

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening November 11	Wednesday Evening November 18
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Williams

Morning Worship November 15		Morning Worship November 22	
Opening Prayer	Daniel Brown	Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Gheath Alatrash	Presiding:	James Maxcey
Ike Atkins	Zack Williams	Tom Langford	Charlie Layton
Bobby Parker	Kevin Scarsdale	Demetris Kelly	Bob Williams
Josh Hundley	Maverick Lemus	Charlie Story	Daniel Brown
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Appeal Byers	Angela Parker	Tracey Mauney	Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Matthew Fabian, N Scarsdale		*Lynn Adams, Jimmy Terry, Phil Godwin	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Lynn & Lucille Adams	
Audio—Projector—Video for AM		Audio—Projector—Video for AM	
Brown, Banyai		Brown, Banyai	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Bob Williams
Song Leader	Paul Cartwright	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Zack Williams, Bobby Parker	Communion	James Maxcey, Demetris Kelly
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Gary Adams

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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DEACONS

Demetris Kelly
Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
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
Lewis Romain

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The Pearland Harvester

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

ONE IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

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Occasionally, someone will be heard to say, "One church is as good as another." It's always said with the expectation of enjoying broad agreement (even if some might dare to disagree). In fact, the number who disagree are more numerous than might be supposed. Reasons for

disagreement might vary, but the rank of the dissenters is no small class!

Denominational leaders have never thought that one church was as good as another! The ecumenical movement was begun by people in the denominational camps in an attempt to tear down the walls of "We're right and you aren't." Still, you won't see a Baptist preacher encouraging his congregation to dissolve and join the Methodists down the street. Presbyterian clergy don't, and never will, self-identify with Mormons.

The call of restoration to New Testament principles can never, by its very calling, agree with the false premise that one church is as good as another. As long as a person is dedicated to New Testament teaching above all else, the one church that was built by Jesus (Mt. 16:18), bought by Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pt. 1:19), and saved by Jesus (Rm. 5:10) will never be seen as just as good as one organized by a Roman emperor and a religious council called by him in 325 AD. It will never be seen as just as good as one organized by protestors of religious debauchery, whether it be in Saxony in 1517, Geneva in 1536, London in 1534, Philadelphia in 1787, or New York in 1830.

In the last half century, the roots of the ecumenical movement have driven deep into the ground; and, though it has never reached the level of success that was originally intended (its most prominent accomplishment was to produce yet another denomination, the United Churches of Christ), it has sent offshoots that can be found in virtually every city, town, and village in this nation. Community churches pride themselves in taking nondenominational names and nontraditional attire. Cowboy churches are a subset of the community

church concept with an obvious point of view. Contemporary music and, particularly, Christian rock are examples of the determination to look nothing like and sound nothing like the denominations that gave birth to the movement. Every effort to be divorced from the churches of the previous century is proof that even today people don't really believe that one church is as good as another.



The legacy of the ecumenical movement is that people no longer concern themselves over the question: *Isn't one church as good as another?* Today the question is: *Which church is more entertaining than the others?*

I get fewer calls these days from people wanting a Mother's Day Out program for their kids, but I take more calls from people wanting to know if they may come in blue jeans and T-shirt (to which I respond in the affirmative) and from those who want to know what kind of music we employ.

Doctrine was, for centuries, the fulcrum upon which the levers of church choice rested. Today, it's entertainment. "Come as you are" is no longer applied exclusively to apparel. Now it's a firm promise to give you a religious experience that entertains you, soothes you, and lets you leave feeling as good about yourself as you did when you answered the invitation to "Come as you are" in the first place. But in the competition to fill a pew with you, the core truth that one church isn't as good as another is underscored once again.

The Lord's church is not a museum filled with pedestals occupied by perfect people. It is, by definition, a sanctified group called out of sin and called to live for Him. It was never tasked with the obligation to lose its identity to the very world it was called from. Why would a forgiven sinner even want that in the first place? Live for him! Choose to be like Him! Let that distinction be attractive, just as it was intended!

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

Our annual Faith in Action Campaign is taking place on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at the Impact Church of Christ. Once again, our goal is to collect 100 blankets to pass out to the homeless. This year, we will also be accepting donations of socks and bottled water to help with this effort. While this is a youth event, we invite anyone in the congregation to participate. Cash donations are welcome. Please bring your items by Friday, December 11, 2015. If you have any questions, please see Paul Cartwright.

Crestmont Park Church of Christ is having their 27th Annual Appreciation Day Service on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at 11 AM. Lunch will be served following the morning service. There will be a singing program at 2:30 PM and the installation of James Taylor as an assistant minister and Robert Hearne as a deacon.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING FOR CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS:

APRIL 16 & 17, 2016

More information will be provided in the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute to the Homecoming fund, please give your money to Gretchen Whitmire. If you would like to add names to the invitation list, please provide those to Gretchen, as well.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Loma Stone fell and cut her leg last Saturday. She will be going to her doctor tomorrow for treatment.

Lyndell Brown, husband of "Sparky" Brown, passed away on October 23, 2015.

Gary Sparks passed away on November 8, 2015. He was the son of Eva and Noah Sparks. Services will be at Sterling-White Funeral Home in Highlands TX.

Prayers are still needed for the safe return of **James Thabiso Taylor**. He was last seen in the Houston area on Friday, November 6, 2015.

Betty Goad, Bobby Parker's aunt, will require additional tests.

Capri Hendrix, 5-week-old daughter of Joshua and Mercedes Hendrix, was having surgery this week. Joshua is a Pearland firefighter and a friend of Brandon Stafford.

Dave Manley, Greg Fabian's co-worker, is responding well to treatment.

We received a prayer request for **Susan Priel**, who has moved to the Athens TX area. Susan visited our congregation several years ago and was on our prayer ministry list.

Prayers are requested for **Heather Thomas**, who has joined the young adults' Tuesday night Bible class at the Browns' house.

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, Betty Goad, 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

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

There will be no Friends & Family Day in November because the date falls on Thanksgiving weekend. Also, the elders are canceling the classes on Wednesday, November 25, and the Sunday evening service for November 29.

November 2015

25 Ladies Bible Class has been CANCELED for this day.

December 2015

2 Wednesday Night with the Master—Meal will be served at 6 PM. Menu TBD.

4 Ladies' Christmas Party—6 PM—Brenda Blair's house, 2321 Francis, Pearland TX 77581

9 Ladies' Bible Class will meet at Ginny Lindelof's house, 3416 Highland Point Ln, Pearland TX 77581 at 11 AM. Please meet at Annex parking lot at 10:40 AM to carpool to her house.

10 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Jean Coe's house, 2606 Gunpowder Ln, Pearland TX 77581. Meat will be provided; everyone should bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone in the gift exchange will find out who their Secret Sister was during 2015.

12 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's

12 Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room

23 Ladies Bible Class has been CANCELED for this day.

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.

November Birthdays

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| 3 Ben Valdez | 4 Vi Price |
| 4 Karen Valdez | 5 Caroline Holmes |
| 5 Warren Hudman | 8 Buck Thompson |
| 8 Mitzi Williams | 13 Laura Moss |
| 15 Tim Godwin | 18 Doris Stuteville |
| 20 Becky Nicholson | 21 Delores Truelove |
| 27 J.J. Martinez | 30 Jeremy Bouillion |

November Anniversaries

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown | 30 Davy & Kylee May |
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