



The Pearland Harvester

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

GROWING THE LOCAL CHURCH—PART 2

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The previous article focused on the fact that the local church will not grow unless there is a desire to grow. Other things are also essential. One of them is the need to recognize that the world

needs the church to grow. It is not enough that a few in the local congregation think in such

terms; it needs to be the mind-set of the whole church. In many places, we've lost that mind-set. What church growth efforts that are made aren't motivated by that need. Thus, the focus is more about "us" than it is about "them."

Suppose that a local municipality is rapidly increasing in size. In order to provide essential services to its citizens, it sets aside a significant amount to build a new fire station. Traffic flow studies are conducted, the optimum site is located, and land is purchased. Next come the decisions about the size of the firehouse, and then the architects go to work designing the perfect station.

The fire marshal sees a great opportunity to erect a firehouse that everyone in the area can be proud of. The fire chief and his assistants begin to make suggestions about what should be included to accommodate the firemen assigned to work out of the new facility. More experts are called in; and decisions about sleeping quarters, bathrooms, the kitchen area, and the entertainment room are wrestled with. Interior designers offer suggestions about color schemes, flooring, and lighting. Experts are consulted to ensure that the most energy-efficient heating and cooling units are installed. Thoughtfulness is given to handicap accessibility and to using all the latest green technology. Soundproofing the sleeping quarters and adequate parking for the employees are taken into consideration. Technology is a major area of focus. The facility will be equipped with the latest WiFi and satellite components on the market so that both on-duty and off-duty employees can have access to all forms of media. The game room is going to be a hit with all the firemen. Eventually, all the decisions

are made, and the construction is complete. The cost to finish the project involves huge budget overruns, but the final product is beautiful and has every amenity to make it a great place to work.

And that's the problem. Believe it or not, fire calls do come in; and the firemen have to make their runs. It's frustrating because they have the latest fire suppression systems in their facility. They have all the required fire extinguishers and more in reserve. They have classroom facilities to educate anyone who wants to know about fire safety and fire prevention. From the mayor to the fire marshal to the youngest rookie, there is a general consensus that the citizens should spend more time at the firehouse and take full advantage of its open-door policy. The firemen consistently win every competition and have proven themselves to be knowledgeable about firefighting and can demonstrate that to visitors at any time. It's really a bit inconvenient to have to make fire runs because it takes away from what could be done in the facility.

Our world is just like that community. It NEEDS firemen a lot more than it needs a state-of-the-art firehouse. It NEEDS fire trucks more than it needs a place where well-fed firemen can relax in between calls. See, we've lost sight of the world's needs, while we've exhausted ourselves meeting our needs. Just as most houses have a water hose or two and a couple of smoke detectors, the local community has an abundance of denominational choices that provide services. But they don't preach the whole counsel of God, and they don't teach the lost how to become New Testament Christians. The community still NEEDS the church to go out into the community and teach the truth. It NEEDS the church to grow so that more saints can reach out to more lost people who think they're already in good spiritual shape. We have to see beyond what we are comforted by and comfortable with—we have to see that our friends and neighbors are LOST, in spite of having a church home, and they need us to share THE faith and our hope.



For the Record—7-31-16	
Sunday AM	130
Sunday PM	45
Wednesday (7-27-16)	28
Contribution	\$4,150
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$157,511
YTD Budget	\$179,800

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...Who was the first Christian in Asia?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, August 4, 2016:

Thursday—Philippians 1-2
 Friday—Leviticus 7-9
 Saturday—1 Kings 19-22
 Sunday—Psalms 75-77
 Monday—Proverbs 7
 Tuesday—Ezekiel 13-18
 Wednesday—Luke 15-16

The correct answer to last week's question was: Ezekiel (Ezekiel 24:15-24). James Maxcey gave the first correct answer.



David L. Smith Realty

Blood Drive

In Honor of Cooper Gartrell

Monday, August 8

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Donor Coach

4418 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77581

To schedule an appointment, visit www.giveblood.org and login to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code P823 or contact Jordon Lenamon at (281) 485-0244.

All blood donations are in honor of the patient and will go into the general blood supply for all patients in the Texas Gulf Coast Region. All units require blood screening to prevent infections. We thank you for your generous donation to help save lives.

David L. Smith Realty is having a blood drive in honor of Cooper Gartrell on Monday, August 8, 2016, from 3 pm to 7 pm at their office, 4418 Broadway, Pearland TX 77581. To schedule an appointment, visit www.giveblood.org and login to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code P823 or contact Jordon Lenamon at 281-485-0244. All donations will go into the general blood supply.



Josh & Ashley Hundley's identical twin boys, Aiden and Jamie, were born Monday, August 1, 2016. The babies will remain in NICU for the next week or two. Congratulations to the proud parents and to our sister Beverly Stewart, proud maternal grandmother!



KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Von Knight**, who passed away July 29, 2016. A memorial service was held August 2, 2016, at our building for this faithful Christian man.

Sandra Brown Ryan, Barbara Shock's cousin, has had a setback in her recovery. The doctors are waiting for more improvement before moving her to rehab.

Gloria Wolf, lifelong member of the church and friend of Barbara Shock, is in Windsong Village for rehab.

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, Judy Indest, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Wanda Knight, Clifford Layton, Ben Lenamon, 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, Gloria Wolf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August 2016

- 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 8:15 AM.



Friends & Family Day is August 7, 2016. We will also honor the Cartwrights on their last Sunday with us. Several meats and a large cake (made by Kylee May) will be provided. Please bring vegetables, salads, and any other sides you'd like.

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



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.

August Birthdays

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| 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

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| 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

Pearland Church of Christ

...equipping the saints for the work
of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening August 3	Wednesday Evening August 10
Building Lock Up—Adams WNWTM—NO MEAL	Building Lock Up—Fabian

Morning Worship August 7	Morning Worship August 14
Opening Prayer Greg Fabian	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: James Maxcey	Presiding: Daniel Brown
Bob Williams Nathan Scarsdale	Charlie Story Demetris Kelly
Lynn Adams Bobby Parker	Zack Williams Grayson Townzen
Jacob Carriere Russell Genaro	Gheath Alatrash Jimmy Terry
Announcements Gary Adams	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey Angela Parker	Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Matthew Fabian, Phil Godwin, Josh Hundley	*Clifford Layton, Tom Langford, Derek Mauney
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Riggs & Whitmire	Riggs & Whitmire
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer	Opening Prayer James Maxcey
Song Leader	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion Zack Williams, Charlie Story
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer Gary Adams

<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