



The Pearland Harvester

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LORD OF SABBATH AND SALVATION

On one occasion, the Pharisees challenged Jesus regarding His disciples picking the heads of grain and rubbing them together to separate husk from seed so that they might eat on a Sabbath day. Their accusation was put in the form of a question; **“Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”** (Lk. 6:2). The answer that Jesus gave cited an example of David’s conduct when he was hungry (Lk. 6:3-4) and ended with His statement, **“The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath”** (Lk. 6:5).

His answer was offensive to them. On that same Sabbath day He entered a synagogue, and the Pharisees were **“watching Him closely to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him”** (Lk. 6:7). After seeing the hardness of their hearts, Jesus healed a man in their presence who had a withered hand with the result that the Pharisees **“were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus”** (Lk. 6:6-11).

These two events and the statements that Jesus made have caused many to wonder exactly what He meant when He said, **“The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”**

Not only was this a true statement in the sense that the pre-incarnate One did establish the Sabbath for man (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:10), it is a true statement in the sense that it pointed to their sin of imposing rules and interpretations for the Sabbath as if THEY were the lords of the Sabbath.

Their traditions listed 39 different acts that were forbidden on the Sabbath. Of those, 11 had to do with produce grown in the fields. (To see the list in its entirety, go to chabad.org and look up The 39 Melachot). These 39 forbidden acts are not found in

the Law of Moses concerning the Sabbath. But what is contained in the Law of Moses is a provision for eating while passing through a neighbor’s field (Deut. 23:24-25). The only restriction stated in the Law is that one could not harvest more than could be eaten at the time. Grapes could not be put in a vessel for later use, and grains could not be harvested with a sickle.



Neither Jesus nor His disciples had violated any part of the Law in what they did that day. Yet their accusers had taken great liberties with the Law and made things binding that the Law did not. They made life harder for those who had a heart for God. The Sabbath, given by God, was a display of His mercy and grace to man. The pharisaic traditions they enforced were a form of legalism that burdened and oppressed the righteous.

Society and the traditions of man-made religions often make life difficult for a person seeking to know God. Unnecessary and unobtainable hurdles discourage and drive people away. One of the great joys of the gospel is that it liberates and eases our burdens.

What Jesus promised the Jews of His generation is still His promise today (Mt. 11:28-30). Imagine the relief when people learn the simple plan of salvation. I’ve heard people say to me, “That’s it?” as they learn what it takes to become a Christian. You see, not only is He Lord of the Sabbath, He is Lord of our Salvation. People need to know the unencumbered truth.



Quite literally I wrote one the longest epistles in the New Testament, but my name is only mentioned one time. Who am I?

Answer to last week's question: The worthy woman of Proverbs 31. Ginny Lindelof gave the first correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, February 23, 2017:

- Thursday—Romans 5-6
- Friday—Genesis 8-11
- Saturday—Joshua 11-15
- Sunday—Psalms 6-8
- Monday—Job 5-6
- Tuesday—Isaiah 12-17
- Wednesday—Matthew 5-7

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—2-19-17	
Sunday AM	155
Sunday PM	61
Wednesday (2-15-17)	54
Contribution	\$4,502
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$35,486
YTD Budget	\$46,400

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Libby Clayton**, who passed away on February 14, 2017. Services were held in Pearland on February 17, 2017, with burial in Terrell TX on February 18, 2017.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Martin Walker**, who passed away recently. Services will be held this Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 3 PM at the Thomas Boulevard Church of Christ, 2948 Thomas Blvd, Port Arthur TX 77642.

Lianne Biegay's friend's baby boy, **Dakota**, was life flighted to the hospital due to seizures. Please pray for Dakota and his mother.

Connie Powell's sister, **Sharon Johns**, is doing much better. She can walk with a walker and is able to attend worship services.

Mickey Kennada, member of the Park Place Church of Christ, has been placed in hospice. The doctors have given him about a year to live. Mickey and his daughter, Kathleen, have visited Pearland in the past and know a number of our members. Please pray for Mickey and Kathleen.

Elaine King, Christi Hines's daughter, is having health issues with thyroid and blood cell counts.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, 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, Nelderine Johnson, Kaliya Kelly, Mickey & Kathleen Kennada, Elaine King, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, James Navarro's son, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trena 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), Dakota (baby boy of Lianne Biegay's friend).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

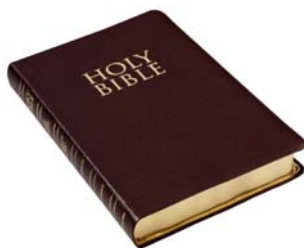
Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

February 2017

25 Top Golf, 21401 Gulf Fwy, Webster, TX 77598—All ages are welcome. We will meet at the location at 2:45 PM, so we can start at 3 PM. If you want to sign up, please call or text Zack Williams at 832-904-3965.

March 2017

- 1 Wednesday Night with the Master—6 PM—Annex. Menu is fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and rolls. If there are questions, please contact Jo Knight and Nina Layton. 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



The League City Church of Christ is holding a gospel meeting March 5-8, 2017. There is more information on our 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

- 27 Everett Brown
- 27 Gretchen Whitmire

March Birthdays

- 4 DC Brown
- 5 Christi Hines
- 6 Taylor Cuellar
- 12 Ashley Hundley
- 13 Bennie Sue Galindo
- 17 Pat Wagoner
- 19 Trudy Knight
- 19 Sandy Stone
- 22 Appeal Byers
- 29 Judy Indest
- 30 Candice Townzen
- 31 Heather Cook
- 31 Mary Holmberg

March Anniversaries

- 9 DC & Debbie Brown
- 14 Jeff & Gena Coe
- 16 Grayson & Candice Townzen
- 22 Greg & Linda Fabian
- 22 Gene & Stephanie Forster
- 22 Larry & Delores Truelove
- 31 Russell & Canova Genaro

Those to Serve

Pearland Church of Christ

...equipping the saints for the work
of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening February 22	Wednesday Evening March 1
Building Lock Up—G Fabian	Building Lock Up—C Lindelof WNWTM

Morning Worship February 26	Morning Worship March 5
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Daniel Brown	Presiding: James Maxcey
Bob Williams Phil Godwin	Tom Langford Matthew Fabian
Blake Williams Derek Mauney	Jake Satterwhite Nathan Scarsdale
Gary Adams Grayson Townzen	Gheath Alatrash Jimmy Terry
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Molly Godwin Nina Layton	Laurie Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Paul Hamilton, Charlie Story	*Zack Williams, Lynn Adams, Bobby Parker
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Maxcey	Mauney
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Zack Williams, Derek Mauney	Communion James Maxcey, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale

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*