



# The Pearland Harvester

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

## HOW JESUS CAN USE A FAMILY JUST LIKE YOURS

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**M**y dad grew up in a modest home, a son in a family who just got by. His family didn't have much, but neither did anyone else.

Their family went to the Church of Christ in Granite, Oklahoma. W. D. Hockaday (1855-1944),

one of the elders of their church, was very influential in his life. His son, Don Hockaday, Jr., preached at the church. W. D. Hockaday owned a hardware store, and he was also an encourager of good works. He helped found Cordell Christian College in 1907, with its first President being J. N. Armstrong. Hockaday's sister was Sally Hockaday Benson, the wife of George S. Benson (later President of Harding University). My dad knew none of this as a boy. What he knew is that Hockaday was known in their community as a good and generous man.

My dad enjoyed telling a story about Christmas in Granite during the Great Depression years. Each year, Hockaday would pass out Christmas presents to all the children in town. Children would line up in front of Hockaday's store and wait their turn. Inside the store, Hockaday sat by a potbellied stove as each child would pass by. He would give them a paper sack with a few nuts, fruit, and a piece of candy. For many of these children, including my dad, that would be the only Christmas present they would receive.

Fast forward many years later. I remember leaving Bible class on a particular rainy Wednesday evening. After Bible class at church, Our family drove to a house not far from the Pleasant Grove Church building in Dallas. We knocked and stood on the front porch of the house. A young family came to the door (the entire family!). My parents had brought a sack of groceries.

My dad handed the father the key to what had been my mother's car. My parents were trying to help this family, giving them groceries and practically giving away this car. As a young boy, I watched all of this closely.

On another occasion, when I was in elementary school, a little girl came to live with us. I didn't understand then, but a mother at our church with a number of children could no longer care for them. Now this little girl was staying with our family. In fact, the whole



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congregation was involved in looking out for the children of this family. Somehow, the willingness to serve and be helpful had caused them to take in this little child for a number of weeks. My parents responded with graciousness and generosity toward this young girl.

I have thought about what my parents did on these occasions and how these moments impacted me. I can't help but wonder if these seeds of the good deeds were not first planted in my dad's heart through the generosity of W. D. Hockaday many, many years earlier.

Can God use a family like yours? Absolutely. Better yet, he may already be using your family to plant seeds of faith, love, and generosity into the hearts of your children.

Children pick up so much from their parents.

They hear how you talk about the church, both positively and negatively.

They hear how you talk to your own parents, the words as well as the tone of voice.

They hear and see how you respond to others, whether with grace or contempt.

One thing for sure, our children are being shaped into a certain kind of people. The question is, "Are we intentional about shaping our children?"



## BECKY NICHOLSON

Becky Nicholson was born in Austin, Texas. Her parents moved back to Houston when she was six months old, having lived there previously. Her mother was a housewife, and her father was an insurance salesman.

Becky grew up in the southeast Houston area off Edgebrook and I-45 and attended Dobie High School and San Jacinto College. She has been a registered nurse since 1976 and is still employed on a part-time/per diem basis.

Becky was baptized at the age of 20. She and her fiancé were baptized at the same time. She has been widowed since July 2013. She does not have any children or grandchildren.

Becky came to us from the Southside Church of Christ in Pasadena TX. She placed membership at Pearland in May 2014. She made her decision to worship with us because of the friendliness of the people and DC's preaching style. Her favorite Bible passage is Hebrews 13:5.

She loves plants and interior decorating and enjoys country and rock music concerts. (You may have seen a recent picture of Becky and Gretchen on Facebook with The Fab Five!) She also enjoys traveling and sightseeing. Sunshine, talking with friends, and going to a concert make her day!

We are so happy that Becky is part of our church family.

## WELCOME BACK!



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Michelle thanks everyone for the warm welcome. She feels very blessed to have such a loving Christian family to take her back into the flock.

### KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Mary Alford**, who passed away April 24, 2016. Mrs. Alford was Judy Indest's mother. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016, from 6 PM to 8 PM at Baker Funeral Home in West Columbia TX. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 2 PM at the Sweeny Church of Christ, 501 Elm St, Sweeny TX (corner of 5th & Elm).

**Nelderine Johnson** has Stage 4 colon cancer. She is Dr. Lerey Johnson's mother and a frequent visitor at our worship services.

