



# The Pearland Harvester

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

## GRACE

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**G**race is where life begins, both physical and spiritual. None of us exists by self-will; God chose to give us life. We are by His grace. Everyone, believers and infidels alike, is totally dependent on God's grace (Acts 17:28). No one will live

eternally except by that same divine grace. Grace is often accurately defined as "unmerited favor." Our destiny is death (Rm. 6:23) except for the grace of God.

The greatest news of all time is this: **For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men** (Titus 2:11). It was a grace foretold in Scripture and eagerly longed for by so many; and then, in the fullness of time (Gal. 4:4) God sent forth His Son—the grace of God had appeared. That the Son of God was willing to come to earth and then die for our transgressions is God's "**indescribable gift**" (2 Cor. 9:15).

We cannot deny, nor should we ever forget, that we are saved by His grace (Eph. 2:8). In the simplest of terms, this is HOW we are saved. Expressed another way, it by God's grace that we are justified and have peace with God; and yet only through our faith can we stand in that grace (Rm. 5:1-2). In other words, salvation is only by God's grace and cannot be achieved by any effort of human will—but that grace cannot be accessed except by an obedient faith (cf. Jn. 3:36).

Since faith cannot be realized without hearing (Rm. 10:17) we also have God's grace in another form. The gospel that is preached is "**the gospel of the grace of God**" (Acts 20:24). This gospel is from the Holy Spirit that guides men into all the truth (Jn. 16:13). A third form of God's grace is that when we obey the gospel message we've heard and believed

to be true, then we have God's "**gift of the Holy Spirit**" in us (Acts 2:38).

And it is God's grace that sustains us. Our weaknesses as mortals should cause us to realize and boast in God's grace. As Christ said to Paul, "**My grace is sufficient for you**" (2 Cor. 12:9). Yet, we shouldn't view God's grace as being rationed so that we have just enough to get by. We have "**abundant grace**" (Acts 4:33).

By God's grace we "**receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken,**" and our gratitude for that grace enables us to "**offer to God an acceptable service**" (Heb. 12:28). It is by grace that we have been given "**eternal comfort and good hope**" and the strength of heart for "**every good work and word**" (2 Thess. 2:16-17).

Every influence of the world we live in suggests that we can change. We can be more successful than we are. We can achieve more than we have. The culture of this nation is one of self-reliance. It is taught and encouraged in every way. Yet, no Christian whose life has been changed can ever boast in self. We are not changed people because we made it happen. We are who we are by the grace of God. Just as the apostle refused to forget that, saying, "**But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain**" (1 Cor. 15:10), neither should we forget that God makes us "**a new creature**" (2 Cor. 5:17) and gives us "**everything pertaining to life and godliness**" (2 Pet. 1:3). By what God has given us, we may grow "**to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ**" (Eph. 4:13).

The next time you sing the old hymn, "*Amazing Grace,*" think of all the ways that the free gifts of God work in your life and always be thankful that you are saved by grace.



For the Record—8-21-16	
Sunday AM	133
Sunday PM	59
Wednesday (8-17-16)	28
Contribution	\$4,851
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$173,816
YTD Budget	\$197,200

**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 am mentioned in the Bible, and I have a VERY FAMOUS name. I am one of five, but I did not build an ark. If you were at class, you heard about me last Wednesday. Who am I, and what is my father's name?

**Daily Bible chapter reading schedule,** beginning Thursday, August 25, 2016:

- Thursday—Colossians 3-4
- Friday—Leviticus 16-18
- Saturday—2 Kings 11-15
- Sunday—Psalms 84-86
- Monday—Proverbs 11-12
- Tuesday—Ezekiel 31-36
- Wednesday—Luke 21-22

The correct answer to last week's question was: a. It is "your ox fell into a well" (Luke 14:5). James Maxcey gave the first correct answer.



