

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening February 18	Wednesday Evening February 25
Building Lock Up—Williams	Building Lock Up—Fabian

Morning Worship February 22		Morning Worship March 1	
Opening Prayer	Maverick Lemus	Opening Prayer	Zack Williams
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: James Maxcey		Presiding: Chris Lindelof	
Russell Genaro	Daniel Brown	Maverick Lemus	Logan Lindelof
Jeremy Brown	Charlie Story	Charlie Layton	Nathan Scarsdale
Jacob Carriere	Craig Williams	Bobby Parker	Tom Langford
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Laurie Maxcey	Dallas Maxcey	Nina Layton	Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Demetris Kelly, Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian		*Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, Rick Nudelman	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM & PM	
Mauney, Banyai		Mauney, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Layton	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	Russell Genaro, James Maxcey	Communion	Charlie Story, Charlie Layton
Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

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Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
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
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WORSHIP—ATHENS, CORINTH, PEARLAND

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The following article comes with a warning: *Reading this article may cause a rise in blood pressure, feelings of anxiety, or despair. You should not read this article unless premedicated with a dose of faith. Adverse reactions may be reduced or eliminated by the kind of prayer that produces “the peace of God which surpasses comprehension” (Philp. 4:6,7).*

Nothing is more unique to humanity than the desire to worship. WHO or WHAT is the object of worship varies greatly. But then so also does the HOW, WHEN, and WHY. Wars are often fought because people differ so greatly in matters of worship.

In the United States, any medium-size city contains examples of this urge to worship. In Pearland there are scores of churches. One website listed 63, yet it left off several that are located on the major corridors. By definition, churches are religious groups that acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God. Most churches in Pearland meet in their own buildings where worship is anything but uniform. In this city, churches must also compete with mosques and temples where the worship is not only divergent but also directed (actually misdirected) to a multitude of pagan gods. Within a 25-mile radius of Pearland, there are several covens with names that say something of their beliefs. The Circle of the Eternal Moon (La Porte), Temple of the Eternal Fire (Houston), Coven of the American Eagle Seminary (Deer Park), Coven of the Jade Sea Turtle (Seabrook), Coven of the Coral Celtic Ponies (Deer Park), and Coven of the Amber Danes (Friendswood).

Remember how upsetting it was to see bumper stickers and billboard signs that said “Choose a church of your choosing and attend”? Those days are long-gone. Today the watchwords are multiculturalism and pluralism. Multiculturalism is self-explanatory. Pluralism refers to “the belief in two or more religious worldviews as being equally valid or acceptable. More than mere tolerance, religious pluralism accepts

multiple paths to God or gods as a possibility and is usually contrasted with ‘exclusivism,’ the idea that there is only one true religion or way to know God.” (<http://www.gotquestions.org/religious-pluralism>)



If you’ve read this far, you’re probably more than a bit disturbed. If necessary, please stop for a moment and take the prescribed remedies.

Actually, our fair city with all of its multiculturalism and pluralism has much in common with two first-century cities where Paul had successful ministries—Athens and Corinth. Both cities were filled with temples, altars, and idols, each with their priests and priestesses. Athens tested Paul’s determination, but his sermon at the Areopagus is a masterpiece worthy of study. Corinth could only be described as worse. Yet, Paul stayed for 18 months. Athens and Corinth have never been same. There are no limits to the power of the gospel.

There is, however, dissimilarity between modern Pearland and ancient Athens and Corinth. The dissimilarity lies in the fact that the ONE gospel that Paul proclaimed resonated with clarity and gave birth to hope and great joy. The cacophony of differing and contradicting messages of our day only increases the confusion and robs the downhearted of hope and joy. To effect the positive change that Paul did in his day, we have to be unashamed of the gospel, convicted that it is God’s power to save (Rm. 1:16) and determined that it cannot be altered in any way (Gal. 1:6-10).

To be human is to desire to worship. To be informed and knowledgeable in worship is to worship in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). To be unified and effective in changing the world is to know there is but one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God (Eph. 4:3-6).

Athens and Corinth didn’t need just another religion. They needed the gospel. Pearland needs the same!

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2015

YOUTH EVENTS



Harding University is hosting a reception for prospective students, alumni, or anyone who would like to attend on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 7 PM. If you are interested in going, please sign the list on the bulletin board no later than February 20. Additional information may also be found on the bulletin board.



Sarah Adams
 10815 Sagewind
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March 29, 2015

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

Friends



Family Day



KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Darlene Woods**, who passed away February 13, 2015, after a long battle with cancer.

Leona Anderson is feeling better and was back with us at worship services last Sunday.

Dorris Honeycutt has been moved to the Medical Resort at Bay Area in Pasadena TX for physical therapy.

Kerry Lemoine is still in Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Room 329.

Delores Truelove is in Tuscany Village, Room 501, for rehabilitation after knee replacement surgery.

In Continuing Need:

Our Members: Leona Anderson, Fran Barnhill, Tracy & Martha Cain, David & Libby Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, Billie Dykes, June Evans, 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, Mary Means, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Doris Stuteville, Delores Truelove.

Others: Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Marjorie Garrison, Jim Godwin, Robert Holmes, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris. Kevin Scarsdale will be the contact elder for March.

February 2015

25 Ladies Bible Study -10 AM - Jean Coe's house- Proverbs 2. Please read and study chapter before class.

March 2015

2 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM - Location TBD

4 Wednesday Night with the Master - Meal to be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu TBD

9 Golden Agers' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Location TBD

11 Ladies Bible Study -10 AM - TBD - Proverbs 3. Please read and study chapter before class.

14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's

14 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting - 9 AM - Elders' Conference Room

25 Ladies Bible Study -10 AM - Leah Bateman's house - Proverbs 4. Please read and study chapter before class.

There are three announcements on the bulletin board of upcoming activities in our area:

March 1-4, 2015 - League City Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

March 8-9, 2015 - 5th Ward Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

March 28, 2015 - Mainland Church of Christ, Texas City, Ladies Day

February Birthdays

20 Bethany Atkins	21 Candice Dobson
27 Everett Brown	27 Gretchen Whitmire

March Birthdays

3 Ike Atkins	3 Douglas Teague
4 DC Brown	6 Taylor Cuellar
12 Ashley Hundley	13 Bennie Sue Galindo
17 Pat Wagoner	19 Trudy Knight
19 Sandy Stone	25 Evelyn Cordell
25 Demetris Kelly II	27 April Cartwright
29 Judy Indest	31 Heather Cook
31 Mary Holmberg	

March Anniversaries

9 DC & Debbie Brown	14 Jeff & Gena Coe
22 Greg & Linda Fabian	22 Gene & Stephanie Forster
22 Larry & Delores Truelove	31 Russell & Canova Genaro