

## Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening February 17	Wednesday Evening February 24
Building Lock Up—Cartwright	Building Lock Up—Williams

Morning Worship February 21	Morning Worship February 28
Opening Prayer Zack Williams	Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Daniel Brown	<b>Presiding:</b> James Maxcey
Nathan Scarsdale Paul Hamilton	Tom Langford Jacob Carriere
Charlie Story Brandon Stafford	Phil Godwin Derek Mauney
Matthew Fabian Demetris Kelly	Josh Hundley Zack Williams
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro	Appeal Byers Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Lynn Adams, Russell Genaro, Jimmy Terry	*Gheath Alatrash, Daniel Brown, Clifford Layton
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Williams	Williams
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Charlie Story, Brandon Stafford	Communion Zack Williams, Derek Mauney
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof

### Worship Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study .....9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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**Bob Williams**

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**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**  
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**Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies**  
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# The Pearland Harvester

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## IS THAT A VALID QUESTION?

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Paul's exhortation to Timothy includes this charge: **But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels (2 Timothy 2:23).** As a general or generic statement, this is good advice. Yet, Paul was not writing in generalities as he penned these words to the preacher. Specifically, this imperative related to the tasks that God had given to Timothy. His ability to be a good servant as an evangelist was contingent upon many things, and this was one of them. If more preachers and more Bible class teachers today followed the injunction that Paul gave to Timothy, the church would be less troubled.

Instead, we spend time on things that have no spiritual value and are, in fact, the seeds of dissension. If a person has a dominant personality and if he or she is outspoken, it is almost certain that any theory that person expresses becomes an assumed truth by some. Robert Richardson wrote, "The religious teacher who propounds a specious and ingenious theory will find many who are willing to give a general assent to his views" (Smith: "Untaught Questions," *The Millennial Harbinger Abridged*, vol. 2; p. 47).

What constitutes foolish and ignorant speculations? The Bible was written to engage our minds, and it anticipates our questions. Asking questions is essential to developing one's belief in the faith. Yet, clearly there is a line to be drawn in the sand. Some things are worthy of meditation, searching, and seeking to know more about. Other questions are not just a waste of time but are even sinful to pursue. How do we avoid them?

Does the question pertain to the doctrines of faith taught in Scripture, or is it about something else? The issue that Paul addresses in 2 Timothy 2:23 is

also addressed in 1 Timothy 4:7 -- **But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness. Again, we read in Titus 3:9 -- But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.**



An even more direct statement is found in 1 Timothy 6:3,4 -- **If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions.**

These issues were not just "off-topic," so to speak. These issues erode our faith. As Paul also noted in his first letter to Timothy, **"the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus"** (1 Timothy 1:14).

We need to be "grown-up" in our approach to Bible study. The word *foolish* in 2 Timothy 2:23 speaks of the ignorance of a child. When we are trying to sound as if we are asking the profound questions but those questions are not matters of faith or are intended to just "gin up" a little controversy, we become childish. That's sinful!

When teachers aren't prepared to teach and depend on comments and questions to carry the class until its dismissal time, the opportunity to engage in such speculations is present. Let's commit to being serious about handling accurately what faithful men and women of the ages past did not receive—the living and abiding word God that was preached (1 Peter 1:23) and once for all delivered (Jude 3).

Keep studying and keep serving! ⚡DC Brown ©2016

Jr. & Sr. High School Retreat at Camp Hensel is scheduled for March 25-27, 2016. See Paul for applications. Scholarships are available. Sign-up deadline is March 16, 2016.

**Weekly Bible trivia question.** Please submit answers to the elders. The first correct answer reported to the office will be recognized and published in the next bulletin. Here goes...*Who was the 1st person to count backwards by tens?*

**Daily Bible chapter reading schedule,** beginning Thursday, February 18, 2016:

- Thursday—Romans 3-4
- Friday—Genesis 4-7
- Saturday—Joshua 6-10
- Sunday—Psalms 3-5
- Monday—Job 3-4
- Tuesday—Isaiah 7-11
- Wednesday—Matthew 3-4

Correct Answer to last week's question: **Joshua.** As far as we know, no one gave the correct answer.

