



The Pearland Harvester

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

SOME FOUNDATIONS

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A foundation wasn't sufficient. The Houston Cotton Exchange, built in 1884, is still standing today. Dixie Farm Road between FM 518 and I-45 has always been a bad road—millions to construct and even more millions to constantly repair. Obviously, its base was inadequate. No amount of resurfacing will permanently solve the problem.

Paul called the church at Corinth "God's building" that was begun by the efforts of Paul, who "as a wise master builder ... laid a foundation" (1 Cor. 3:9-10). He then testified that "no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (v. 11). It's difficult to miss the obvious point that God's church is built upon the bedrock foundation that Jesus is the Christ, that He purchases our pardon by His blood, and that He is the cornerstone of the spiritual house that will endure for eternity (1 Pt. 1:18-19; 2:4-7).

Another essential foundation of our salvation is our obedient faith in the truths about Jesus. Without personal and individual certainty about the teachings of Scripture regarding Jesus, there can be no foundation for a saving faith.

Sometimes a building can look good on the outside, when in reality it's unstable and unsafe. The churches that have been built by men may appear to be solid, and we may be beguiled by the number of adherents; but if they aren't laid upon the foundations taught in Scripture, they cannot last. Jesus Himself said that such buildings are doomed to collapse because their foundation isn't built upon His word (Mt. 7:24-27).

But there is another deceptive foundation which is the self-delusion of irrevocable uncertainty. The person who has convinced himself that spiritual truths cannot

be known for certain has doomed himself to a hopeless existence. Sometimes a man's own reasoning convinces him that one church is as good as another; and when Scriptural opposition to that notion is pointed out, often the response is that the interpretations of Scripture are faulty and unreliable. It never occurs to such a person that if the word of God cannot be correctly understood and faithfully followed, then there is no foundation. If Mt. 16:18 means anything other than that Christ will build His church (singular), then there can never be intellectual confidence that any organization is a church. If the "one body" (Eph. 4:4) and the "one faith" (Eph. 4:5) do not mean that they are exclusive of all other bodies and faiths, then there can never be any intellectual confidence that any church is the church of Christ. If the Scriptures can be distorted by the untaught and the unstable (2 Pt. 3:16), then it must also be true that those who have been taught and whose logical and reasonable faith is stable will not distort the truth.

The most hopeless person in the world is the person who has convinced himself that God's word is unreliable; therefore, certainty is unattainable. The opposite of a wise man of faith is the man who lacks wisdom and is tossed about by doubt. This is a person whose mind is never certain and who is unstable in all of his ways (James 1:5-8). Which is not to say that he is always aware of his own instability. He may have convinced himself that to question and doubt the Scriptures is to hold the intellectual high ground. But it's a quicksand foundation all the same. His view of Scripture makes him like the woman of Proverbs 5 who does not ponder the path of life or realize her own ways are unstable (Prov. 5:6).

Foundations are critical. Without them, nothing stands. If God's word cannot be trusted as the foundation for a man to build his life upon, he will never find something that is better. Builder beware: The self-delusion of irrevocable uncertainty is the worst foundation material of all.



For the Record—10-9-16	
Sunday AM	125
Sunday PM	50
Wednesday (10-5-16)	44
Contribution	\$4,500
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$206,205
YTD Budget	\$237,800

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...**In the north, I was God's rod and the staff of His indignation against a godless nation. Who am I, and what godless nation did I punish?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, October 13, 2016:

- Thursday—2 Timothy 3-4
- Friday—Numbers 13-16
- Saturday—1 Chronicles 20-24
- Sunday—Psalms 105-107
- Monday—Proverbs 22
- Tuesday—Joel
- Wednesday—John 13-15

The correct answer to last week's question was: A living dog (Ecclesiastes 9:4). No one submitted the correct answer.

Last Sunday, **Jim Brown** requested prayers for his wife, **Margaret**, and for him to be restored and to place membership with the Pearland congregation. He also requested prayers for Margaret who is battling lung cancer at MD Anderson. Her prognosis is not good.

Their information is:

Jim & Margaret Brown
10621 Barada St
Houston TX 77034

832-462-9365

KEPT IN PRAYER

Kaliya Kelly is still in the hospital following surgery. She is in a great deal of pain; the doctors want to get her pain under control before sending her home.

Sarah Goeman's (friend of Kylee May) test results came back negative for thyroid cancer. Doctors are concerned it may be lymphoma, and she will have a biopsy in a couple of weeks.

Lesli, a friend of a friend of Heather Brown, had a stroke recently. She is in her mid-30s, is married, and has small children. She hasn't regained her ability to swallow.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Matthew Fabian, 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: Carol Addison, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Lincoln Backward, Octaline Beaupierre, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Larry & Carla Doolen, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Heatwole family, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Logan Indest, Carol Jackman, Sharon Johns, Marc Johnson, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Martha Locke, Sally Lynch, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Ron McCright, Kathryn McDonald, 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, Leon Vanderveer, Bennett Vincent, Alexis Anderson Washington, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Gloria Wolf, and the families suffering from an accident in Ohio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for **October**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Chris**.

October 2016

26 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of **October 24-28, 2016**. We need to collect the following:

Variety of Salad Dressings (please check the expiration date)

Please bring your items by Sunday, October 23. Arms of Hope did not specify quantity, but let's have a generous donation.

Friends



November 6, 2016 (please note the date change)

Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!



Family Day

October Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brenda Riggs | 4 Libby Clayton |
| 8 Ginny Lindelof | 16 Clifford Layton |
| 16 Joy Sloan | 20 Susan Lenamon |
| 20 Angela Parker | 27 Sarah Romain |
| 27 Jerri Farmer | 28 Steven Cuellar |
| 28 Daniel Townzen | 29 Nnenna Osuorji |
| 29 Jimmy Terry | |

October Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Clifford & Nina Layton | 5 Lynn & Lucille Adams |
| 28 Dwight & Leah Bateman | 29 James & Laurie Maxcey |

Those to Serve

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

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Wednesday Evening October 12	Wednesday Evening October 19
Building Lock Up—G Fabian	Building Lock Up— Lindelof

Morning Worship October 16	Morning Worship October 23
Opening Prayer Charlie Story	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Demetris Kelly	Presiding: Daniel Brown
Jake Satterwhite Josh Hundley	Bob Williams Tom Langford
Bobby Parker Nathan Scarsdale	Derek Mauney Zack Williams
Matthew Fabian Phil Godwin	Jacob Carriere Gheath Alatrash
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Angela Parker Tracey Mauney	Appeal Byers Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Lynn Adams, Russell Genaro, James Maxcey	*Clifford Layton, Paul Hamilton, Jimmy Terry
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Brown & Townzen	Brown & Townzen
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Chris Lindelof	Building Lock Up for AM & PM— K Scarsdale

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer James Maxcey
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion James Maxcey, Bobby Parker	Communion Bob Williams, Zack Williams
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 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*