

## Those to Serve

<b>Wednesday Evening January 14</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening January 21</b>
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Scarsdale

Morning Worship January 18		Morning Worship January 25	
Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer	Lynn Adams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash		<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof	
Jacob Carriere	James Maxcey	Matthew Fabian	Craig Williams
Derek Mauney	Zach Williams	Bobby Parker	Rick Nudelman
Charlie Story	Demetris Kelly	Charlie Layton	Nathan Scarsdale
Announcements	Greg Fabian	Announcements	Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro	Tracey Mauney	Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Jeremy Brown, Warren Hudman, Phil Godwin		*Daniel Brown, Clifford Layton, Paul Hamilton	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Williams, Banyai		Williams, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer	Demetris Kelly
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Communion	Derek Mauney, Charlie Story	Communion	Charlie Layton, N Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer	Greg Fabian

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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**Bobby Parker**  
**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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# The Pearland Harvester

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## TO BELIEF AND BEYOND!

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The group of young men and women whom I meet with and lead in study each Tuesday night has often demonstrated a desire to better understand the reasons for the faith of a Christian.

This is key to the spiritual development of anyone! But it isn't a new challenge. The writer of the Hebrew epistle devoted 13 chapters to that very thing. As one reads the epistle, it becomes quite obvious that the urgent plea could be expressed in words like: *"All right, brothers and sisters, you have come to the Father through Jesus; and you have made your confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ of God. Others have ridiculed and denied and challenged every belief you have, but the truth is still the truth! Here are the things you need to remember and then increase your faith and your zeal from these facts."*

In this 2,015<sup>th</sup> year since the coming of the incarnate Word, the need to renew our faith and zeal based on our strong convictions of the assurances of our hope (Heb. 11:1) is every bit as vital as it ever was! Paul said to Timothy, **"I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded ..."** (2 Tim. 1:12).

While it isn't a new phenomenon at all, it is true that there is often a "disconnect" with some who are believers such that their belief hasn't really convicted them to a level of commitment beyond setting aside an hour a week for worship. Yet it seems that some of those to whom the Hebrew epistle was written had already exceeded that level and far beyond BEFORE their commitment began to weaken. The point at which they had begun to drift away (Heb. 2:1) appears to have been from a position of commitment that had already led them to endure a great conflict of sufferings which included public ridicule, embarrassment, reproaches, and significant financial

losses and even imprisonment for their faith (Heb. 10:32-34).

If you are one of those who feel that your faith has long since plateaued, the question worth considering is this: What's missing?



An elder once shared with me his deep concern for his grown children's apathy. They still attended regularly, and from a distance perhaps all seemed well. But he knew something was missing in regard to their faith. There were just too many "things that got in the way," and it happened too often.

His summation was that he and his wife had grown in their commitment to the point that they had as individuals and, as a couple, had their own convictions. They weren't functioning on the family perspectives about Christianity based on examples handed down from their parents. Like Paul they could each say, **"I (emphasis on the personal pronoun) KNOW (emphasis on unquestioned certainty) WHOM I (emphasis on the personal pronoun) HAVE BELIEVED (emphasis on unquestioned conviction) and I (emphasis on the personal pronoun) AM PERSUADED (emphasis on unquenchable fire that motivates)."** This elder's lament was that he saw no evidence that the same had happened for his adult children.

My weekly meeting with the young adults who choose to come to our house each Tuesday is so rewarding because I see in them the growing faith that leads to a lifelong commitment to working and serving in the kingdom. What's special about them? NOTHING. What's special about the class? NOTHING. What's making the difference? They simply want to STUDY!

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2015

YOUTH EVENTS



January 25, 2015 - Teen Devo at the Cartwrights' house following PM services.



Congratulations, 1<sup>st</sup>-time homeowners!  
**Josh and Ashley Hundley**  
5103 Lockhart Dr  
Pearland TX 77581

KEPT IN PRAYER

**Sandy Arnold** is in Clear Lake Regional Medical Center awaiting test results.

**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, Wanda Knight, Brenda Langford, Evelyn Lawhon, Jan Lemoine, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Doris Stuteville, Delores Truelove. **Shut-In:** Libby Clayton **Others:** Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Bobby Dees, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Robert Holmes, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Darlene Woods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for January. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.

Communion Preparation and Audio-Projector-Video sign-up sheets for 2015 are on the bulletin board.  
There are still 2 months to be filled for Communion Preparation and 4 months to be filled for Audio-Projector-Video.

January Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 3  | Felicia Wroe     | 4  | Wanda Kirby     |
| 4  | Branden Shelton  | 8  | Jeanette Hays   |
| 12 | Leona Anderson   | 14 | Valerie McHargh |
| 16 | Teresa Wroe      | 17 | Tom Langford    |
| 20 | Bobby Parker     | 21 | Donald Mickan   |
| 22 | Cameron Alatrash | 25 | Ethan Brown     |
| 29 | Dawn Bell        | 30 | Lindsay Parker  |

January Anniversaries

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|---|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 9 | Jason & Noelle Holmes | 17 | David & Libby Clayton |
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