*With special thanks to all of Pearland Church of Christ, To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do. For everything you've done...for being the special people that you are...Thank you so very much for the phone calls, cards, and visits during my brother's sudden death. Again, thank you.*

*Dawn Bell*

Gary & Jean Adams no longer have a landline phone. They are using Gary's cell as their main number: 281-797-2575.

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Continuing Need:**

**Our Members:** Sheila Banyai, 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:** Brianna Aaronson, Mary Alford, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Harold Anglin, Mike & Cindy Barnhill, Ted Bowers, Margaret Brown, Catina Davis, Brooke Dempsey, Billie Dykes, Marcia Ellison, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Darrell Farmer, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Bo Herrington, Cody Holcomb, Robert Holmes, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Kerry Lemoine, Dave Manley, Blake McAdams, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Steve & Gayle Miller, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Carolyn Cheshier Peters, Jillian Polete, Susan Priel, Cloey Pruitt, Jayson Romano, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Frank Staten, Margie Stephens, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Heather Thomas, Larry Thornhill, Pedro Vasquez, Kinnie Warren, Anna Young.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

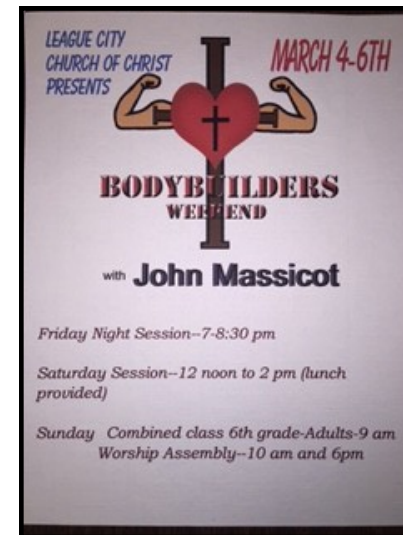
**February 2016**

24 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

The elders have requested a listing of all brotherhood broadcasting available in our market. Please help the office compile a master list by submitting the names of programs, the times aired, and the network channel or radio stations that broadcast them. When the data is complete, it will be published. Thanks.



The church-wide encampment is set for April 22-24, 2016, at Cagle Recreational Area which is 6 miles west of New Waverly on FM 1375. Take I-45 north to New Waverly, take FM 1375 west for 6 miles to Cagle Rd. All sites have water and electricity for tents and full hookup for RVs. Two nice bathhouses, hiking trails and paved roads throughout. The campground is 80 miles north of Pearland. Each camper is responsible for making reservations.



LEAGUE CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS  
MARCH 4-6TH  
**BODYBUILDERS WEEKEND**  
with John Massicot

Friday Night Session--7-8:30 pm  
Saturday Session--12 noon to 2 pm (lunch provided)  
Sunday Combined class 6th grade-Adults-9 am  
Worship Assembly--10 am and 6pm

Please RSVP to Ralph Bryant, League City Church of Christ, 281-332-1015, by February 29, 2016, if you plan to attend.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING FOR CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS:  
APRIL 16 & 17, 2016  
If you would like to contribute to the Homecoming fund, please give your money to Gretchen Whitmire.

Westside Church of Christ in Alvin TX will have its Spring Gospel Meeting on March 4-6, 2016. A detailed schedule is on the bulletin board. The speaker will be Kent Allen.

Mainland Church of Christ in Texas City is having a Ladies Day on April 2, 2016. A flyer is on the bulletin board. Mary Allen is the speaker. RSVP requested by March 25, 2016.

**February Birthdays**

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 5 Brandon Stafford   | 7 Leah Bateman   |
| 9 Paul Cartwright    | 12 Gary Adams    |
| 15 Jo Knight         | 17 Gene Forster  |
| 21 Candice Dobson    | 27 Everett Brown |
| 27 Gretchen Whitmire |                  |

**February Anniversaries**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jack & Peggy Chisum   | 9 John & Joy Sloan      |
| 14 Harold & Alice Moore | 15 Buck & Jari Thompson |

2016 sign-up sheets for communion preparation and audio-projector assignments are on the bulletin board.