



The Pearland Harvester

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

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WHEN SINNERS ENTICE

In the opening statements of his book of wisdom for young people, Solomon gives instruction and compares two sources of influence. These are found in Proverbs 1:8-19.

and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Mt. 7:14). But the counsel of the sinner is an appeal to be uninhibited by ignoring instruction and teaching. Jesus also said, "for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it" (Mt. 7:13b).



The first instruction is an admonition to hear and not forsake the influence of godly parents. **Hear, my son, your father's instruction And do not forsake your mother's teaching; Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head And ornaments about your neck** (Prov. 1:8-9). Honor and admiration are among the benefits that will accompany that son or daughter for the rest of his or her life. The teaching of these two verses is so clearly understood, and the benefits so obvious, that the message needs no additional explanation.

The second instruction is a warning to know an evil influence when subjected to it and to not give in. Solomon will devote 10 verses to describing what they say, what they want to do, and the ruin they will bring upon a person (young or old). Solomon begins this section with a bold warning: **My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent** (Prov. 1:10).

Implied is the fact that such people can be recognized for who they are. But how would a young person, still innocent in the ways of the world, know who the sinners are? Not because of instinct or inherent knowledge, but because they have heard their father's instruction and their mother's teaching and recognize that the counsel of the sinner is fundamentally different. Therefore, Paul instructs fathers to **"bring them [children] up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"** (Eph. 6:4).

Notice that Solomon uses the word "entice." My Hebrew-Aramaic dictionary says, "The primary root word for this meant 'to be spacious, wide, or open—enlarge.'" Notice the contrast between instruct and entice. The wise instruction of godly parents is restrictive and narrow. Isn't that a similar concept to what Jesus said regarding our pathways in life? **"For the gate is small**

Again, consulting my Hebrew-Aramaic dictionary reveals several synonyms that are found in the Old Testament for *entice* which include: *allure*, *deceive*, *persuade*, and *seduce*. Solomon describes their methods of enticement. They will use violence and oppression; even shedding innocent blood seems like an exciting and fun thing to do (Prov. 1:11-12). They promise a fast road to riches, and they assure their victim that he will be sharing in all that they steal (13-14).

Solomon warns, **"My son, do not walk in the way with them. Keep your feet from their path, For their feet run to evil And they hasten to shed blood"** (15-16). You cannot walk with them without becoming one of them! You can't be their pal and tell yourself you won't become like them—you will!

Their enticement is in their words of freedom, independence, excitement, and a fast buck. With such promises they persuade and seduce. But what's behind the curtain? What are they not telling, and what is it that they don't even know? They don't know that they lay a trap for themselves. They don't know that they lack the common sense of a bird who won't fly into a trap or snare that it watches being constructed. They (the sinners) lay their own trap to ensnare themselves, and they don't realize it. Put another way, they don't even have a "bird brain." In the end, they take their own lives by their choices (17-19).

My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent is still good and necessary advice for all!



I am the seventh of seven. I am not good. A king once gave a warning about me. Who am I?

Answer to last week's question: Ishmael and Isaac. God chose both names and revealed Ishmael's name first to Hagar (Gen. 16:11) even though Abraham named him (Gen. 16:15). God revealed Isaac's name first to Abraham (Gen. 17:19). No one submitted the correct answer.

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

- Thursday—Romans 9-10
- Friday—Genesis 16-19
- Saturday—Joshua 21-24
- Sunday—Psalms 12-14
- Monday—Job 9-10
- Tuesday—Isaiah 23-28
- Wednesday—Matthew 11-13

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—3-5-17	
Sunday AM	147
Sunday PM	61
Wednesday (3-1-17)	46
Contribution	\$5,749
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$45,057
YTD Budget	\$58,000

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our sister **Dawn Bell** suffered a ruptured aneurysm in the Annex parking lot last Sunday night, March 5. She had successful surgery at Memorial Hermann Medical Center on Monday to repair the aneurysm. She will be in the ICU in Jones Pavilion for several days. She is awake and can talk, but is in a tremendous amount of pain. No visitors are allowed at this time. The family thanks our congregation for the immediate medical assistance, other assistance, and prayers. There will be a long recuperation period, but Dawn is already showing great progress. The latest report is that she can stand with assistance, but no steps yet.

Matthew Fabian was in the hospital recently, but is feeling much better.

Adam Parker has had severe intestinal issues caused by antibiotics. Bobby and Angela are awaiting test results.

Mickey Kennada passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. His services will be this Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer at 11 a.m. Please pray for his daughter, Kathleen.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Debbie Brown, 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, Adam Parker, 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, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin, Celia 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

Kevin Scarsdale is our contact elder for **March**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see **Kevin**.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to sleep this Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 12, 2017.



Leah Bateman has a new email address: leahbateman72@gmail.com.

March 2017

- 11 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 22 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be the week of **May 1-5, 2017**. We need to collect the following:

Coffee (please check the expiration date)

Please bring your items by Sunday, April 30. Arms of Hope did not specify quantity, but let's have a generous donation.

The ladies in the March food preparation group are: Gretchen Whitmire, Lucille Adams, and Beverly Stewart. Please contact Kristin Alatrash if there are questions.

March Birthdays

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| 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

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| 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 | |

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

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