



The Pearland Harvester

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

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DON'T FORGET THE FEET

8). It was very much a SEND/GO commission that Isaiah received and to which he agreed. Eight centuries later, Jesus said to His disciples while they were in the district of Tyre and Sidon, **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"** (Mt. 15:24). Later, He would say to them, **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"** (Mk. 16:15). Like Isaiah, they too received a SEND/GO commission.

Within a few years of the establishment of the church in Jerusalem, the SEND/GO commission was clearly extending beyond the apostles (Acts 8:1-4). From that point and going forward, the focus of the book of Acts shifts from daily life in the Jerusalem church to the effects of those who accepted the SEND/GO commission.

The expansion of the kingdom and the numeric growth of the kingdom in the first century cannot be separated from the SEND/GO commission. It's a simple cause-and-effect phenomenon. Faithful brethren were sent, they agreed to go, and sinners all over the empire obeyed the gospel. It grew at the rate of foot speed! In the SEND/GO strategy, feet are vital. So long as Christians understood that, growth was unstoppable.

Today, there are many who no longer believe in the SEND/GO strategy of evangelism. It has been replaced by the Sit 'N' Wait plan. The Sit 'N' Wait plan is not at all a "do nothing" strategy. Often massive resources are consumed. It is more focused on being ready for those who, in reaching out on their own, find their way to the church buildings. It is a plan with the predictable results of minimal to no growth. **Simply put, we've forgotten about the feet!**

To the entire church family at Ephesus, Paul gave the exhortation, **"Stand firm, ... having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace"** (Eph. 6:14-15). In writing to the church at Rome, Paul reminded them that the prophecy of old was **"Whoever will call upon the**

name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13; cf. Joel 2:32). He then went on to explain God's strategy for empowering men to call upon the name of the Lord.



How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" Romans 10:14-15

Feet! They just keep coming up!

We try to understand the decline that some congregations are experiencing, especially when they are in locations of great opportunity. We reason that it is because America is in the "post-Christian" age and people are just not receptive anymore. We excuse it by saying things like, "we have an aging congregation," as if that absolves us from all responsibility. But rarely can one find a "young congregation." Older Christians have always been a part of the local church family, and yet there are plenty of growing congregations with aging saints in their pews. In fact, the greater percentage of evangelistic work is carried out by the over-40 crowd. And in plenty of places the church is still growing in "post-Christian" America. How are they bucking the trend? They have never replaced the SEND/GO strategy of evangelism with the Sit 'N' Wait plan.

Glenn Colley's article, "What Ever Happened to Personal Evangelism?" in the January 2017 issue of *The Spiritual Sword*, mentions the fact that he had just finished preaching a gospel meeting for a congregation in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. His summation of that congregation is, "East Main is a sound, thriving, growing church" (p. 12). In Murfreesboro? In December 2016? In a town of 117,000, where there are 20 congregations, there is still growth? Has no one explained to them that their tactics no longer work? I guess not. I guess they still subscribe to the SEND/GO strategy of evangelism. And it still works. Who knew?

TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

In an effort to obtain mercy for my household, I metaphorically acknowledged that I am a dog. It worked! Who am I?

Answer to last week's question: One who spreads strife among brothers (Prov. 6:19). No one submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, March 16, 2017:

Thursday—**Romans 11-12**

Friday—**Genesis 20-23**

Saturday—**Judges 1-6**

Sunday—**Psalms 15-17**

Monday—**Job 11-12**

Tuesday—**Isaiah 29-33**

Wednesday—**Matthew 14-16**

KEPT IN PRAYER

Dawn Bell is being transferred to Room 8 on the 3rd Floor of Jones Pavilion in Memorial Hermann Medical Center. Visiting hours are 7 AM to 9 PM.

Nina Layton is improving and is wearing a boot to help with a tendon problem in her foot.

Harold Moore is in Memorial Hermann Pearland. They are suspecting that he has an infection, but do not have any results at this time.

Adam Parker will be able to go home from Texas Children's today.

David Smith is back home at Trinity Oaks and would love to have visitors. The best time to visit is between 1 PM and 4 PM any day but Thursday. Short visits of 20 minutes or 30 minutes are requested.

Larry Truelove has not yet awakened from the surgery yesterday at the VA Hospital. The family does not have a prognosis.

Erica Matte Blair is now in a regular room at Memorial Hermann Southeast.

Jay Langley has throat cancer and other health issues. The doctors will decide this week how to remove the cancer. Please also pray for his son and daughter-in-law, Jason & Genny Langley. Genny is a friend of Lianne Biegay.

Wilma Parker's daughter, Linda, passed away recently. She was the second of Wilma's four children to pass away. Wilma's daughter, April, is currently on our prayer list and is terminally ill. Wilma is a friend of Becky Nicholson.

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 & Nina 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, Larry Truelove.

Others: Carol Addison, Leona Anderson, Catherine Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, 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, Jay Langley, Jason & Jenny Langley, 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, Wilma 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, 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**.

March 2017

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.

For the Record—3-12-17	
Sunday AM	129
Sunday PM	43
Wednesday (3-8-17)	48
Contribution	\$5,321
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$50,378
YTD Budget	\$63,800

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.

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

- 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

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Wednesday Evening March 15	Wednesday Evening March 22
Building Lock Up—G Adams	Building Lock Up—C Lindelof

Morning Worship March 19	Morning Worship March 26
Opening Prayer James Maxcey	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader TBD	Song Leader TBD
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Gheath Alatrash	Presiding: Bob Williams
Zack Williams Nathan Scarsdale	Daniel Brown Russell Genaro
Matthew Fabian Bobby Parker	Phil Godwin Tom Langford
Jacob Carriere Jimmy Terry	Blake Williams Paul Hamilton
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Molly Godwin Sarah White	Laurie Maxcey
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Lynn Adams, Tom Langford, Jake Satterwhite	*Clifford Layton, Grayson Townzen, James Maxcey
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Mauney	Mauney
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Bob Williams
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader TBD	Song Leader TBD
Communion Bobby Parker, Jimmy Terry	Communion Russell Genaro, J Maxcey
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*