**Lewis Moss**, Danette Moss's father-in-law, is in the hospital in Tampa, Florida, battling a lung infection and having a severe reaction to the medications.

**Charlene Stover**, a member of the Southside congregation, had surgery on April 25, 2016, at MD Anderson for melanoma.

#### 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, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Harold Anglin, Lincoln Backward, 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, Christy Indest, 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, Mark Pridgen, 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.

**May 2016**

- 2 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Johnny Carino’s, 3050 Silverlake Village Dr, Pearland TX 77584. Debbie Brown and Angela Terry are the hostesses.
- 4 Wednesday Night With The Master—Meal to be served at 6 PM in the Annex. The elders are in charge of the meal for May.
- 9 Golden Agers’ Luncheon—11:30 AM—Location TBD
- 11 Ladies’ Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 14 Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley’s
- 14 Elders-Deacons-Ministers Meeting—9 AM—Elders’ Conference Room
- 25 Ladies’ Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 29 Friends & Family Day

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.



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**

- 28 Lucille Adams
- 28 Noelle Holmes
- 30 Angela Terry

**May Birthdays**

- 4 Josh Hundley
- 5 Charlene Bagwell
- 5 Karissa Bouillion
- 6 Hailey Hopkins
- 7 Peggy Story
- 8 Heather Brown
- 8 Demetris Kelly I
- 9 Jean Adams
- 9 Murrell Hill
- 9 Janice Pearson
- 12 Kaya Lindelof
- 13 Jeremy Cook
- 14 Daniel Brown
- 17 David Clayton
- 18 Audrey Nelson
- 19 Adam Parker
- 19 Jojimon Puliyampallil
- 20 Fran Barnhill
- 20 David Blair
- 23 Audrey Townzen
- 24 Morris Dyes
- 26 Gena Coe
- 31 Atticus Brown
- 31 Zack Williams

**May Anniversaries**

- 5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof
- 9 Zack & Meredith Williams
- 13 Brandon & Patricia Stafford
- 14 Gary & Jean Adams
- 17 Derek & Tracey Mauney
- 18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale

**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...**Six by sixty, I was on the plain when all the music was played. Who am I?**

**Daily Bible chapter reading schedule,** beginning Thursday, April 28, 2016:

- Thursday—1 Corinthians 7-8
- Friday—Genesis 44-47
- Saturday—1 Samuel 6-10
- Sunday—Psalms 33-35
- Monday—Job 23-24
- Tuesday—Isaiah 62-66
- Wednesday—Mark 3-4

The correct answer to last week’s question was: Solomon had two navies. One was anchored in Ezion-geber on the Red Sea and was used to ship gold (1 Kings 9:26). A second navy was at Tarshish and was used to bring in gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks (1 Kings 10:22). No one gave the correct answer to last week’s question. I am required to include a trivia question each week. If you are submitting correct answers to the elders, I am not aware of it. I apologize if a correct answer was given that was not relayed to me or to the office.

## Those to Serve

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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<b>Wednesday Evening April 27</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening May 4</b>
Building Lock Up—Cartwright	Building Lock Up—Fabian <b>WNWTM</b>

Morning Worship May 1	Morning Worship May 8
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Zack Williams
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Daniel Brown	<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash
James Maxcey Jimmy Terry	Nathan Scarsdale Demetris Kelly
Grayson Townzen Tom Langford	Jacob Carriere Phil Godwin
Charlie Story Matthew Fabian	Nathan Scarsdale Russell Genaro
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Nina Layton Molly Godwin	Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Derek Mauney, Lynn Adams, Clifford Layton	*Brandon Stafford, Charlie Story, Matthew Fabian
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Williams	Williams
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer James Maxcey
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion James Maxcey, Jimmy Terry	Communion Charlie Layton, Charlie Story
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

### Worship Times:

#### *Sunday*

Bible Study .....9 am  
Morning Worship.....10 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

### ELDERS

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*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*  
*Gaston Nda - Natitingou*  
*Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou*  
*André Assogba - Gobé*  
*Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé*  
*Paul Kouagou - N'Dali*  
*Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua*  
*Gabin Agbeci - Savalou*  
*Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies*  
*Lewis Romain*