

## Those to Serve

<b>Wednesday Evening October 14</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening October 21</b>
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Adams

Morning Worship October 18		Morning Worship October 25	
Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Daniel Brown		<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash	
Tom Langford	Maverick Lemus	Charlie Story	Charlie Layton
Clifford Layton	Zack Williams	Bobby Parker	Jacob Carriere
Bob Williams	Matthew Fabian	Greg Fabian	Demetris Kelly
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Laurie Maxcey		Molly Godwin	Nina Layton
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, Nathan Scarsdale		*Daniel Brown, Jimmy Terry, Gary Adams	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM	
Brown, Banyai		Brown, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Gary Adams
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion	Maverick Lemus, Zack Williams	Communion	Charlie Story, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin 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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**Charlie Story**  
**Bob Williams**

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**Paul Cartwright** Youth & Family Minister

### MISSIONARIES

**Benin, West Africa:**  
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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

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## WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

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For too many, “Church” has become a verb designating an activity at a fixed location which requires regular attention. In this, we are no different from previous generations. Seeing the church as the Lord describes it requires a perspective not portrayed or promoted in our culture.

The church exists to glorify God throughout all the generations (Eph. 3:21). The church is the body of Christ, who is its Savior and head (Eph. 5:23). It functions as the body of Christ, and it is subject to Christ Jesus, its head. That means that the world does not have the right to define the church in any way or determine its role. Nor do we, as Christians, have the liberty to define its role.

That also means that we do not have the liberty to *define* our role in the church, nor do we have the freedom to *limit* our role in the church. “Church” has undergone a realignment, whereby it often ceases to fulfill its intended purpose in order to act as an agent of change for a social agenda or offer health care or emotional care for the masses. While individuals in the church have freedom to work for such purposes, those are not responsibilities of the local congregation. Our purpose remains unchanged: to preach the gospel (Mk. 16:15,16), to support the truth (1 Tim. 3:15), to build up the body of Christ by equipping the saints (Eph. 4:12), and to encourage one another in the faith (Heb. 10:24,25).

None of these activities can be accomplished within the confines of a single worship assembly on Sunday morning. Nor can they be fulfilled by a token few within the local body.

Our culture has been wildly successful in selling such false concepts to the Christian community at large. We might even be tempted to think that this is the

bane of our age—it isn’t. The New Testament letters have much to say about the importance of every individual Christian doing their part every day! Clearly, the brethren of the first century struggled with the same issues!



We have an identity crisis in the church that manifests itself in a couple of ways. On the one hand, this identity crisis is seen in the church’s abandonment of its ordained roles. That means that it is possible for a church to enjoy the blessing of having all of its members fully engaged and involved in its pursuits—but the pursuits are not what the head has ordained. Thus, the church in that location does not glorify God.

On the other hand, the crisis is manifested in its individual members forgetting that they have an identity to the Lord ONLY in the church. It is possible, all too often the case, that the local church has not lost sight of its God-given purpose. Sound teaching is still heard in its pulpit, and advancing the cause of Christ is still its goal; but many of its individual members see their role as participating in a worship assembly once a week. That church also does not glorify God.

Two soul-searching questions ought be answered by each member of the local church. First, do I know what the Bible says about the purpose of the church? If I don’t know what those are, I can’t glorify God in my Christian walk. Second, do I do my part every day to promote the purposes of the church? If I know the right answers, but don’t commit my energy, my money, and my faith toward that purpose, I cannot glorify God.

Church isn’t a verb that is put into action one day a week, nor is it a place where I go once a week. May we overcome the identity crises that Satan hopes to afflict us with, by staying in His word and in His service.

Keep studying and keep serving! D.C. Brown ©2015



The ladies of the congregation are invited to a Diaper and Wipes Baby Shower to welcome Steve Jojimon Puliypallil on Sunday, October 18, 2015, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the home of Kristin Alatrash, 4922 Pinder Ln, Pearland TX 77584.

Please RSVP to Kristin on 281-997-0661.



Our Fall Cookout will be Saturday, October 17, 2015, in the Annex parking lot. Meat will be provided; please bring other fixings, desserts, and drinks. Other grills will be needed. We will begin serving at 5:30 PM.



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, October 31.

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Douglas Teague**. Mr. Teague passed away early Tuesday morning, October 13, 2015. There will be no local services for him.

**Judy Indest** is on medication for shingles and is awaiting results from an MRI to determine treatment for sciatica.

**Loma Stone** has a very bad case of bronchitis.

**Zoe Volmer**, John & Joy Sloan's granddaughter, did not require an ablation on Monday.

**Continuing Need:**

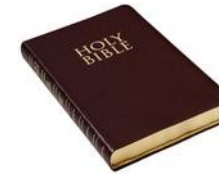
**Our Members:** Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Wanda Knight, Jan Lemoine, Mary Means, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Mary Alford, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Norman Bumpers, Billie Dykes, Carter Ellison, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Darrell Farmer, Glenda Garner, Paul Hillier, Robert Holmes, Carol Jackman, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Dave Manley, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Myra Njoku, Jillian Polete, Cloey Pruitt, Kathy Reigh, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Frank Staten, Rick Stone, Stephanie Vaniec, Ingram & McIntosh families, Wells family, Young family.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kevin Scarsdale is our contact elder for October. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.

**October 2015**

28 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



Starting October 25, the following choices for Adult Bible Class will be offered:

- 2 Timothy study led by Jason Holmes
- Religions of the World led by Gary Adams

Updated pages for the pocket directory are on the bulletin board. Please review your information and make corrections by Sunday, November 15, 2015. Thank you.

There is an immediate need for more cooking teams for Wednesday Night with the Master. Please contact Jo Knight if you can volunteer or if you need more information.



The dates for the Fall Campout are October 30—November 1, 2015. We will be camping at Cagle Recreational Area, which is 6 miles west of New Waverly on FM 1375. Take I-45 north to New Waverly and then FM 1375 west for 6 miles to Cagle Road. We will be in the 2nd loop of the park. All sites have water and electricity for tents and full hook-up for RVs. There are two nice bathhouses, hiking trails, and paved roads throughout. The campground is 80 miles north of Pearland. Each camper is responsible for making his own reservations. For those not wanting to camp out, the day trip is about 90 minutes each way. We encourage all members to consider taking advantage of this opportunity for fun and fellowship.

**October Birthdays**

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|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Brenda Riggs   | 4  | Libby Clayton   |
| 6  | Sheila Banyai  | 8  | Ginny Lindelof  |
| 10 | Mary Means     | 16 | Clifford Layton |
| 16 | Joy Sloan      | 20 | Susan Lenamon   |
| 20 | Angela Parker  | 24 | Minnie Harris   |
| 27 | Sarah Romain   | 27 | Jerri Farmer    |
| 28 | Steven Cuellar | 29 | Nnenna Osuorji  |
| 29 | Jimmy Terry    |    |                 |

**October Anniversaries**

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|----|-------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 2  | Clifford & Nina Layton  | 5  | Lynn & Lucille Adams  |
| 21 | Paul & April Cartwright | 28 | Dwight & Leah Bateman |
| 29 | James & Laurie Maxcey   |    |                       |