christ was not divided and they were not baptized into the name of another (1 Cor. 1:13).

The church needs to stop being ashamed of the Lord's teaching and take a stand for simple New Testament teaching in all that it says and does. Only then will it be as clear to the king Agrippas of our generation that by obeying the truth they will simply become Christians. And only then will our generation see the relevance and the value of being a Christian.

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2014

**YOUTH EVENTS**



Faith In Action is December 6. Our goal is to collect blankets, stocking caps, and socks to help 100 people. Donations can be dropped off in the youth room. Please direct any questions to Paul Cartwright.

If you have borrowed anything from the Annex, please return it at your earliest convenience. Thanks.

November 30, 2014

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

*Friends*



*Family Day*



**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Hugh Fletcher** had successful surgery yesterday and is expected to go home today.

**Ben Lenamon** had successful surgery today.

**In Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Neil & Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, Lela Farmer, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Murrell Hill, Dorris Honeycutt, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Brenda Langford, Evelyn Lawhon, Betty Pridgen, Doris Stuteville. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Dewayne Martin, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**November**

- 8 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 8 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room
- 10 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex

There will be no services or classes on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

**December**

- 1 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Annex
- 5 Ladies Christmas Party - 6 PM - Brenda Blair's house. Start sewing!
- 8-12 Meals on Wheels - See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 11 Secret Sisters End-of-Year Party - 6:30 PM - Jean Coe's house. Meal will be potluck. Please bring meat, sides, or desserts. You'll discover who your Secret Sister was!
- 12 Congregation Christmas Party - More details to follow
- 13 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's
- 13 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room



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 12/8/14. Flyers are in the foyer. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

**November Birthdays**

- 4 Vi Price
- 5 Warren Hudman
- 13 Laura Moss
- 18 Doris Stuteville
- 21 Delores Truelove
- 27 JJ Martinez
- 30 Jeremy Bouillion

**November Anniversaries**

- 2 Gary & Danette Moss
- 25 Tracy & Martha Cain
- 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown
- 30 Davy & Kylee May