



The Pearland Harvester

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

SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

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No, it's not meant as a biblical number that you should be aware of. It's the number of emails I have accumulated over the last seven days. That doesn't take into account the thousands that my email filters have already sent to my spam folder. This high volume

includes hundreds of emails related to Black Friday sales, Black Friday extended sales, Cyber Monday sales, Cyber Monday extended sales, and special limited time only discounts on hundreds of items. Later today I will go through them and discard the 99% that I don't even care to open, and I'll find those precious few that interest me.

UNWANTED SOLICITATIONS! They sure can be annoying and just going through wastes a lot of time. I can't imagine how many trillions of emails we've all deleted in the past seven days. Why do these companies persist in bombarding us all with stuff we don't really care about?

Because we do care! TechCrunch.com reported that Black Friday sales totaled \$3.34 billion dollars. According to this same source, Black Friday sales were up 33% from last year. CNBC reported that 137.4 million Americans shopped on Black Friday. To put that into perspective, more than one out of every three people in this country were shopping. Amazon was and is processing thousands of orders per second! Target reports it sold 3,200 TVs per minute!

If you already have all of those things that marketers are bombarding your mailbox and blowing up your internet with, you're probably more than a little annoyed by now. To you, the whole thing is out of control. To you, this is a colossal waste of time and money. You would never consider shopping and purchasing items this way.

But you do! You always have. Your medium might be the sales circulars in the newspaper, word of mouth from a friend, or an ad on the TV or radio instead of the

seemingly more impersonal method of emails; but the fact that you have all those things is proof that ads work. Because you're not buying doesn't mean that others won't buy.





Do you think God, who not only made our bodies but created our minds to think as they do, understands this passion to want things? Speaking from a negative perspective, isn't it written somewhere that we are all enticed by the lust of the eye (1 Jn. 2:16)? From a positive perspective, isn't marketing endorsed in the New Testament? John tells of men who were invited to follow Christ but who then went and found others and invited them to follow (Jn. 1). He tells of a woman who left her waterpot to go invite her whole town to come and see the One who told her all the things that she had done (Jn. 4:28-29). The gospels record the words of Christ as He commissioned His apostles to go into all the world (Mt. 28:19-20; Lk. 24:46-49). Mark's account records the same instruction and includes the fact that they went from east to west with the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation (Mk. 16:15-20).

Does it sound reasonable to say that we don't need to waste resources on trying to reach people because evangelism just doesn't work anymore? Not only would that mind-set ensure that you would never be hired by the companies who spent massive sums to generate \$3.34 billion in revenues, it also means that you would dismiss the power of the gospel.

But do those same consumers also want the gospel? Some do! Here are some local names to pray for: Shelby, Jake, Melissa, Josh, Heather, Ashley, and Rolando. Who are they? Local people who come to my house on Tuesday nights to study the Bible because, and only because, a Christian invited them to.


Who wants to stand before the throne on judgment day, side by side with CEOs of retail giants, and explain that we didn't do more because there just wasn't a market for the gospel in this nation?

The elders have approved our participation in the Arms of Hope gift card program. The ornaments will be in folders on the bulletin board. Our designated representatives for this program are Gretchen Whitmire and the elders. Please give your ornament and gift card to any of these people by Sunday, December 18, 2016. If you would rather make a contribution by check, please make the check payable to ARMS OF HOPE and give it to one of the representatives. Please note that you can also contribute online. All contributions will be acknowledged by Arms of Hope for tax purposes.

Bless a child this Christmas!

- Pick up an ornament(s)
- Purchase a gift card
- Fill out the back of the ornament & adhere to the gift card
- Give to the designated representative



For online gifts:
Please enter your name, mailing address, phone, e-mail and location of where you picked up the ornament so Arms of Hope can send you an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.

ArmsofHope.org

KEPT IN PRAYER

Sandy Stone is dealing with a staph infection in her leg.

Marc Johnson had successful surgery. They were able to remove the tumor, and he has made great progress in his recovery. He is back to work. Thanks to everyone for their 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, 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, 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

Gary Adams is our contact elder for December. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.

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...For the intellectuals, here is a mystery to ponder. Why was Moses buried in the land of Moab?**

The correct answer to last week's question was: Samson. He brought down the whole house (Judges 16:30). No one submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, December 1, 2016:

- Thursday—James 1-3
- Friday—Deuteronomy 4-6
- Saturday—2 Chronicles 25-28
- Sunday—Psalms 122-124
- Monday—Ecclesiastes 1-2
- Tuesday—Habakkuk
- Wednesday—Acts 9-10

For the Record—11-27-16	
Sunday AM	132
Sunday PM	34
Wednesday (11-23-16)	No classes
Contribution	\$3,823
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$237,111
YTD Budget	\$278,400

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.
- 14 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex. This will be the last class of 2016.
- 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

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



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.

Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening November 30	Wednesday Evening December 7
Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—B Williams WNWTM

Morning Worship December 4		Morning Worship December 11	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	Bob Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: James Maxcey		Presiding: Gheath Alatrash	
Grayson Townzen	Phil Godwin	Lynn Adams	Paul Hamilton
Derek Mauney	Tom Langford	Josh Hundley	Jake Satterwhite
Daniel Brown	Jacob Carriere	James Maxcey	Russell Genaro
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Nina Layton	Appeal Byers	Canova Genaro	Elaine Genaro
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Bobby Parker, Charlie Story		*Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian, Jimmy Terry	
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—B Williams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	Bobby Parker
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	Bob Williams, Daniel Brown	Communion	James Maxcey, R Genaro
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	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