



# The Pearland Harvester

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

## HIDDEN OR UNHIDDEN

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The Scriptures teach us that some things are hidden which shouldn't be, some things are hidden that should be, and some things are hidden that can't be.

**Any good thing the Lord has done should not be hidden.** In the days of Jehoram, king of Israel, the Arameans laid siege

to the capital city of Samaria. When it seemed that Samaria would surely fall, God promised that within 24 hours the siege would be lifted and there would be a sudden abundance of food in the capital. That night, some lepers of Samaria discovered that the camps of the Arameans were abandoned. They saw that food and stores were in abundance, ready for the taking. At first, they hid as much plunder as they could carry off; but then they came to their senses and knew that what they were doing was not right. "This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent" (2 Kings 7:9).

**Any opportunity to do good should not become hidden by the sin of self-righteousness.** In Isaiah's day, the question often asked was, "Why has the Lord hidden His face from us?" One reason given was that this wicked generation had hidden themselves and their provisions from their own kinsmen! The Lord declared that the "acceptable day to the Lord" involved more than sacrifices and prayers (Isa. 58:1-5). It could never be an acceptable day to the Lord if they did not divide their bread with the hungry, bring the homeless poor into their house, cover the naked, and stop hiding themselves from their "own flesh" (v. 7).

**Any commandment of the Lord should not be hidden. Nor should we ever hide from others the ways of the Lord.** David could honestly say, "I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation" (Ps. 40:10). When Jesus was teaching the meaning of discipleship in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it

under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house" (Mt. 5:14-15).

**However, a child of God should always hide himself from evil.** Solomon wrote, "The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naïve go on, and are punished for it" (Prov. 22:3).

It is worth observing that Solomon calls those who hide from evil, "prudent." The psalmist had noted that the wicked and the greedy intend to hide their true intentions so that the naïve will be ensnared. "He sits in the lurking places of the village; in the hiding places he kills the innocent; his eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate. He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair; he lurks to catch the afflicted ..." (Ps. 10:8-9). The same idea of hiding from evil is expressed another way in the New Testament, when Paul writes that we must flee from immorality (1 Cor. 6:18); flee from idolatry (1 Cor. 10:14); flee from the love of money (1 Tim. 6:9-11); and flee from youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22). Using "hidden" with the thought of safeguarding and treasuring, David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Ps. 119:11 KJV).

**Some things are impossible to hide even though we do all we can to keep them hidden.** Our actions cannot be hidden from God (Eccl. 12:14). Our wicked schemes and evil plans cannot be hidden from Him. "Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, and whose deeds are done in a dark place, and they say, 'Who sees us?' or 'Who knows us?'" (Isa. 29:15). It is impossible to put one over on the Lord. "'Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?' declares the Lord. 'Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?' declares the Lord" (Jer. 23:24).

Let's make sure we know what shouldn't be hidden, what must be hidden, and what cannot be hidden!



**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...My dad died in a foreign country; my ancestors were from Bethlehem; I had no children; my wife is in the lineage of Christ. Who am I?**

The correct answer to last week's question was: **Spells "Bethlehem."**  
**Connie Powell submitted the first correct answer.**

**Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, November 17, 2016:**

- Thursday—**Hebrews 8-10**
- Friday—**Numbers 33-36**
- Saturday—**2 Chronicles 16-20**
- Sunday—**Psalms 119**
- Monday—**Proverbs 29-30**
- Tuesday—**Micah**
- Wednesday—**Acts 5-6**

For the Record—11-13-16	
Sunday AM	140
Sunday PM	51
Wednesday (11-09-16)	54
Contribution	\$4,146
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$228,953
YTD Budget	\$266,800

To the Pearland Church of Christ Family,

Morris and I would like to thank the congregation for the warm and caring friendships during our stay in Pearland. We have relocated to Bixby, Oklahoma. Unfortunately, due to a very quick sale of our home, we did not properly get to say goodbye. We will keep the Pearland family close to our hearts and from time to time plan to visit.

Please continue to pray for us and our family as we start this new journey.

Our new address is:  
 5910 E 143rd St S  
 Bixby OK 74008

Sincerely,  
 Morris and Berna Dyes

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

**Judy Indest** had successful cataract surgery on her eye yesterday. She is thankful for all the prayers.

**Margaret Brown** came home last Friday. She hopes to resume her chemotherapy in a couple of weeks. She and Jim appreciate all of the prayers.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mona Travis** (Kevin Ford's mother), who passed away Tuesday morning. Please pray for Kevin and Sheri and their family.

**Robert Hudman** (Joy Sloan's son) will be having back surgery in the next few weeks.

**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, Judy Indest, 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, Robert Hudman, 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**. **Gary Adams** will be the contact elder for **December**.

There will be a brief teachers' meeting on Sunday, November 20, following morning worship for our 2-year-old through 6th-grade teachers.

There will be no evening Bible study on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 (day before Thanksgiving).

*December 2016*

- 2 Ladies' Christmas party—6 PM at Brenda Blair's house, 2321 Francis, Pearland TX 77581.
- 7 Wednesday Night With The Master—6 PM—Potluck meal; meat will be furnished. Please bring your favorite side or dessert. Areas of service begin at 7 PM.
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's.
- 15 The year-end Secret Sisters party will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Jean Coe's house, 2606 Gun Powder Ln, Pearland TX 77581. Jean Coe and Brenda Riggs are the hostesses. Meat and tea will be provided. Everyone else bring sides. Those of you in the gift exchange will find out who drew your name. Please RSVP to Jean or Brenda so there will be a head count.

*November Birthdays*

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 18 Doris Stuteville | 20 Becky Nicholson |
| 21 Delores Truelove | 27 JJ Martinez     |
| 30 Jeremy Bouillion |                    |

*December Birthdays*

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Zanna Osuorji      | 6 Gwendolyn Jones    |
| 7 Jacob Carriere     | 12 Harold Moore      |
| 12 Maria Sanchez     | 16 Chase Shelton     |
| 18 Kaliya Kelly      | 18 Victor Osuorji    |
| 21 Bryan Hudman      | 24 Davy May          |
| 24 Bob Wiliams       | 27 Haley Biegay      |
| 27 Matthew Fabian    | 31 Jessica Bouillion |
| 31 Maresha Scarsdale | 31 Loma Stone        |

*November Anniversaries*

- 30 Davy & Kylee May

*December Anniversaries*

- 1 Jeremy & Heather Brown 9 Ricky & Janice Pearson
- 27 Bob & Mitzi Williams



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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

## 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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<b>Wednesday Evening November 16</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening November 23</b>
Building Lock Up—G Fabian	<b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>

Morning Worship November 20		Morning Worship November 27	
Opening Prayer	Charlie Story	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Bobby Parker		<b>Presiding:</b> Bob Williams	
Tom Langford	Phil Godwin	Josh Hundley	Jake Satterwhite
Clifford Layton	Demetris Kelly	Zack Williams	Russell Genaro
Jimmy Terry	Daniel Brown	Nathan Scarsdale	Matthew Fabian
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Nina Layton	Tracey Mauney	Laurie Maxcey	Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Paul Hamilton, Derek Mauney, Jacob Carriere		*Jimmy Terry, Paul Hamilton, Demetris Kelly	
Greeters		Greeters	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Brown & Whitmire		Riggs & Whitmire	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	James Maxcey
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion	Daniel Brown, Derek Mauney	Communion	Russell Genaro, Zack Williams
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale

### 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*