



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

TEACHING

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As Christians, subjected to “a great persecution” in the church at Jerusalem, scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:1), they “went about preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).

When we read “preaching,” it is easy to envision men standing

in a pulpit in a local synagogue or market place. We may also think in terms of a man trained in public speaking. That may well be our perception; but, if so, it isn't realistic. Unless we assume that every person who fled Jerusalem was a trained public speaker, we should probably understand that those who went about preaching the word were men and women who simply taught others the gospel. Jesus told the eleven to “make disciples... teaching them to observe...” (Mt. 28:19-20). I believe that much of the disciple-making in the early days of the church involved a lot of believers teaching their unbelieving family and friends the truth. Further, I believe that we cannot replicate that widespread growth unless more of us become teachers of the gospel. But, there are some challenges to overcome.

INTIMIDATION. Admittedly, there is much that is intimidating about teaching someone the truth. But, like anything else, the intimidation drops precipitously with experience. What we need to be able to teach isn't difficult to communicate. Those early Jerusalem Christians who went into Judea and Samaria had a much more difficult time because they taught salvation in the name of a recently executed criminal (in the eyes of the Romans and the Jews) instead of through a sacrificial system first taught by Moses. Just as the law of Moses had been around for more than a thousand years and everyone they spoke to was familiar with it, today the New Testament has been around for 2,000 years and very few of the people we are likely to run in to need to be introduced to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for our sins. Like Philip with the Ethiopian eunuch, we just need to start with what they are confused about and then teach Jesus (Acts 8:35).

TEACHING ISN'T AGREEING. Another hurdle that we need to keep in mind is that biblical teaching is an effort to CHANGE someone's current beliefs. It should be done in a positive way, but it must accomplish this objective. That should be so obvious that it hardly bears repeating; yet, the fact is that we often have confused teaching with conversations and a free exchange of ideas.



Unfortunately, a corporate model that seeks an outcome which the gospel was NEVER designed to accomplish is very favorably embraced in many congregations. We have confused the roles of biblical teacher with a corporate facilitator. It is considered to be a “great class” if there was a lot of class participation. But unless all of the class participation is in complete harmony with the Scriptures, the goal of teaching failed. If participation is the goal and if wrong notions and ideas are given equal weight with notions and ideas that are supported by Scripture, there is no CHANGE. Our objective is divinely appointed.

TEACHING REQUIRES KNOWLEDGE. Our biggest hindrance is that we don't put a premium on learning and then teaching. Unless we do the work of learning the truth, we aren't going to succeed in teaching to effect change. Until we embrace a culture of teaching and learning, we won't see positive change.

Why deal with this subject? I remain convinced that we could be growing at a rapid rate because we live in a city that is growing rapidly every day. One trained preacher, operating solely behind a pulpit, cannot effect the growth we ought to be enjoying. But if more of us understood the principle of growth through teaching and teaching to effect change, we could scatter throughout our neighborhoods and teach others. We can't wait for someone else to do it. We shouldn't expect a change if the perception is that local evangelism is dead. But if we just rolled up our sleeves and commit to teaching someone ...

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...**

An Acrostic Riddle

The name of Jacob's youngest son (Gn. 35:18).
 A stone that told what God had done (1 Sam. 7:12).
 A disciple who showed great unbelief (Jn. 20:24)
 One who to God poured out her grief (1 Sam. 1:15).
 A man to save his life who fled (Gn. 19:18-22).
 A queen who filled another's stead (Esther 2:17).
 A king who had God's witness slain (Mt. 14:3-11).
 And a man whose prayers stayed the rain (1 Kgs. 17:1).
 He lived the longest here below (Gn. 5:25).

**The correct answer to last week's question was:
 David. No one submitted the correct answer.**

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, November 10, 2016:

Thursday—**Hebrews 5-7**
 Friday—**Numbers 29-32**
 Saturday—**2 Chronicles 11-15**
 Sunday—**Psalms 117-118**
 Monday—**Proverbs 28**
 Tuesday—**Jonah**
 Wednesday—**Acts 3-4**

KEPT IN PRAYER

Margaret Brown was scheduled to go home Monday, November 7. The doctors hope to start her chemotherapy again.

Jeff Coe received good results on his tests.

Becky Nicholson had successful outpatient surgery this morning (November 9) to remove the skin cancer from her foot. She is home and will need to be immobile until she returns to the doctor on November 21.

Loma Stone and **Sandy Stone** have been dealing with health issues.

Angela Terry had successful knee replacement surgery and is scheduled to be released from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital tomorrow afternoon or evening (November 10).

Catherine Bailey, Heather Brown's friend, is pregnant and just had the first ultrasound. There are serious concerns about the baby. Please keep Catherine and her family in your prayers.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Margaret Brown, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Matthew Fabian, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford Layton, Ben Lenamon, Jan Lemoine, Becky Nicholson, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Wendell & Sarah Romain, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry. **Others:** Carol Addison, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Catherine Bailey, 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, Tony Smajstrla, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Leon Vanderveer, Bennett Vincent, Alexis Anderson Washington, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Scarsdale is our contact elder for November. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.


November 2016

- 9 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 12 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 23 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex

December 2016

- 2 Ladies' Christmas party—6 PM at Brenda Blair's house, 2321 Francis, Pearland TX 77581.
- 7 Wednesday Night With The Master—Potluck meal (meat will be furnished).

For the Record—11-06-16	
Sunday AM	148
Sunday PM	No Services
Wednesday (11-02-16)	43
Contribution	\$5,098
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$224,807
YTD Budget	\$261,000



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, December 9, 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.

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

- 5 Daniel & Sarah Brown
- 30 Davy & Kylee May

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Wednesday Evening November 9	Wednesday Evening November 16
Building Lock Up—G Adams	Building Lock Up—G Fabian

Morning Worship November 13		Morning Worship November 20	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Charlie Story
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Zack Williams		Presiding: Bobby Parker	
Jake Satterwhite	Josh Hundley	Tom Langford	Phil Godwin
Nathan Scarsdale	Matthew Fabian	Clifford Layton	Demetris Kelly
James Maxcey	Jacob Carriere	Jimmy Terry	Daniel Brown
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Appeal Byers	Angela Parker	Nina Layton	Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Lynn Adams, Bob Williams, Derek Mauney		*Paul Hamilton, Russell Genaro, Jacob Carriere	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Clifford & Nina Layton	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Brown & Townzen		Brown & Whitmire	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Fabian		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	James Maxcey	Opening Prayer	Zack Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Bob Williams, Bobby Parker	Communion	Daniel Brown, Russell Genaro
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

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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