



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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THE COMMONALITY OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

if these two things are unrelated in every way except that God requires them, but they actually have several things in common.

Both are Required.

Jesus pronounced a woe upon the inhabitants of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum because they had witnessed far greater things than the citizens of Tyre, Sidon, or Sodom. Jesus said those ancient peoples would have **repented** if they had seen what those three Galilean cities had seen (Mt. 11:21-24). When questioned about certain Galileans whose blood Pilate mixed with their sacrifices, Jesus said that anyone who would not **repent** would also perish (Lk. 13:3,5). On one occasion, Jesus spoke of the misery that a certain rich man was enduring in torment and how that rich man implored Abraham to send someone from the dead so that his five brothers would not share his fate. He was sure that, if that happened, they would **repent** (Lk. 16:30). Each of these passages emphasizes the essential nature of repentance.

Paul reminded the Christians of Galatia, and then later the brethren at Rome, that they were justified in God through their **faith** (Gal. 2:16; Rm. 5:1). The writer of Hebrews clearly states that without **faith** it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). To the Ephesians, Paul urged them to remember that before they accepted the gospel they were spiritually dead in their trespasses but are now saved by grace through **faith** (Eph. 2:8). Peter reminded his readers

that they would obtain, as the outcome of their **faith**, the salvation of their souls (1 Pt. 1:9).



Both Originate in the Kindness of God.

It is the kindness of God that leads us to **repentance** (Rm. 2:4), and **faith** only comes through hearing the words of Christ (Rom. 10:17).

BOTH are MATTERS of the HEART.

Peter told Simon to **repent** so that the intent of his heart might be forgiven (Acts 8:22). Saving **faith** comes from the heart (Rm. 10:9-10).

Both are Only Valid if Demonstrated.

Repentance has never been a mere intellectual acknowledgment of personal sin. John the Baptist was preaching a gospel of repentance (Mt. 3:1-2), and he demanded of those Pharisees and Sadducees who were coming to be baptized that they **"bear fruit in keeping with repentance"** (Mt. 3:8). James devotes almost an entire chapter to the bedrock truth that **faith is only evaluated by works and without those works it is dead** (James 2:17,18,20,22,24,26).

It is true that these facts are among the fundamental truths that everyone should know before accepting the gospel! And it is precisely because of their fundamental importance that Satan works constantly to cause us to forget about them. We need to have a heart of repentance at all times and a heart of faith that is manifested in our good works.

TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

If allowed, I will overtake. If you are on guard, I will not be able to overpower. I will trap you if I can, but you may escape. Who am I? *HINT: I am looking for a very specific answer that agrees with every statement.*

Answer to last week's question: A Canaanite woman from the district of Tyre and Sidon whose daughter was cruelly demon possessed (Mt. 15:21-28). Kevin Scarsdale gave the first correct answer.

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

- Thursday—Romans 13-14
- Friday—Genesis 24-27
- Saturday—Judges 7-11
- Sunday—Psalms 18-20
- Monday—Job 13-14
- Tuesday—Isaiah 34-39
- Wednesday—Matthew 17-19

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

For the Record—3-19-17	
Sunday AM	130
Sunday PM	38
Wednesday (3-15-17)	33
Contribution	\$3,504
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$53,882
YTD Budget	\$69,600

KEPT IN PRAYER

Dawn Bell is now in TIRR, Room 601A, 1333 Moursund St, Houston TX 77030. Visiting hours are 9 AM—9 PM. You can park on their campus or in Garage #6.

Harold Moore is home and feeling a little better. **Alice** was not feeling well last weekend.

Becky Nicholson is waiting for more test results.

Adam Parker was able to be with us last Sunday at worship services, but he still needs our prayers for his health.

Erica Matte Blair is home and will be on oxygen for a while.

Judy Dame, Linda Sherrill's sister, is in the hospital with complications from medications. Her family has asked for prayers for her.

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, Becky Nicholson, 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, Judy Dame, 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, 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, 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. Gary Adams will be our contact elder for **April**.

April 2017

- 3 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—TBD. Lianne Biegay, Jo Knight, and Nina Layton are the hostesses.
- 5 Wednesday Night with the Master—6 PM—Annex. Service areas begin at 7 PM. Elders are in charge of the menu.
- 8 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 12 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 26 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 30 Friends & Family Day



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.

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.

March Birthdays

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| 22 Appeal Byers | 29 Judy Indest |
| 30 Candice Townzen | 31 Heather Cook |
| 31 Mary Holmberg | |

April Birthdays

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| 2 Morgan Cuellar | 2 Derek Mauney |
| 3 Wendell Romain | 3 Dianne Westmoreland |
| 7 Jack Chisum | 7 Elaine Genaro |
| 7 Blake Williams | 13 Shawn Cravens |
| 13 Tracey Mauney | 14 Jean Coe |
| 16 Brenton Cook | 19 Michael Terry |
| 23 Charlie Story | 25 Lacey Gartrell |
| 28 Lucille Adams | 30 Angela Terry |

March Anniversaries

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| 22 Greg & Linda Fabian | 22 Gene & Stephanie Forster |
| 22 Larry & Delores Truelove | 31 Russell & Canova Genaro |

April Anniversaries

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| 7 John & Lacey Gartrell | 9 Orlando & Amy Cuellar |
| 18 Don & Connie Powell | 25 Josh & Ashley Hundley |

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Wednesday Evening March 22	Wednesday Evening March 29
Building Lock Up—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up—Bob Williams

Morning Worship March 26	Morning Worship April 2
Opening Prayer James Maxcey	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader TBD	Song Leader TBD
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Bob Williams	Presiding: James Maxcey
Daniel Brown Russell Genaro	Jacob Carriere Derek Mauney
Phil Godwin Tom Langford	Charlie Story Jake Satterwhite
Blake Williams Paul Hamilton	Josh Hundley Zack Williams
Announcements Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements Gary Adams
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey	Lianne Biegay Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Grayson Townzen, M Fabian	*Lynn Adams, Jimmy Terry, N Scarsdale
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Mauney	Riggs, Whitmire
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Bob Williams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader TBD	Song Leader TBD
Communion Russell Genaro, Bob Williams	Communion Derek Mauney, Jimmy Terry
Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Gary Adams

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

Worship Times:

Sunday

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

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm