



The Pearland Harvester

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

ANNIVERSARY THOUGHTS

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Thirty-seven years ago today, I was a bit nervous and so was Debbie. By the time you read this article, we will have just begun the 38th year of our marriage. Like other couples who have shared and loved a life with each other for so long, we are amazed at the journey so far. We experienced things we never dreamed of, and we've seen good times and bad times. I have a friend who knows more about me than I know about myself, and she is still my best friend. The rest is inconsequential.

Of course, there are always going to be those who have been married even longer; and we thank them for the examples they've set. But as a husband, I also have to admit that no husband has had the same bride for 1,986 years--except for Christ. If the church was established in 30 AD, then that's how long this sacred marriage has been enduring!

It's common for married couples to think back on their shared lives and acknowledge how much each has enriched the life of the other. That awareness causes each to say, "I'd do it all over again!" To that, I'd add, "If it were possible to relive a lifetime, I wouldn't want to relive my life without her!" The Lord purposefully, lovingly, and sacrificially took the church to be His bride, and there can be no doubt that He has never regretted His decision.

John the Baptist was the first person to acknowledge that the relationship that Christ has with His church is like the relationship of a bridegroom to his bride (Jn. 3:29). Perhaps it was 60 years later that the apostle John would see the matchless beauty of heaven in a vision and hear the words of a great heavenly multitude who said, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready" (Rev. 19:6,7). The angel standing next to John then said, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb'" (Rev. 19:9).

Married couples remain married because of the sacrifices each willingly makes for the other. Scripture often tells of the sacrificial love that Christ has for His bride. "He gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age..." (Gal. 1:4). Therefore Paul put his own selfish ambitions to death saying "I have been crucified with Christ ... I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20). We are urged to walk in love "just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma" (Eph. 5:2). He gave Himself up for the church (Eph. 5:25). He gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time (1 Tim. 2:6). He gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession (Titus 2:14).



Not all marriages survive. The encroachments of the world are ever-present. Sometimes a marriage is destroyed because one or both gave too little to the marriage and too much to the world. But the bride of Christ will never be forsaken--not even for all the world. To say we are loved by God is to say that we are loved by Christ. And the love of God through Christ is a love that cannot be diminished. Thus, Paul would encourage the faithful of Rome with these words: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.' But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:35-39).

May the church always know His love!

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...I vowed to kill someone and even planned when it would be done. Instead, I journeyed to see that person and then ran to kiss that same person. We hugged and wept. Who am I?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, March 10, 2016:

Thursday—Romans 9-10

Friday—Genesis 16-19

Saturday—Joshua 21-24

Sunday—Psalms 12-14

Monday—Job 9-10

Tuesday—Isaiah 23-28

Wednesday—Matthew 11-13

The correct answer to last week's question was NIMROD, the great-grandson of Noah. He built Nineveh, and his lands were once known as Assyria. Debbie Brown gave the first correct answer.

Member Biographies

Some years back I wrote a few articles for the bulletin that were brief biographical sketches of some of our members. These were well-received, and the elders would like to see more of them. In order to accomplish this, I need your help. I will write the bios after I've finished the interviews, and I'm simply asking you to provide some information that I can work with. Please provide as much detail as you can, but understand it won't be possible to include everything submitted. I need information like:

Name(s) and Age(s) (if desired):

Places of birth (spouse, if appropriate):

Where did you grow up?

Which schools attended?

What did your parents do?

What is/was your occupation?

If you've had career changes, explain.

How many years were you employed?

What are your favorite hobbies or interests?

How many children, grandchildren, etc.?

When were you baptized into Christ?

Was your decision influenced by an evangelistic effort, VBS, church camp, etc.?

Where are the places that you've lived?

When did you come to Pearland or to your present location?

Why did you decide to worship with the Pearland Church or Christ?

Where did you worship before?

What is your favorite Bible passage?

What makes your day?

