



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

BY JOHN WADDEY

nothing is absolutely right or wrong. Rather, they believe that so long as a person is sincere in his actions and beliefs it really does not matter what they may be. To such deluded souls there is no divinely given standard of right and wrong to which we are amenable and by which we will be judged. Sadly, we see this false view reflected in the behavior of some of our brethren.

* Jesus said He would build His church (Matt. 16:18), yet some of our change agents are heard saying Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone founded the Church of Christ. Does it really matter?

* Paul tells us that Jesus is head over all things to the church (Eph. 1:22) and that God has given Him all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18), yet some of the promoters of change act as though they have the authority to make fundamental changes to the church to meet modern needs. Does it really matter?

* The Holy Spirit guided Paul in writing that women should keep silent in the church (1 Cor. 14:33-34) and that they are forbidden to have authority over the men (1 Tim. 2:11-12). Yet agents of change are saying that women can fill those leadership roles in the church. Does it even matter?

* The Bible clearly states that when we are baptized our sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). Some spokesmen for the change agenda argue that sinners are saved by grace through faith and baptized only to show they have already been saved. Does it matter that they take this different view?

* Jesus made it clear that He expects his disciples to be one, as He and the Father are one (John 17:20-21).

But our progressive brothers see nothing wrong with there being many different kinds of denominations. They accept them as God's children. They even say that the Church of Christ is nothing more than a denomination. Is this important? Does it matter?

* The Apostle Paul clearly states that God has given us a "pattern of sound words" (2 Tim. 1:13), but our change agents insist there is no pattern that we should follow. Does such a contradiction actually matter?

* On numerous occasions the apostles refer to the New Testament as the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2, etc.). Yet promoters of the change agenda insist that it is not a law of Christ, but more like a love letter from our parents. Does such teaching really matter?

Does this kind of teaching that ignores, challenges, and denies the plain teaching of Christ and His chosen apostles really matter? You bet it does! The words of Christ will judge us in the last day (John 12:48). Any man who goes beyond the teaching of Christ has neither the Father nor the Son (2 John 9-11). Christ is the savior of all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9). Our eternal destiny hinges on our submission to Christ and our obedience to the Father's expressed will (Matt. 7:21). The difference is the blessing of God or His wrath— eternal life or eternal punishment.

With every man who has embraced this program of change or is considering it, I plead, don't make the same mistake that Achan made (Joshua 7:20-21). The big churches, the adoring crowds, the attention it brings, and the boldness of those who have dared to do what God has forbidden are attractive to an immature, carnal heart. But it is a deadly mistake with eternal consequences. If you have confessed Christ as Lord (Rom.10:9), let that be reflected in your obedience to Him and His will in all things pertaining to life and godliness. The church, as she was designed by Christ, is perfectly adequate for our day and age.

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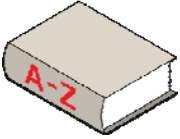
What was the name of the Bible character who was an engineer and a butler to a king?

Answer to last week's question: wisdom, understanding, and knowledge (Prov. 24:3-4). No one submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, May 4, 2017:

- Thursday—1 Corinthians 9-10
- Friday—Genesis 48-50
- Saturday—1 Samuel 11-15
- Sunday—Psalms 36-38
- Monday—Job 25-26
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 1-6
- Wednesday—Mark 5-6

For the Record—4-30-17	
Sunday AM	167
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday (4-26-17)	51
Contribution	\$3,305
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$79,734
YTD Budget	\$104,400



It's time for a new Pocket Directory! Please review the sheets on the bulletin board and make necessary changes by May 7, 2017. Thanks.

The ladies in the May food preparation group are: Heather Brown, Judy Indest, and Ginny Lindelof. Please contact Kristin Alatrash if there are questions.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Sharon Johns**, who passed away last Sunday night. Sharon was Connie Powell's sister.

Jim Alford is doing well after his third surgery. The doctors are pleased with his progress.

Linda Bynum has been diagnosed with breast cancer, but will not require surgery.

Everett Sanderson, Jerri Farmer's nephew, is at home and doing very well. The family is very grateful for the prayers.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, 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. **Others:** Carol Addison, Jim Alford, Leona Anderson, Catherine & Cecilia Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Linda Bynum, 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, Carol Hasten, 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, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trena Russell, Sandra Brown Ryan, Everett Sanderson, 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

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

May 2017

- 3 Wednesday Night With The Master—Meal will be served at 6 PM in the Annex. Menu is pizza and salad. Please bring your favorite dessert. Areas of service begin at 7 PM.
- 4 The Scarsdales' group will be meeting at 7 PM in their home.
- 10 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 13 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 13 Bob Williams' group will meet at 7 PM at his house, 2119 Fortuna Bella Dr, Pearland TX 77581.
- 21 Senior Sunday—We will honor Logan Lindelof, our graduating high school senior. DC Brown will preach at our morning service, and Paul Cartwright will lead singing and present the program. There will be a potluck lunch and celebration for Logan in the Annex following morning services.
- 24 Ladies' Bible Class (potluck lunch)—10 AM—Annex

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.

May Birthdays

4 Josh Hundley	5 Char Bagwell
7 Peggy Story	8 Heather Brown
9 Jean Adams	9 Janice Pearson
10 Vivienne Evans	11 Irma Hawkins
12 Kaya Lindelof	13 Jeremy Cook
14 Daniel Brown	18 Audrey Nelson
19 Adam Parker	20 Fran Barnhill
20 David Blair	23 Audrey Townzen
26 Gena Coe	31 Atticus Brown
31 Zack Williams	

May Anniversaries

5 Chris & Ginny Lindelof	9 Zack & Meredith Williams
14 Gary & Jean Adams	17 Derek & Tracey Mauney
18 Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	

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Wednesday Evening May 3	Wednesday Evening May 10
Building Lock Up—Bob Williams <i>WNWTM</i>	Building Lock Up—Gary Adams

Morning Worship May 7	Morning Worship May 14
Opening Prayer Daniel Brown	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<i>Presiding:</i> James Maxcey	<i>Presiding:</i> Daniel Brown
Tom Langford Phil Godwin	Phil Godwin Blake Williams
Bobby Parker Gheath Alatrash	Derek Mauney Wendell Romain
Nathan Scarsdale Jimmy Terry	Jake Satterwhite Josh Hundley
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Sarah White Lianne Biegay	Tracey Mauney Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Zack Williams, Grayson Townzen	*Lynn Adams, Jacob Carriere, Paul Hamilton
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Bob & Mitzi Williams	Bob & Mitzi Williams
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Gary Adams	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—C Lindelof
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Bobby Parker, Jimmy Terry	Communion Blake Williams, W Romain
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

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

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