



The Pearland Harvester

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

GROWING THE LOCAL CHURCH

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Growth is a nonspecific term. It needs help to understand its meaning in a sentence. A child's "growth" could mean an increase in height or it might mean emotional and intellectual maturity, or both. A church can also experience

"growth" which is measured in numerical increase. It can see growth in its spiritual development or enjoy both.

A normally developing child wants to grow and dreams of what will be when he or she is "grown up." A healthy local church will have that same desire. Just as we would know something is wrong with a child who doesn't want to grow up, we know something is wrong when the local church isn't interested in growing. What does it take for the local church to grow?

There Has To Be A Desire To Grow. As obvious as it may seem, desiring to grow isn't something that we should assume is present in every congregation. I believe that some churches don't grow because they lack that desire, even if they have individuals who do.

If a church wants to grow, it will be pushing the boundaries. It will be measuring itself to find evidence of growth. It will never be satisfied with its present status. It will be active. Its leadership will talk of growth, plan for growth, pray for growth, and be active in promoting growth. A church with a desire to grow has growth-oriented plans and is constantly engaged in growth-oriented activities. Not everything it does will have the intended result, and it will have to constantly reassess its efforts; but it never stops trying to grow.

A church that lacks the desire to grow probably won't ever verbalize that feeling in overt ways. You

won't see a "You Are Not Welcome Here" sign on their lawn. But placarded or not, the signs are still there if you are observant. Growth is inhibited by statements like "We tried that before, and it didn't work." Or, "This isn't the neighborhood that we want to be growing in." "I don't believe that gospel meetings work." "We don't need to spend money on that." "We are too small to do that." A parent who hears their child saying things like that would never encourage such talk or indicate agreement in any way. Those statements would alarm them, and they would start looking for ways to correct and overcome that way of thinking before it leads their child into ruin.



If a child has no energy and no desire to get up and do something, even if it is just to go out and play, we would be concerned. If a child wants to sleep in all the time or sit around the house talking about new clothes or a new look but shows no desire to grow, we would want to get health professionals and counselors involved. You don't see soccer moms driving around in minivans with clever white decals on the rear window showing the world that their child is excelling at watching TV or staying in bed. No parent wants that for their child. Nor does the Lord want that for His church.

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God'" (Rev. 3:1-2).

As obvious as it may be, we still need to acknowledge that a church will not grow unless there is a desire to grow. In a future article we'll look at other essential aspects of church growth.

For the Record—7-24-16	
Sunday AM	105
Sunday PM	51
Wednesday (7-20-16)	31
Contribution	\$2,853
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$153,361
YTD Budget	\$174,000

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...My wife died for a sign to my people of what God was about to do. Who am I?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, July 28, 2016:

Thursday—Ephesians 4-6
 Friday—Leviticus 4-6
 Saturday—1 Kings 14-18
 Sunday—Psalms 72-74
 Monday—Proverbs 5-6
 Tuesday—Ezekiel 7-12
 Wednesday—Luke 13-14

The correct answer to last week's question was: Paul (Ephesians 3:20). As far as we know, no one submitted the correct answer.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



Jacob (Jake) Satterwhite was baptized into Christ last Sunday, July 24. His information is shown below:

JACOB (JAKE) SATTERWHITE
2504 ALEXANDER LN APT 1216
PEARLAND TX 77581
979-224-2854

KEPT IN PRAYER

Ashley Hundley and the babies are doing well. She remains in the Woman's Hospital of Texas and will deliver late next week if not before.

Jan Lemoine will have a mastectomy on August 9, 2016, at St. Luke's. She has requested **no visitors** on the day of the surgery or for a few days afterward, but would welcome our continued prayers.

Ben Lenamon had a pacemaker implanted yesterday (July 26).

Octaline Beaupierre, Thaddeus Bruno's niece, has asked for our prayers as she deals with serious 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, Murrell Hill, Ashley Hundley, Judy Indest, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford Layton, Jan Lemoine, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Lincoln Backward, Octaline Beaupierre, Greta Burkett, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Carolyn Knight Head, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Sharon Johns, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Ron McCright, Mary Means, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Sandra Brown Ryan, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Larry Thornhill, Bennett Vincent, Mary White, Wanda Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is our contact elder for **July**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Kevin**. **Gary Adams** will be the contact elder for **August**.

August 2016

- 1 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway St, Pearland TX 77584. Jean Adams, Linda Fabian, and Janice Pearson are hosting.
- 1 Jabberwacky—League City—Van will leave Annex at 6 PM.
- 3 Wednesday Night with the Master—No meal—Service areas begin at 7 PM.
- 6 Gulf Coast Ladies Bible Study—Westside Church of Christ in Angleton. If you would like to attend, please meet in the Annex parking lot at 8:30 AM.



Friends & Family Day is August 7, 2016. We will also honor the Cartwrights on their last Sunday with us.

- 13 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's

LIFE LINE SCREENING *The Power of Prevention* Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings at our Annex on Friday, August 5, 2016. Flyers are in the foyer. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount on any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

July Birthdays

- 27 Jack Cherry
- 27 Leah Gartrell
- 30 Emily Townzen
- 31 James Maxcey
- 31 Kylee May

July Anniversaries

- 28 Jeremy & Heather Cook
- 31 Jack & Dorothy Cherry

August Birthdays

- 2 Mark Holmberg
- 5 Lynn Adams
- 8 John Adams
- 9 Russell Genaro
- 9 Dorothy Kirkland
- 10 Molly Godwin
- 10 Nathan Scarsdale
- 11 Billie Dykes
- 13 Jeff Coe
- 13 Beverly Stewart
- 14 Annette Bumpers
- 15 Chloe Hudman
- 15 Jake Satterwhite
- 15 David Smith
- 16 Peggy Chisum
- 17 Brenda Blair
- 22 Robbie Alatrash
- 22 Laurie Maxcey
- 26 Charlie Layton
- 27 Wanda Knight
- 30 Pat Fletcher
- 30 Josh Hamilton

August Anniversaries

- 1 Von & Jo Knight
- 2 Jim & Judy Indest
- 3 Randy & Trudy Knight
- 4 Leon & Valerie McHargh
- 20 Gheath & Kristin Alatrash
- 29 Ben & Susan Lenamon

During the rest of the summer, the combined adult Sunday morning Bible class will be held in the Annex at 9 AM.

Those to Serve

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

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Wednesday Evening July 27	Wednesday Evening August 3
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Adams WNWTM—NO MEAL

Morning Worship July 31		Morning Worship August 7	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Greg Fabian
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Paul Cartwright
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Zack Williams		Presiding: James Maxcey	
Tom Langford	Charlie Story	Bob Williams	Nathan Scarsdale
Demetris Kelly	Daniel Brown	Lynn Adams	Bobby Parker
Grayson Townzen	Derek Mauney	Jacob Carriere	Russell Genaro
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Tracey Mauney	Appeal Byers	Laurie Maxcey	Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Paul Hamilton, Gheath Alatrash, Jimmy Terry		*Matthew Fabian, Phil Godwin, Josh Hundley	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Maxcey		Riggs & Whitmire	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian	

Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	James Maxcey	Opening Prayer	FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	NO EVENING SERVICES
Communion	Daniel Brown, Derek Mauney	Communion	
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	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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ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-797-2575
Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

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