



The Pearland Harvester

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

TWO ESSENTIALS

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There are several essentials always present in a growing church. I'm examining two in this article. You may be engaged in both; and, if so, God bless you! You may be disengaged from one or both. If, after reading this article, you come to that conclusion; then I hope you'll prayerfully seek to be engaged.

Do Your Part To Make This The Church Family You Want

A preacher received a personal letter from a family who had recently placed membership with his congregation. Included in the letter were the reasons why the family decided to worship with them.

- Recommended by a minister from (former place of membership).
- Visited several times before moving here and was received with Christian love, friendliness, and encouragement.
- Received several cards from members thanking us for visiting here and encouraging us to worship here after our move.
- Found the worship services, sermons, and classes to be Bible-based.
- Found the members to be friendly, helpful, encouraging, and sincere.
- What impressed us the most was the Christian love that we found here. It was as though this love greeted us at the door and has not stopped. Whether we realize it or not, this is a powerful first impression made on a visitor.
- Cards, visits, or whatever means employed to increase membership would not have worked with us without the love for Christ and each other that we have found at this congregation.

Dependable Church Families Are Made Up Of Dependable People

Employers often state that their biggest obstacle to increased business is the difficulty in finding dependable employees. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type hinders its effectiveness. They don't last long, but they

exhaust resources that could have been used to turn a profit.

There are, within most congregations, a certain percentage of undependable members. If they viewed their responsibilities at work in the same manner they view their responsibilities in the Lord's church, they wouldn't be employed past the first week.

The biblical adjectives that ought to describe each of us are: "steadfast" (1 Cor. 15:58); "zealous" (Titus 2:14); "hardworking" (Acts 20:35; Rm. 16:6,12); "stand by your faith" (Rm. 11:20); and "walk by faith" (2 Cor. 5:7).

- OTJ. It's never optional. You cannot retain your employment if you choose not to attend classes, seminars, workshops, etc. that management has deemed mandatory. In the Lord's church, OTJ is continuous. Every positive descriptive term for a Christian is achieved through OTJ (Acts 2:42). Do you participate in class attendance, worship attendance, and fellowship opportunities? Would you keep an employee who is no more committed than you are to the Lord's church?
- Employee contributions. There are no free rides in the corporate world. Employers may provide a means for a greater benefit than one person could provide for themselves, but they still require employee contributions. The Lord's church is NOT a corporation, and it cannot effectively be run like a corporation; but there are some areas of commonality with the corporate world. We, too, are expected to contribute purposely and cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7) in support of one another.
- See the task through to the end. McDonald's isn't looking for someone who can take half an order, make half of a "happy meal," or pour half a cup of coffee. A growing church isn't looking for "halfway" workers, either. We are told to do our part because our part is vital (1 Cor. 12:15-16; Eph. 4:16).



For the Record—10-16-16	
Sunday AM	149
Sunday PM	56
Wednesday (10-12-16)	49
Contribution	\$5,860
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$212,065
YTD Budget	\$243,600

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...** Here is a bit of botanical Bible trivia. Which are the only nuts mentioned in the Bible: dates, pecans, almonds, cashews, pine nuts, pistachios, macadamia nuts?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, October 20, 2016:

- Thursday—Titus
- Friday—Numbers 17-20
- Saturday—1 Chronicles 25-29
- Sunday—Psalms 108-110
- Monday—Proverbs 23-24
- Tuesday—Amos 1-4
- Wednesday—John 16-18

The correct answer to last week's question was: Assyria was God's rod and staff; Israel was the godless nation they were wielded against (Isaiah 10:5-6). Connie Powell gave the first correct answer.

Friends



November 6, 2016 (please note the date change)

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



Family Day

KEPT IN PRAYER

Gwen Fikes, a friend of Mitzi Williams' sister, will be having breast cancer surgery soon.

Julie Maxcey, James Maxcey's aunt, has Alzheimer's. Please also pray for her husband, Jim, for strength and comfort in dealing with her condition.

James Navarro's young son is a heart transplant patient and needs our prayers. James is a friend of Elaine Genaro.

Lesli, Heather Brown's friend's friend, has now regained the ability to swallow, but cannot walk without a cane and cannot drive. She had a stroke recently.

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, 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, Octaline Beaupierre, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Larry & Carla Doolen, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Carol Jackman, Sharon Johns, Marc Johnson, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Martha Locke, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Ron McCright, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Scott & Cindy Miller, Lewis Moss, James Navarro's son, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Sandra Brown Ryan, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, Leon Vanderveer, Bennett Vincent, Alexis Anderson Washington, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend).

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

November 2016

2 Wednesday Night With The Master—Meal served at 6 PM in the Annex—Areas of service begin at 7 PM. Elders are in charge of the menu.

7 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Jodi Briand's home. The ladies working outside the home will not be required to bring any food. Jodi will contact others to bring side dishes.

9 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

12 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's

23 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.



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM, Sunday, November 6, 2016. Set your clocks back one hour.

October Birthdays

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| 20 Susan Lenamon | 20 Angela Parker |
| 27 Jerri Farmer | 27 Sarah Romain |
| 28 Steven Cuellar | 28 Daniel Townzen |
| 29 Nnenna Osuorji | 29 Jimmy Terry |

November Birthdays

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| 3 Ben Valdez | 4 Michelle Griffith |
| 4 Vi Price | 4 Karen Valdez |
| 5 Warren Hudman | 8 Buck Thompson |
| 8 Mitzi Williams | 13 Laura Moss |
| 15 Tim Godwin | 18 Doris Stuteville |
| 20 Becky Nicholson | 21 Delores Truelove |
| 27 JJ Martinez | 30 Jeremy Bouillion |

October Anniversaries

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| 28 Dwight & Leah Bateman | 29 James & Laurie Maxcey |
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November Anniversaries

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| 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown | 30 Davy & Kylee May |
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Those to Serve

Pearland Church of Christ

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

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Wednesday Evening October 19	Wednesday Evening October 26
Building Lock Up—Lindelof	Building Lock Up— B Williams

Morning Worship October 23		Morning Worship October 30	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer	Zack Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
<i>Presiding:</i> Daniel Brown		<i>Presiding:</i> James Maxcey	
Bob Williams	Tom Langford	Phil Godwin	Lynn Adams
Derek Mauney	Zack Williams	Matthew Fabian	Nathan Scarsdale
Jacob Carriere	Gheath Alatrash	Demetris Kelly	Bobby Parker
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Appeal Byers	Molly Godwin	Laurie Maxcey	Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Paul Hamilton, Jimmy Terry		*Josh Hundley, Russell Genaro, Jake Satterwhite	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Brown & Townzen		Brown & Townzen	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—B Williams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM— K Scarsdale	

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