



# The Pearland Harvester

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

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## WHAT ARE SOME FLAWS IN THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION?

We don't know what we don't know. It's a problem, and it is always going to be a problem. We do our best to minimize the problem with education. No one could reasonably argue that education is a problem—that is, until they begin to think about it. Education is beneficial only if it teaches fact. When the educator doesn't know what he or she doesn't know, then it becomes impossible to teach fact with certainty.

I was reminded of this again this week as I listened to a school student defending evolution and dismissing the biblical record. Adolescents don't know and thus cannot objectively evaluate this, but in my lifetime I have seen the educators go from teaching evolution as a theory to evolution as a fact. Are young impressionable minds being told that? You know they aren't. Instead the very teacher who once taught evolution as an alternative theory now teaches it as a fact and that to question what they themselves were once taught to question is to prove oneself to be unscientific or uneducated. And the young ones never know. They simply don't know what they don't know.

They don't know that the "science" behind evolution is more about philosophy than science. For every "scientific fact" that proves evolution, there are innumerable scientific facts that discredit it. But those are not mentioned. They don't reconcile with the philosophy that drives the theory of evolution in the first place. And make no mistake, it's the philosophy that drives the theory, not science.

That philosophy has been around for thousands of years longer than the theory of evolution. It is the basic premise of all ignorance. It simply states that there is no God. Yet, to simply deny the existence of God would die in its embryonic state, because rationale alone demands a cause for existence. To say that there is no God, but then offer no alternative explanation for creation would result in being immediately dismissed as an irrational thinker.

When a generation is taught to deny God's existence, the results are devastating. The philosophy of atheism is not

harmless! The psalmist David wrote, "*The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'*" (Ps. 14:1a). That states a philosophical foundation for the fool, but David did not stop with a mere observation that fools deny the existence of God. That foolish philosophy gives birth to deeds, as any philosophy would.



So David continues, "*...They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good*" (Ps. 14:1b). What abominable deeds? Murder? Sure, some atheists commit murder, but that's hardly the case for all atheists. What abominable deeds?

Paul answers that question in the clearest terms. "*For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures*" (Rm. 1:21-23).

They taught others to deny the existence of God! David expanded on this same thought in Psalm 53:1-3 - *1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God,' They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; There is no one who does good. 2 God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there is anyone who understands, Who seeks after God. 3 Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.*

The philosophy that God does not exist gives birth to deeds of evil, to deeds of injustice, and to corruption. Godless societies have never and will never benefit themselves or mankind.

If "pure science" were the determining factor, the theory of evolution would remain a theory, and a ludicrous one at that, for science repeatedly disproves it. But the philosophy that there is no God will demand that science be ignored to make its case, And the young people, who don't know what they don't know, will not be the wiser, unless you stand for truth (Jn. 8:32).



It was just too cute not to publish! Little Leah Gartrell is enjoying the leaves in Central Park during a recent family trip to New York City.

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.

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Being an American gives you the right to vote your conscience. Being a Christian gives you the obligation to be kind to one another and tenderhearted. Don't sin by making unkind remarks or by judging the heart of another person. *"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear"* (Eph. 4:29).

### KEPT IN PRAYER

**Margaret Brown** is in home hospice care.

**Jeff Coe** had surgery Monday and was expected to go home Tuesday.

#### 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...**Who were referred to in Scripture as being something of a half-baked pancake?

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

**Daily Bible chapter reading schedule,** beginning Thursday, December 8, 2016:

- Thursday—James 4-5
- Friday—Deuteronomy 7-9
- Saturday—2 Chronicles 29-32
- Sunday—Psalms 125-127
- Monday—Ecclesiastes 3-4
- Tuesday—Zephaniah
- Wednesday—Acts 11-12

For the Record—12-4-16	
Sunday AM	108
Sunday PM	34
Wednesday (11-30-16)	41
Contribution	\$4,856
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$241,967
YTD Budget	\$284,200

**New Address:**

Tim Godwin  
9200 North Plaza #1714  
Austin TX 78753

2017 sign-up sheets for communion preparation and sound/projector are on the bulletin board.

**December 2016**


- 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.

**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

**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).**

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<b>Wednesday Evening December 7</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening December 14</b>
Building Lock Up—B Williams <i>WNWTM</i>	Building Lock Up—G Adams

Morning Worship December 11	Morning Worship December 18
Opening Prayer      Bob Williams	Opening Prayer      Charlie Story
Song Leader          Greg Fabian	Song Leader          Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Gheath Alatrash	<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof
Lynn Adams          Paul Hamilton	Bobby Parker        Daniel Brown
Josh Hundley        Jake Satterwhite	Phil Godwin          Zack Williams
Derek Mauney        Russell Genaro	Jacob Carriere       James Maxcey
Announcements    Gary Adams	Announcements    Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Canova Genaro      Elaine Genaro	Laurie Maxcey       Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Nathan Scarsdale, M Fabian, Jimmy Terry	*Clifford Layton, Bob Williams, Grayson Townzen
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—G Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Fabian

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer      Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer      James Maxcey
Song Leader          Gary Adams	Song Leader          Greg Fabian
Communion          James Maxcey, R Genaro	Communion          Bobby Parker, Daniel Brown
Closing Prayer      Gary Adams	Closing Prayer      Gary Adams

### 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*

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