



The Pearland Harvester

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

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INCIPIENT INTOLERANCE

1 Please let me take a portion of my limited space to say "Thank you." The complimentary comments on my sermons of late have been more frequent and widespread, and they are very encouraging to me. I've also received texts, emails, face-to-face compliments and words of

encouragement from many of you regarding the series I am teaching on Sunday nights. You lift me up with your kind words, and I do not or cannot express my thanks to you enough! – DC

ately, I've been thinking about Paul's words of exhortation and warning to Timothy. In his last letter to Timothy, Paul wrote:

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:1-4

I wonder how often we've read that passage and mentally applied it to our society and its present culture. It is certainly true that the values of our nation have slipped to the point that respect for God's word may be at a historic low. I need to remind myself that the same culture existed in the Gentile society of Paul's day but on a much greater scale. And I have to remember that Paul wasn't necessarily speaking only of the worldly culture.

Since much of Timothy's preaching involved reproof, rebuke, and exhortation to the brethren in Ephesus, it must also be true that numbered among those not willing "to endure sound doctrine" were some of Timothy's brethren. How would we know if that same problem existed today in the local church?

Paul answers that question in part by observing that brethren who don't endure sound doctrine aren't looking

for it in the first place. They want to hear the preacher speak what they want be told. As a matter of personal choice, they prefer the errors of human philosophy and man-made religions to truth.



Theologians have an expression for what they believe Paul is warning against: *incipient Gnosticism*. Incipient simply means that something is just developing. It is still in its embryonic stage but will eventually become a fully developed system.

We could apply that same thought to what they do not endure. In other words, some in the local congregation may not realize their own downward slide toward that which isn't truth because they also don't recognize that they've lost a love for sound doctrine. We were created with minds that never cease to seek information and input. Take the truth out of the equation, and the mind, still hungering for input, accepts something else.

It is not the case that a child of God suddenly rejects truth and suddenly embraces the myth. It is a process that evolves with time. The time to recognize and correct the problem is before that brother loses all endurance for truth. So, how do we know that this is occurring?

Attendance becomes more and more sporadic. Worshipping with the saints becomes the thing to do if there is nothing else scheduled. Almost anything in life becomes a justification to stay away from the assemblies. Cultivating and nourishing friendships outside the church, while ignoring our brethren, is more important. Complaints about the sermon or lesson become more persistent. An obsession with time is a sure indicator. When we time the sermons and set alarms to go off, but willingly spend three or four times as long on something that insults or belittles the truth—it might be a pretty good sign that *incipient intolerance* is occurring.

May God bless those who love and endure sound doctrine, and may they in turn encourage those whose love for the same is growing cold.

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...It was not required of me and did not affect my work. However, it was required of another member of my team with a similar background. Who am I?

Answer to last week's question: Jesus touched the hand of the mother-in-law of Peter and she was healed, along with many others that day, in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (Matthew 8:14-17).

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, January 26, 2017:

- Thursday—3 John
- Friday—Deuteronomy 29-31
- Saturday—Esther 1-5
- Sunday—Psalms 146-148
- Monday—Song of Solomon 5-6
- Tuesday—Revelation 12-17
- Wednesday—Acts 25-26

The business meeting has been changed to Sunday, February 5, 2017, following morning services.

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.

For the Record—1-22-17	
Sunday AM	156
Sunday PM	55
Wednesday (1-18-17)	50
Contribution	\$3,526
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$17,656
YTD Budget	\$23,200

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.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Susie McKnight**, who passed away January 22, 2017. Susie was the wife of George McKnight, minister at the 3rd Street Church of Christ in Sweeny TX. Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, from 4 PM to 7 PM at Dixon Funeral Home in Brazoria TX. On Thursday, January 26, 2017, at the Sweeny Church of Christ (5th & Elm), visitation will be from 10 AM to 11 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11 AM.

Catherine Bailey, Heather Brown's friend, has learned that her unborn baby will not live very long after the birth.

Sandra Brown Ryan, Barbara Shock's cousin, was able to return home where she will receive care. Her doctors advised against removing the colostomy bag at this time.

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. Chris Lindelof will be the contact elder for February.

January 2017

28 Bamboozled Escape Room—5 PM. Zack Williams is coordinating this event. Please contact him ASAP to sign up.

February 2017

- 1 Wednesday Night with the Master—6 PM—Annex. Menu is Cowboy Stew; bring your favorite dessert. Buck & Jari Thompson are coordinating the meal. Areas of service begin at 7 PM.
- 6 Secret Sisters—TBD
- 8 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 11 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 22 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



There will be a shower for Wendell & Sarah Romain on Sunday, February 19, 2017, from 3 pm to 5 pm in the Annex. Men & women are invited. The Romains are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond (search for Sarah Adams or Wendell Romain) and at Target (search for Sarah Romain or Wendell Romain).

Friends



January 29, 2017

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



Family Day

January Birthdays

- 25 Ethan Brown
- 27 Meredith Williams
- 28 Terri Bumpers
- 29 Dawn Bell
- 30 Lindsay Parker

February Birthdays

- 7 Leah Bateman
- 12 Gary Adams
- 15 Jo Knight
- 17 Gene Forster
- 27 Everett Brown
- 27 Gretchen Whitmire

February Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Peggy Chisum
- 9 John & Joy Sloan
- 14 Harold & Alice Moore
- 15 Buck & Jari Thompson

Those to Serve

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening January 25	Wednesday Evening February 1
Building Lock Up—G Fabian	Building Lock Up—C Lindelof WNWTM

Morning Worship January 29	Morning Worship February 5
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: James Maxcey	Presiding: Zack Williams
Zack Williams Paul Hamilton	Bobby Parker Tom Langford
Charlie Story Bob Williams	Josh Hundley Jake Satterwhite
Jacob Carriere Phil Godwin	Jimmy Terry Nathan Scarsdale
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Nina Layton Molly Godwin	Tracey Mauney Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Daniel Brown, Blake Williams	*Lynn Adams, Matthew Fabian, Derek Mauney
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Mauney	Maxcey
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion Jimmy Terry, Derek Mauney
Closing Prayer NO PM SERVICES	Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof

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*