These are some of the things that would interest others and allow them to know you a bit better. If you want to include something not on this list, please feel free to do so. If you have a photo of yourself that is in a jpeg format that you want to submit, that would be fine. Otherwise, I will take a picture of you, or you and your family, to go along with the article.

You may write out your answers on paper and submit them to me or to Gretchen. You may also choose to email them to: DC Brown at jehu2nd@yahoo.com or to Gretchen Whitmire at gretchenwhitmire@sbcglobal.net. When the first dozen submissions have been received, the articles will resume. Thank you for helping to make our church family a little closer by letting us know a little more about you.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **John Brown**, who passed away on March 5, 2016. He was DC's uncle. Services were held in Iowa Park TX on March 7, 2016.

Brenda Blair is having cataract surgery in Webster TX tomorrow, March 10, 2016.

Annette Bumpers is having problems with her legs.

David Smith is meeting with his doctor today, March 9, 2016, to determine when he can schedule his surgery.

Ed Jones is having additional heart surgery today, March 9, 2016, in Nashville TN.

Aaron Peters, son of Chris and Susan Peters (former members), will have a cancerous mole removed Friday, March 11, 2016, in Oklahoma.

Larry Thornhill had knee replacement surgery on Monday, March 7, 2016, at Methodist Hospital (Medical Center). He will be in the hospital for a while longer.

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, Ed Jones, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

Camp Bandina (for 7th-12th graders) will be June 5-11, 2016. Applications are available from Paul, or you can register online at <https://campbandina.wordpress.com/full-registration/>. Please sign up quickly, as space is filling up fast. First cut-off is April 10, 2016, before moving to a waiting list.

March 2016

- 10 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM— Jodi Briand's home, 205 Greenbriar Ave, Friendswood TX 77546. The hostesses (Jodi, Heather, April) are furnishing the baked potatoes and salad dressing, but are asking everybody else to bring sides; i.e., shredded cheese, sour cream, chives, bacon bits, maybe 2 salads, and desserts. Please RSVP to Jodi to let her know if you're attending and what toppings you're bringing.
- 12 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 12 Elders-Deacons-Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 14 Golden Agers' Luncheon—TBD.
- 23 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



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.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to sleep this Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

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.

PLEASE SAVE APRIL 16 & 17, 2016, FOR THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING FOR CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS.

If you would like to contribute to the Homecoming fund, please give your money to Gretchen Whitmire.

March Birthdays

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| 4 DC Brown | 5 Christi Hines |
| 6 Taylor Cuellar | 7 Ramón Sanchez |
| 12 Ashley Hundley | 13 Bennie Sue Galindo |
| 17 Pat Wagoner | 19 Trudy Knight |
| 19 Sandy Stone | 22 Appeal Byers |
| 25 Evelyn Cordell | 25 Demetris Kelly II |
| 27 April Cartwright | 29 Judy Indest |
| 30 Candice Townzen | 31 Heather Cook |
| 31 Mary Holmberg | |

March Anniversaries

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| 9 DC & Debbie Brown | 14 Jeff & Gena Coe |
| 16 Grayson & Candice Townzen | 22 Greg & Linda Fabian |
| 22 Gene & Stephanie Forster | 22 Larry & Delores Truelove |
| 31 Russell & Canova Genaro | |

Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening March 9	Wednesday Evening March 16
Building Lock Up—Adams	Building Lock Up—Fabian

Morning Worship March 13	Morning Worship March 20
Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer Daniel Brown
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Zack Williams	Presiding: Bob Williams
Tom Langford Jacob Carriere	Bobby Parker James Maxcey
Daniel Brown Phil Godwin	Russell Genaro Brandon Stafford
Demetris Kelly Gheath Alatrash	Charlie Story Nathan Scarsdale
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey	Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Lynn Adams, Clifford Layton, Josh Hundley	*Jimmy Terry, Matthew Fabian, Gheath Alatrash
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Mauney	Mauney
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Cartwright
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer James Maxcey	Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Daniel Brown, Charlie Layton	Communion Brandon Stafford, Charlie Story
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-997-3790
 Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
 Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
 Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

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
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