



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

CAREGIVER STRESS

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I read an article recently about caregiver stress. Many of us have no need of an explanation for the term; we've experienced it. For the rest, live long enough and the chances are—you will, too. That's not meant as a complaint. There is a lot of love invested, and caregivers often feel that what they do

for a loved one is rewarding in and of itself. But, there is no denying that it can be stressful in a variety of ways.

It demands so much of one's time, patience, and understanding. The desire "to just be there" for a loved one and the personal commitment to try to resolve every problem and meet every need "by myself" guarantee that eventually something gets sacrificed. In our family, I know that we could not be the full-time "perfect" parents to our two healthy children while being there for the one who wasn't. We couldn't be the perfect couple and we couldn't be the perfect Christian servants and we couldn't be the perfect ... in a lot of ways.

We were fortunate to be surrounded by a network of caring people in the church, at the hospital, and in the community where our children attended public schools. Which is not to say that we always availed ourselves of help that was offered—sometimes with good reasons and sometimes, maybe not so much. But even so, our support team kept us just on the positive side of sanity. Our marriage survived, as well as our faith and our love for the Lord and His church. In time, we learned enough to recognize when we were being overwhelmed. Things like...

24/7 It's all any of us have. But when in the role of being the full-time caregiver, a lot of that 24/7 is justifiably allocated. Everything else that once made 24/7 seem like it wasn't enough time is now compressed into less time! In no time at all, you begin to feel like you have no time at all.

Relationships All relationships have to be tended to, but suddenly it just doesn't seem possible. A spouse or a child can begin to feel as if they no longer matter. We were shocked when a hospital counselor told us that

about 98% of marriages end in divorce with the death of a child. We immediately thought that was crazy; and, if the numbers were accurate, it just meant that they weren't healthy relationships to begin with. Of course, we hadn't yet begun to feel all the pressures that were going to be a daily part of life for a long time. How do you take time for your other children or your spouse when you've got to take care of (fill in the blank)?



Role Reversals We didn't have that issue in 1989; but looking ahead, it's a likely scenario for at least one of us. Being the child, now turned adult, who cares for the adult parent, now more childish in needs, has to be difficult. Financial decisions and daily hygiene and grooming can't be ignored but not what any of us bargained for.

Personality Changes Again, not something we had to experience, but so many who've seen their elderly parent or a spouse fall victim to some form of dementia experience this daily. How to continue loving a person who is no longer the person you've always loved has got to be one of the worst kinds of stress. A friend shared with me today her hurt as she talked of a man she once loved who was left a quadriplegic in a recent automobile accident. He can do nothing for himself. An aging mother has to. Stress.

Finances It's impossible to understand the stress of mounting bills for absolute essentials in caring for someone whose health is failing. Savings are depleted, retirement funds are cashed in, and hours at work are cut back. It's a vicious cycle.

Decisions No Monday morning quarterbacking now. No "Well I know that if it were me, I would have ...". No one gets to make THE decisions—and you HAVE to.

If you aren't in the situations I've just described, you probably will be at some point. You definitely know someone who is. We absolutely have brothers and sisters in that role in our congregation at this moment. It brings a whole new perspective to the command to "love one another" (Jn. 13:34; 15:12,17; Rm. 13:8; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:11,23; 4:7,11,12; 2 Jn. 5).

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...I've been around for a long time, but I've never moved. I am mentioned by name in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Famous people in Scripture lived near me. Many miracles occurred near me, in me, and on me. I was called by four different names in the Scriptures. Who am I?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule,
beginning Thursday, May 12, 2016:

