



The Pearland Harvester

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

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THINGS THAT MATTER

There comes a point in everyone's life when the question that needs to be asked is finally addressed. It's the question of priorities. What really matters?

Once that question is honestly and objectively faced, things tend to improve. Bad habits are replaced with healthy habits. Attitudes begin to change. Relationships improve. Others begin to notice.

What is true of the individual is also true of the local church. What really matters? What are we doing to address what really matters? What could we do differently?

It matters that we understand our role in the world. We are the pillar and support of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Therefore, how we conduct ourselves within the church is important.

That verse is not meant to be nothing more than a general truth. It was the summary statement that looks back to the things previously written. Paul had been giving the preacher the guidelines for local church leadership. Who may serve as an elder? Those who meet the qualifications and have the spirit and character indicated in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Who may serve as deacons? Same answer! Those whose spirit and proven character meet the requirements of 1 Timothy 3:8-13. These men, along with their godly partners and all godly women (3:11), have essential roles and responsibilities in the local church. Their supporting roles enable the church to meet its responsibility in the world of which it is a part. Until those who are in leadership realize that the ONLY thing that matters is that the local church be the pillar and support of the truth, the local body will always be weighed down by things that really don't matter and unable to work toward the things that do.

It matters that we understand that the church grows through evangelism. God designed trees to grow by

reaching deep into the soil to gather the nutrients needed for growth. God designed little babies to grow by desiring mother's milk and then solid food. And God, the designer of all life, designed the church to grow by evangelism. Honestly, what objective person in the church could deny that? Are there any examples of New Testament congregations growing without evangelism? Are there any statements in the New Testament that favor growth by some means other than evangelism? If a good parent is one who is able to recognize their child should be growing and does something if their child doesn't grow, what would good leadership do if the local church isn't growing? Wouldn't greater efforts at evangelism be the solution?



It matters that we teach the principles of church growth. We are to grow in every aspect of Christian life. Paul wrote the Colossians, "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10). This kind of maturation process can only come from sound preaching. Therefore, we need to realize it matters that those who preach and teach are studying the word (2 Timothy 2:15) and being instant in season and out (2 Timothy 4:2).

A sure indication that we've become ensnared by things that do not matter is that there is resistance to these three things. As we begin a new year, would you personally evaluate what matters in your Christian walk? Once you've done that and fully aware of how difficult that process was for you, would you be an encourager to others? Would you especially encourage the leadership so that we might truly be the pillar and support of truth in this city?

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...When a person turns away from the truth, toward what do they turn?

Answer to last week's question: For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted... (2 Peter 1:9). Several people submitted the correct answer, but Angela Terry was the first to do so.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, January 12, 2017:

- Thursday—1 John 4-5
- Friday—Deuteronomy 23-25
- Saturday—Nehemiah 5-9
- Sunday—Psalms 140-142
- Monday—Song of Solomon 1-2
- Tuesday—Revelation 1-6
- Wednesday—Acts 21-22

Please contact Kristin Alatrash or the elders if you're interested in preparing and/or delivering food when needed (births, deaths, illnesses, etc.).

For the Record—1-8-17	
Sunday AM	149
Sunday PM	60
Wednesday (1-4-17)	49
Contribution	\$3,633
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$9,970
YTD Budget	\$11,600

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of **Tex Greene**, who passed away on December 31, 2016. A memorial service is being planned for January 20, 2017. We will pass along the details when they are available.

Jeffrey Buesch, former student of Judy Indest, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Jeffrey is from Las Vegas.

Debbie Cook (coworker of Greg Fabian; no relation to Jeremy & Heather Cook) suffered a massive heart attack on Saturday, January 7, 2017. She is now responding and recognizes everyone. She has only 20% heart function, but things are looking better than before. She is at Bayshore Hospital.

Trenna Russell, friend of the Fabians, requests prayers for her health and her family. She has compression fractures in her back and is having extreme pain.

Shirley Scarsdale, Kevin's mother, had a successful procedure to remove the fluid from her abdomen and install a drain yesterday (January 10) and is going home today.

Chase Shelton, Joy Sloan's grandson, came home from the hospital yesterday (January 10). He is doing well and will return to school next Tuesday.

Andrew Smith, Greg Fabian's uncle who is in his 80s, has a broken shoulder and possible bone cancer. He is undergoing tests to determine whether he has cancer.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, 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, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry. **Others:** Carol Addison, Leona Anderson, Catherine Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Jeffrey Buesch, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Larry & Carla Doolen, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Roger Farmer, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Robert Hudman, Sharon Johns, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Scott & Cindy Miller, Lewis Moss, James Navarro's son, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trenna Russell, Sandra Brown Ryan, Butch Sapp, Shirley Scarsdale, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin & Elijah Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Bennett Vincent, Alexis Anderson Washington, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for January. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.

Please note the following schedule of services:

Sunday, February 5, 2017: Classes, morning service, and evening service at usual times. No Super Bowl party is planned.

January 2017

- 14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 25 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 29 Friends & Family Day

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

We are also in need of more volunteers for nursery duty and leading the youngsters in song before the services.

Friends



January 29, 2017

Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!



Family Day

January Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Jared Johnson | 4 Wanda Kirby |
| 4 Branden Shelton | 8 Jeanette Hays |
| 14 Valerie Lee-McHargh | 17 Tom Langford |
| 20 Bobby Parker | 22 Cameron Alatrash |
| 25 Ethan Brown | 27 Meredith Williams |
| 28 Terri Bumpers | 29 Dawn Bell |
| 30 Lindsay Parker | |

January Anniversaries

- 17 David & Libby Clayton

You are invited to a wedding shower for Lindsey Davenport and Drew Carson on Sunday, January 22, 2017, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm at Westside Church of Christ, 831 Heights Rd, Alvin TX 77511. They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and at Kohl's.

Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening January 11	Wednesday Evening January 18
Building Lock Up—Bob Williams	Building Lock Up—Gary Adams

Morning Worship January 15	Morning Worship January 22
Opening Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Opening Prayer Zack Williams
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Daniel Brown	Presiding: Gheath Alatrash
Phil Godwin Zack Williams	Josh Hundley Jake Satterwhite
Charlie Story James Maxcey	Tom Langford Grayson Townzen
Jacob Carriere Bob Williams	Russell Genaro Jimmy Terry
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey	Appeal Byers Lianne Biegay
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Bobby Parker, Clifford Layton, Paul Hamilton	*Lynn Adams, Matthew Fabian, N Scarsdale
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Mauney	Mauney
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Gary Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Fabian
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion James Maxcey, Bob Williams	Communion Russell Genaro, Jimmy Terry
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

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
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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*