



The Pearland Harvester

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

OWNED AND CHANGED IN EVERY WAY

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Toyota has been running a series of commercials for their new 2017 Corolla that is definitely designed to appeal to the millennials. Several vignettes of 20-somethings who choose the unconventional, quit their jobs, or party all night on the beach are shown

while the background music to Lesley Gore's 1963 hit, "You Don't Own Me," swells louder and louder. Given the lyrics of the song, it's hard to imagine she envisioned it being the theme music for a car commercial.

Yet, its message is exactly what the car manufacturer is counting on to win young car buyers to their latest edition of the Corolla. Our culture has stressed the sentiment captured in the title of that song for decades. It is the core belief of more than one generation.

The irony is that culture is never about individuality and individual freedoms. No matter how clever the wording or how well the tune resonates, it's still about changing from one cultural norm to another. Society doesn't really want anyone to be different, but it does want to move individuals into a different group with a different (*but like-minded*) set of values. Toyota would never use the song at all if they thought it had no value in getting—not one, but tens of thousands of—millennials to buy their Corolla. If every person in their target group buys a new 2017 Corolla, Toyota (along with Lesley Gore's estate) will laugh all the way to the bank.

"You don't own me. Don't try to change me in any way" may strike a chord in the hearts of millions, but behind the thought and the music is a truth that the

song would never admit. You already ARE owned. And your owner will work throughout your whole life with the hope and with the goal that YOU will never try to change yourself in any way.



The reality that we are all owned is a theme of Romans 6. Our baptism was our appeal and our desire to no longer be slaves to sin (Rm. 6:6). Slavery, by definition, demands obedience. Enslaved to sin, we are obedient to the will of Satan, resulting in death. Enslaved to Christ, we are to be obedient to Him, resulting in life (Rm. 6:16). A Christian is not someone who is free to be unattached and the autonomous ruler of self. Instead, a Christian is someone who chose to be obedient from the heart to the teaching of the gospel and so become free from slavery to sin (Rm. 6:17) and becomes a slave to righteousness (Rm. 6:18) and thus presents their mind, body, and soul to God through Christ as a slave of righteousness (Rm. 6:19).

Own the car of your choosing—that's a liberty entrusted to you by both the prince of this world and the God of heaven and earth—like or dislike the lyrics and the melody of Lesley Gore's hit song (I've got to admit it's growing on me).

But as you think of all the things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday, be thankful that YOU ARE OWNED and that through His word and His Spirit, God is working to change you in every way!


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...Speaking of "bringing down the house," who was the greatest entertainer of the Old Testament?**

The correct answer to last week's question was: **Mahlon (Ruth 4:10).**
No one submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, November 24, 2016:

Thursday—**Hebrews 11-13**
Friday—**Deuteronomy 1-3**
Saturday—**2 Chronicles 21-24**
Sunday—**Psalms 120-121**
Monday—**Proverbs 31**
Tuesday—**Nahum**
Wednesday—**Acts 7-8**

For the Record—11-20-16	
Sunday AM	134
Sunday PM	52
Wednesday (11-16-16)	43
Contribution	\$4,336
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$233,289
YTD Budget	\$272,600

 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.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Valerie McHargh is having some health issues which the doctors are trying to resolve. She needs rest at this time—no visitors, please.

Becky Nicholson had her stitches removed Monday, but is still recuperating from her recent surgery.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **George Sloan** (John Sloan's brother), who passed away last Friday from an apparent stroke.

Butch Sapp, Davy May's uncle, had a stroke and is in Memorial Hermann (Medical Center). He is not expected to live. He turns 50 this Saturday and has a wife and a 25-year-old daughter. Please pray for him and his family.

Please pray for **Raquel Castillo**, a friend of Christi Hines's daughter. Raquel and her husband adopted three children, and her husband has now left her. Their eight-year-old son, Jeremy, is having severe mental issues and has become suicidal. His birth mother was a drug addict, and he has always been ADHD. Raquel has also been diagnosed with cancer.

Roger Farmer, a longtime friend and neighbor of Pat Wagoner, fell and broke his hip Sunday afternoon. Due to an existing heart condition, his cardiologist is not yet ready to sign off on surgery.

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, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, 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, Raquel Castillo, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Larry & Carla Doolen, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Roger Farmer, 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, Butch Sapp, 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 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

27 JJ Martinez 30 Jeremy Bouillion

December Birthdays

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 Williams 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

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Wednesday Evening November 23	Wednesday Evening November 30
<i>NO BIBLE STUDY</i>	Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale

Morning Worship November 27	Morning Worship December 4
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Bob Williams	Presiding: James Maxcey
Josh Hundley Jake Satterwhite	Grayson Townzen Phil Godwin
Zack Williams Russell Genaro	Derek Mauney Tom Langford
Nathan Scarsdale Matthew Fabian	Daniel Brown Jacob Carriere
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey Molly Godwin	Nina Layton Appeal Byers
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Jimmy Terry, Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams	*Clifford Layton, Bobby Parker, Charlie Story
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Riggs & Whitmire	Riggs & Whitmire
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—B Williams
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer James Maxcey	Opening Prayer Zack Williams
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Russell Genaro, Zack Williams	Communion James Maxcey, Daniel Brown
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Gary Adams

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