

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening May 13	Wednesday Evening May 20
Building Lock Up—Cartwright	Building Lock Up—Lindelof

Morning Worship May 17		Morning Worship May 24	
Opening Prayer	Maverick Lemus	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> James Maxcey		<b>Presiding:</b> Charlie Layton	
Tom Langford	Charlie Story	Gheath Alatrash	Brandon Stafford
Bobby Parker	Paul Hamilton	Matthew Fabian	Phil Godwin
Derek Mauney	Chris Lindelof	Jojimon Puliampallil	Jacob Carriere
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)	
*Nathan Scarsdale, Jeremy Brown, Logan Lindelof		*Rick Nudelman, Clifford Layton, Bobby Parker	
Greeters		Greeters	
Lynn & Lucille Adams		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—Scarsdale	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Demetris Kelly	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Charlie Story, Chris Lindelof	Communion	Matthew Fabian, Charlie Layton
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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**Demetris Kelly**  
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**Bobby Parker**  
**Charlie Story**  
**Bob Williams**

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**Paul Cartwright** Youth & Family Minister

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**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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# The Pearland Harvester

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

## AN OLD ROCKER

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Several months ago I took possession of an old oak rocker for the purpose of reweaving its seat and back. It was passed down from a favorite uncle who had always used it as a porch rocker. Its current owners had used it in the same way for many years.

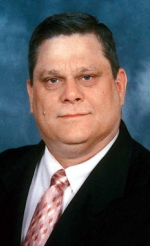
The rocker's back and seat were woven with half-inch-wide flat reed in a traditional herringbone weave; but after decades of use and exposure to harsh winters and hot summers, the reed had become brittle and unserviceable.

Because I became interested in cane weaving, I offered to take the rocker home and weave a new back and a new seat. It didn't take long to accept my offer, and so the rocker came to Texas and has resided in my garage for some time. I had planned to reweave it during the winter, but that didn't happen for a variety of reasons. The dominant reason being that when I got the rocker home and really inspected it, I began to realize how much larger this task was going to be. It will take me the better part of three days to reweave this chair, but that's not even the real challenge.

Because this solid oak rocker has sat outside for many years, its joints are no longer tight. Finishing nails had been driven into mortised joints to tighten loose tenons. Mismatched angle brackets had been installed to keep the armrests from falling off. A hardwood slat had been nailed across the back frame near the seat stretchers to ensure an old seat cushion wouldn't slide off. The original protective finish was gone except for in a few places where sunlight hadn't reached it. The open grain, typical to oak, was encrusted with decades of dirt and mold.

It took less than ten minutes to remove the old seat and back and prep the wooden stretchers and slats, but it just didn't make sense to be out the expense of buying new reed to weave on such a derelict. In hindsight, I should have examined the chair more carefully and assessed its true condition before

offering to reweave it. But I did offer; and, because it makes no sense to reweave a rickety piece of badly marred and scarred furniture, I needed to do a lot of unplanned work. After a lot of hours and countless sheets of sandpaper, the wood was washed and then sanded down to good wood. Nails have been pulled and brackets removed so that joints could be inspected. The entire rocker has received a new coat of stain and, when completely dry, will be given a polyurethane finish. Then, the work of weaving a new back and a new seat will finally begin.



Jesus gave several parables in answer to a question put to Him by some of John's disciples. "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" was the question they had asked (Mt. 9:14). In answer, Jesus gave three brief parables: the attendants of the bridegroom who do not mourn in the presence of the groom, the tailor who will not sew unshrunk new cloth to an old garment, and the vintner who will not pour new wine into old wineskins (Mt. 9:15-17). For obvious reasons, such actions would be inappropriate and utterly useless.

I will teach on each of these parables, showing their correlation to each other and how they address the question raised, in Sunday night's lesson. For the purpose of this article, I referenced them to show that the gospel can have no lasting benefit if the heart hasn't been restored. Though it somewhat misses the point to say an old rocker is like an old garment or an old wineskin and therefore unfit for new weaving, much as the old garment is unfit for new cloth or the old wineskin is unfit for new wine, it is nevertheless true that an old worn-out rocker will still be old and worn even with a newly woven seat. And an old heart that hasn't been washed and made holy again won't be any better off just by making attendance in worship a new priority. Let the word of God work on your heart, and then you'll be all that you were designed to be!

Keep studying and keep serving! ✍️DC Brown ©2015

**YOUTH EVENTS**



Camp Bandina is June 7-13, 2015, for 7th-12th graders. Scholarships are available. Please see Paul for applications and scholarships.

Seniors Sunday is scheduled for May 17, 2015. There will be a luncheon following our morning services to honor our 2015 high school graduates. Our seniors this year are Hannah Atkins and Samuel Holmes.

Vacation Bible School will be July 12-15, 2015. If you are interested in helping, please see Paul or April Cartwright.

**HANNAH MARIE ATKINS**

*The Senior Class of  
Pearland High School  
announces its Commencement Exercises  
Friday morning, June fifth  
Two Thousand Fifteen  
ten o'clock  
NRG Stadium  
Houston, Texas*

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

Douglas Teague will have a CAT scan and an MRI at MD Anderson on May 19, 2015.

**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, David Smith, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Mary Alford, Timothy Anderson, Richard Fairservice, Marjorie Garrison, Robert Holmes, Carol Jackman, Rhonda Jones, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Cloey Pruitt, Sherly Scott, Bill Severn, Rick Stone, Douglas Teague

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Greg Fabian will be our contact elder for May. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.

**May 2015**

- 17 Seniors Sunday Luncheon following AM services
- 25-29 Meals on Wheels—See Leah Bateman to volunteer.
- 27 Ladies Bible Study—10 AM—Annex

May 31, 2015  
Invite someone to be your guest and to stay  
for a great meal!

Friends

Family Day

Please remember to secure all locks before leaving any of the buildings—auditorium, annex, office, education building. Thank you.

**May Birthdays**

- 4 Josh Hundley
- 5 Karissa Bouillion
- 7 Peggy Story
- 8 Demetris Kelly I
- 9 Murrell Hill
- 13 Jeremy Cook
- 17 David Clayton
- 19 Adam Parker
- 20 Fran Barnhill
- 24 Morris Dyes
- 31 Atticus Brown

**May Anniversaries**

- 5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof
- 13 Brandon & Patricia Stafford
- 14 Gary & Jean Adams
- 17 Derek & Tracey Mauney
- 18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
- 31 Bruce & Becky Hopkins