



The Pearland Harvester

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

DELEGATING OR OFFLOADING?

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One of the reasons why so many congregations are dwindling in size is that far too many have become the disciples of the apostle Delegate without understanding his message. His mantra is “Distribute responsibilities to as many as possible in an effort to promote greater productivity and less workload on any one person.”

It’s a great philosophy, but too often it has been abused by those who follow him. His teaching has been perverted such that the present mindset calls it “delegating” when actually it’s nothing short of offloading. At that point, it becomes a detriment to the work of a local church. So much is offloaded onto so few that there is no longer an effective means of success.

Jesus delegated the task of evangelizing the world to just 11 men, and the strategy was highly successful. Within 30 years an inspired apostle could speak of the task as having been accomplished (Col. 1:23). So why did delegating work so well in that case but seldom produces even modest success today? The answer may well lie in the following facts:

- 1.) Those 11 men understood the difference between delegating and offloading. They never stopped doing what they were appointed to do. Yet, they constantly delegated the task of evangelizing to those they brought to Christ. Those 11 were the very first to do what we often call personal work today. As personal workers, they were tireless and understood that personal work should be replicated in every place they planted a congregation. The successes of the team that Paul assembled are a model for local work and the leadership of that work today.
- 2.) They understood their obligation to the world. Paul said, **“I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome”** (Rm. 1:14-15). The Greek word literally meant “to be under moral obligation to do something,” “to be a debtor.” Paul had heard the gospel and was given an opportunity to obey it (Acts 22:14-16). He was eager to evangelize because he

knew he owed that same right to every man he came in contact with. Paul knew that those people’s souls were at stake. They may very well die in their sins, but they should be given an opportunity to know what to do regarding salvation. Peter also understood what was at stake. He wrote, **“...what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”** (1 Pt. 4:17b). It isn’t a question without answer—to the church at Thessalonica, Paul revealed the doom awaiting those **“who do not know God and ... those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus”** (2 Thess. 1:8). When every forgiven Christian of our generation feels the same moral obligation that Paul felt, the rapid growth the first-century church enjoyed will be replicated in our time.



- 3.) They understood the desire of the Lord. Christ Jesus wants **“...all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth”** (1 Tim. 2:4) and He **“...is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance”** (2 Pt. 3:9). Knowing that this is what the Lord wants and that evangelism is how He wants it accomplished, Paul also wrote, **“...I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel”** (1 Cor. 9:16; cf. 2 Cor. 5:11). When we think about the statement, **“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”** (Acts 2:42), we have to realize that in that teaching was the responsibility for the newly saved to share that message (delegation); and, because they did, **“the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved”** (Acts 2:47).

An ingrown church doesn’t practice evangelism as a church, though it may well offload the task onto an evangelist. An ingrown church looks to its needs in nonproductive ways. It remains comfortable when assembled, and it maintains expectations in terms of its time spent in worship; but it doesn’t grow, nor can it. Let’s rise to the challenge to accept what the Lord delegated without looking for a way to offload it on another under the false flag of delegation. When we all feel that debt and know the Lord’s desire, we will see a life-changing difference!

Keep studying and keep serving! ✍️ DC Brown ©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...A number of named women of the Old Testament are said to have wept. Who are the first three mentioned by name?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, April 7, 2016:

Thursday—1 Corinthians 1-2

Friday—Genesis 32-35

Saturday—Judges 17-21

Sunday—Psalms 24-26

Monday—Job 17-18

Tuesday—Isaiah 45-50

Wednesday—Matthew 23-25

The correct answer to last week's question was: THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS. As far as we know, there were no correct answers submitted.



Many thanks for those who came to my party & to those who contributed to my gift. I promise to put those study books to good use.

I love and will miss you all,

Sheila

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.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Betty Eakin Hahnemann**, who passed away March 31, 2016. Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Kosse TX on April 2, 2016. She was Sandy Stone's aunt.

Lincoln Backward, newborn son of Cody & Sandra Backward, is struggling with multiple unidentified health issues. Cody is Kevin Scarsdale's nephew.

Christy Indest, Jim Indest's sister-in-law, is hospitalized in New Orleans for pneumonia.

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, Becky Nicholson, 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, Ray Craycraft, 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, 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, Cloey Pruitt, Jayson Romano, Martha Salyer, 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

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

April 2016

- 6 Wednesday Night with the Master—Meal served at 6 PM in the Annex—Menu is Mexican stack-ups. Please bring your favorite dessert.
- 9 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 9 Elders-Deacons-Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders' Conference Room
- 11 Golden Agers' Luncheon—11:30 AM—Location TBD
- 13 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 16-17 Homecoming—Singing and sandwich supper at 5 PM on April 16; Regular class and morning worship schedule on April 17, followed by a catered lunch. Afternoon fellowship includes history and recognitions with a period of devotional.
- 27 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



Kylee May will host an informative class on oils from the Bible on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7 pm in the Annex. Snacks and drinks provided. A raffle and giveaway will also take place! Come join!



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.



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of May 2-6, 2016. We need to collect the following:

- Paper Towels**
- Toilet Paper**

Please bring your items by Sunday, May 1. Arms of Hope did not specify quantity, but let's have a generous donation.

April Birthdays

2	Morgan Cuellar	2	Derek Mauney
3	Dianne Westmoreland	7	Jack Chisum
7	Elaine Genaro	13	Shawn Cravens
13	Tracey Mauney	14	Jean Coe
16	Brenton Cook	19	Michael Terry
23	Charlie Story	25	Lacey Gartrell
28	Lucille Adams	28	Noelle Holmes
30	Angela Terry		

April Anniversaries

7	Morris & Berna Dyes	7	John & Lacey Gartrell
9	Orlando & Amy Cuellar	18	Don & Connie Powell
19	Chuck & Sheila Banyai	25	Josh & Ashley Hundley

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Wednesday Evening April 6	Wednesday Evening April 13
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale WNWTM	Building Lock Up—Williams

Morning Worship April 10	Morning Worship April 17
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Bobby Parker	Presiding: James Maxcey
Tom Langford Phil Godwin	Russell Genaro Charlie Story
Josh Hundley Jacob Carriere	Daniel Brown Nathan Scarsdale
Bob Williams Demetris Kelly	Zack Williams Bobby Parker
Announcements Gary Adams	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Nina Layton Angela Parker	Laurie Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Jimmy Terry, Matthew Fabian	*Brandon Stafford, Jacob Carriere, Bob Williams
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Mauney	Mauney
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Williams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Charlie Layton	Opening Prayer
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	HOMECOMING EVENTS & DEVOTIONAL
Communion Bob Williams, Charlie Story	Communion
Closing Prayer Gary Adams	Closing Prayer

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>Bible Study9 am</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10 am</p> <p>Evening Worship.....6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm</p>

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Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
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Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Boniface Yantekoua -
Joachim Tounou - Abomey-Goho
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Savé et Kokoro
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
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