There will be a baby shower for Aiden & Jamie Hundley (identical twin boys) on Sunday, August 28, 2016, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM in the Annex. They're registered at Target and Babies "R" Us (under Ashley Hundley and Joshua Hundley).



**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Jan Lemoine** is at home and will have a follow-up appointment with her doctor. Her son, **Kerry Lemoine**, is having an endoscopy at MD Anderson tomorrow (8/25/16).

**Sarah Goeman**, friend of Kylee May, is having thyroid problems. She has an appointment with the top oncologist in Texas next week. Please pray that the outlook is good.

Please continue to pray for **Kayla Erbes**, friend of Kylee May, who was mentioned a few weeks ago in our announcements. Kayla sustained many injuries in a four-wheeler accident.

Tom Langford thanks us for the prayers for his grandson, **Justin West**.

**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, Kayla Erbes, Linda Evans, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Carolyn Knight Head, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Logan Indest, Carol Jackman, Sharon Johns, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Ron McCright, Mary Means, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Scott & Cindy Miller, Lewis Moss, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Sandra Brown Ryan, Henry Schaefer, Vicki Schwierking, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Larry Thornhill, Bennett Vincent, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Gloria Wolf, and the families suffering from accident in Ohio.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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



An electronic device was turned in to the office recently. Please contact Gretchen Whitmire, 713-202-6699, or DC Brown, 281-961-1501, to claim it.

**September 2016**

- 3 Gulf Coast Ladies' Bible Study—TBD.
- 6 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Big Humphrey's. Char Bagwell, Sarah Brown, and Maresha Scarsdale are hosting.
- 7 Wednesday Night with the Master—6 PM—Annex. Menu TBD; Buck & Jari Thompson are coordinating the meal. Areas of service begin at 7 PM.
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's.
- 14 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 28 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

**August Birthdays**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 26 Charlie Layton | 27 Wanda Knight  |
| 30 Pat Fletcher   | 30 Josh Hamilton |

**August Anniversaries**

- 29 Ben & Susan Lenamon

**September Birthdays**

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jari Thompson  | 2 Danette Moss     |
| 3 Hugh Fletcher  | 4 Kristin Alatrash |
| 5 Janice Lemoine | 5 Larry Truelove   |
| 6 Randy Knight   | 7 Cooper Gartrell  |
| 7 Maurya Hill    | 14 Dorothy Cherry  |
| 16 Ben Maxcey    | 18 Landon Brown    |
| 20 Berna Dyes    | 22 Becky Hopkins   |
| 23 Greg Fabian   | 23 Canova Genaro   |
| 24 Ricky Pearson | 26 John Sloan      |
| 30 Lianne Biegay |                    |

**September Anniversaries**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 Bobby & Angela Parker | 22 Ben & Karen Valdez |
| 30 David & Brenda Blair  |                       |

## Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening August 24	Wednesday Evening August 31
Building Lock Up—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Adams

Morning Worship August 28	Morning Worship September 4
Opening Prayer      Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer      Chris Lindelof
Song Leader          Greg Fabian	Song Leader          Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof	<b>Presiding:</b> Kevin Scarsdale
Tom Langford        Clifford Layton	Nathan Scarsdale    Derek Mauney
Daniel Brown        Bob Williams	Zack Williams        Lynn Adams
Jimmy Terry          Charlie Story	Jacob Carriere        Matthew Fabian
Announcements    Gary Adams	Announcements    Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Molly Godwin      Nina Layton	Laurie Maxcey        Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Phil Godwin, Gheath Alatrash, Josh Hundley	*Bobby Parker, James Maxcey, Charlie Story
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Riggs & Whitmire	Brown & Townzen
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer    James Maxcey	Opening Prayer    Bob Williams
Song Leader        Gary Adams	Song Leader        Greg Fabian
Communion        Daniel Brown, Jimmy Terry	Communion        James Maxcey, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer    Gary Adams	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

*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  
Zack Williams    Youth 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*