



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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RECEIVED, STANDING, AND SAVED

Eighteen months of daily interaction, not to mention others that were sent, additional visits, and a previous letter—and yet Paul still needed to write one of his longest epistles to the brethren at Corinth to deal with their spiritual struggles and immaturity.

Paul reminded them in the first chapter that he had been sent by Christ to preach the gospel to them (1 Cor. 1:17). He admits that when he came to Corinth he did so “**in weakness and in fear and in much trembling**” (1 Cor. 2:3). Luke confirms that fact in his account of Paul’s arrival in Corinth (Acts 18:9-10). However, without regard to Paul’s doubts and fears, he was sent by Christ and he was sent to preach the gospel to them and that is what he did.

The frequency with which he mentions the gospel (a dozen times) is itself an indication of how important the gospel was to Paul. More to the point, it also shows how important it should have been to them. That it wasn’t is evidenced by all the issues that Paul had to address in his letter.

The last major section of teaching in his letter was itself a treatise on the gospel.

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The entire 15th chapter deals with the gospel. In fact, that chapter in itself is a sermon to all Christians and ought to be reviewed on a frequent basis. In laying the foundation for what would follow, Paul stated five things in those first four verses.

I preached to you the gospel (15:1). Their self-absorption in things like preacher personalities (Chapter 1), walking in

the flesh (Chapters 2 and 3), discrediting Paul (numerous references, Chapter 9), boasting in immorality (Chapters 4 and 5), taking one another to court (Chapter 6), making issues of marriage (Chapter 7), creating stumbling blocks by eating meat sacrificed to idols (Chapter 8), grumbling and being disobedient (Chapter 10), misunderstanding the purpose and value of worship (Chapter 11), the Lord’s Supper (Chapter 11), spiritual gifts (Chapters 12-14), and lacking in love for one another (Chapter 13) were not the result of the gospel that Paul preached. That behavior was the result of not abiding in it. The problem, manifested in all the above ways, was a lack of commitment to the gospel.

You also received the gospel (15:1). They were not Christians by birthright. They individually heard and then received (obeyed) the gospel. In other words, they started their Christian walk being set free from sins by receiving the gospel. They were again embroiled in sin by ignoring it.

You also stand in the gospel (15:1). The statement is only true if they remain true to the gospel. It is not saying that regardless of their problems, they are still in harmony and fellowship with God. Rather, the point is that the only way anyone can stand before God in their daily walk is if they stand in the gospel.

You also are saved by the gospel (15:2). As with the previous point, it assumes they are holding fast to the gospel. If they abandon it, they will lose their salvation.

The gospel is the truth about the death and resurrection of Jesus (15:3-4). That is the core message! Their salvation and our salvation depend upon remembering daily what Christ did for us and that God raised Him up. If we reflected more on this core truth, we would have fewer problems with sin. Are you receiving, standing, and saved?



TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

We were told to receive one brother if he comes and then send him on his way. We were also told to receive another brother if he comes and not let him get away. Who are we?

Answer to last week's question: Jesus (Heb. 3:1). Connie Powell gave the first correct answer.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



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Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, February 9, 2017:

- Thursday—Romans 1-2
- Friday—Genesis 1-3
- Saturday—Joshua 1-5
- Sunday—Psalms 1-2
- Monday—Job 1-2
- Tuesday—Isaiah 1-6
- Wednesday—Matthew 1-2

For the Record—2-5-17	
Sunday AM	134
Sunday PM	44
Wednesday (2-1-17)	39
Contribution	\$6,366
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$27,114
YTD Budget	\$34,800

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.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Harold and Alice Moore are both having health problems.

Loma Stone has a torn rotator cuff in both shoulders. She is deciding on treatment.

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, Harold & Alice Moore, 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

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

The business meeting has been changed to Sunday, February 12, 2017, following morning services.

February 2017

- 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).

Marriage Seminar (no fee), February 10-11, 2017, at Abell Street Church of Christ, 501 Abell St, Wharton TX 77488, taught by Wayne & Tami Roberts:

Friday, February 10, 7 pm to 9 pm; Saturday, February 11, 9 am to 3 pm; Free childcare and lunch provided on Saturday.

A flyer with more information is on the bulletin board.

Our congregation received a letter from the Gatlinburg Church of Christ, thanking us for our donation after the disastrous fires in that area. The letter is posted on the bulletin board.

The ladies in the February food preparation group are: Laurie Maxcey, Bennie Sue Galindo, Betty Pridgen, and Meredith Williams. Please contact Kristin Alatrash if there are questions.

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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Wednesday Evening February 8	Wednesday Evening February 15
Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—G Adams

Morning Worship February 12	Morning Worship February 19
Opening Prayer Gary Adams	Opening Prayer Zack Williams
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Bob Williams	Presiding: Gheath Alatrash
Jacob Carriere Phil Godwin	Jimmy Terry Charlie Story
Derek Mauney Daniel Brown	Jake Satterwhite Tom Langford
Kevin Scarsdale Paul Hamilton	Chris Lindelof Bobby Parker
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Tracey Mauney Angela Parker	Lianne Biegay Appeal Byers
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Charlie Story, Blake Williams	*Lynn Adams, Matthew Fabian, N Scarsdale
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Maxcey	Maxcey
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Fabian
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Bobby Parker, Daniel Brown	Communion Jimmy Terry, James Maxcey
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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*James Maxcey
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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*