Thursday—1 Corinthians 11-12

Friday—Exodus 1-4

Saturday—1 Samuel 16-20

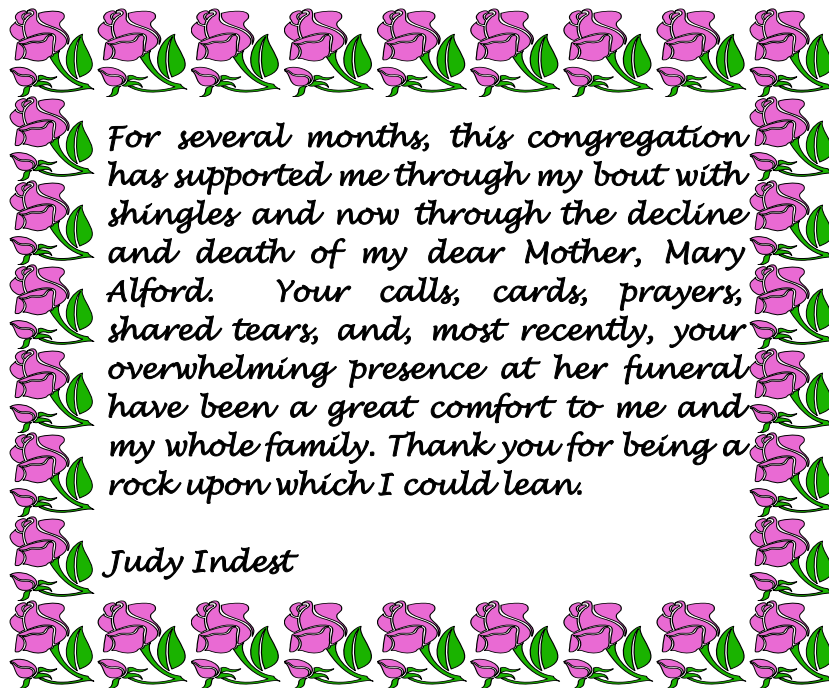
Sunday—Psalms 39-41

Monday—Job 27-28

Tuesday—Jeremiah 7-11

Wednesday—Mark 7-8

The correct answer to last week's question was:
Salome. She was married to Zebedee, and this is known by comparing Mk. 15:40 with Mt. 27:56. Melissa Jones gave the first correct answer.



KEPT IN PRAYER

David Smith is recovering from surgery in ICU at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Carolyn Head, Barbara Shock's cousin, was in ICU at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Med Center after a bad car accident on Monday, May 2. She has undergone surgery for the injuries sustained in the accident.

Our sympathy to the family of **Steve Miller**, who passed away recently. Steve was a co-worker and friend of Char Bagwell and Kevin Scarsdale.

Mona Travis, mother of Kevin Ford, is having severe health issues.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, 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, Becky Nicholson, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Lincoln Backward, Mike & Cindy Barnhill, Margaret Brown, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Bo Herrington, Robert Holmes, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Mary Means, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Larry Thornhill, Kinnie Warren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for **May**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Greg**.

May 2016

- 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

We will not have a Friends & Family Day in May.

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.

Camp Twin Oaks Ranch for 3rd-6th graders will be July 27-31, 2016. Applications and scholarships are available; please see Paul Cartwright

NEW ADDRESS:

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May Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| 30 Melissa Jones | 31 Atticus Brown |
| 31 Zack Williams | |

May Anniversaries

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

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Wednesday Evening May 11	Wednesday Evening May 18
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Scarsdale

Morning Worship May 15	Morning Worship May 22
Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer Zack Williams
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Paul Cartwright
Communion	Communion
Presiding: James Maxcey	Presiding: Demetris Kelly
Jacob Carriere Tom Langford	Phil Godwin Charlie Story
Derek Mauney Daniel Brown	Brandon Stafford Gheath Alatrash
Paul Hamilton Jimmy Terry	Russell Genaro Matthew Fabian
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey	Tracey Mauney Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Zack Williams, Josh Hundley, Lynn Adams	*Clifford Layton, N Scarsdale, Grayson Townzen
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Williams	Williams
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer Charlie Story
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Jimmy Terry, Daniel Brown	Communion Charlie Layton, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

ELDERS

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James Maxcey
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

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm