



# The Pearland Harvester

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## TRY CHRISTIANITY. IT'S THE REAL THING! BY JOHN WADDEY

undenominational Christianity. It is the real thing.

We have a real Savior...Jesus of Nazareth. Not a myth nor a legend, not a misguided dreamer, not just a good man or a wise teacher. We have Jesus the Son of God, born of Mary while she was yet a virgin (Luke 1:26-35). He was born in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of Herod the Great, while Augustus Caesar ruled Rome and Quirinius was governor of the province of Syria (Matt. 2:1; Luke 2:1-2). The year would have been 4 B.C., for later in that year Herod the Great died.

Jesus was raised in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth. He learned His stepfather's trade (Mark 6:3). At age 30 Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River (Matt. 3:5, 13-16).

The following 3 1/2 years Jesus spent as an itinerant preacher among the Jews of Palestine. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). He taught in their synagogues, "...preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 4:23). He showed Himself to be approved by God...by His mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by Him in the midst of the people (Acts 2:22).

Resenting His great popularity, the religious leaders of the Jews plotted to have Him arrested and delivered up to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate (Matt. 27:18). They falsely accused Him of many evil deeds: "perverting our nation, forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying that He Himself is Christ a king" (Luke 23:2). False witnesses were suborned to testify against Him. He was tried before four different courts. His fellow Jews pronounced Him guilty and worthy of death. Pilate and Herod both found no crime in Him (Luke 23:1-14). Intimidated by the angry mob and the threats of the Jewish leaders who implied that an innocent verdict would be a failure to honor Caesar (John 19:12), Pilate allowed them to murder a man who had done no wrong.

This innocent man was beaten and then crucified between two thieves. This they did to heap more insult and abuse on Jesus, implying He was a common criminal (Luke 23:33). After hours of suffering and verbal abuse by the bloodthirsty crowd, He surrendered His spirit to God (Luke 23:46). He was buried by His mother and friends in a tomb belonging to one Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man who had longed for the coming of Messiah (Luke 23:50-51). At the insistence of the Jewish leaders the tomb was sealed with a Roman guard to see that no one disturbed it (Matt. 27:62-66).

On the third day, which was a Sunday, the tomb was found empty. The stone was rolled back and the Savior's body was missing. This struck fear in the hearts of those responsible for His death. They remembered His talk about being raised from the dead. Thus they paid the Roman guards a large amount of money to spread the report that His disciples had stolen the body (Matt. 28:11-15). The resurrected Jesus appeared to His apostles on several occasions. They saw Him, they touched Him, they ate with Him, they heard Him. In all, above five hundred people saw Him (1 Cor. 15:6). After 40 days among them He gathered the apostles on the Mount of Olives and gave them their commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). Then before their eyes, He ascended into heaven from whence He had come. Angels were there to console the apostles and remind them He would one day return (Acts 1:8-11).

Today His kingdom has spread around the world. Millions have embraced Jesus as their Lord and lived and died for Him (Acts 2:38-42). You have the wonderful privilege to become His disciple and enter His heavenly kingdom, which is His church (Matt. 16:18).

Jesus will one day return to raise the dead (John 5:28-29). Our material world will be consumed by fire (2 Pet. 3:10). He will judge all of humanity (Acts. 17:30-31), assigning a home in heaven to the saved and eternal punishment in hell for those who refused His offer of salvation.

My friends, this is the real thing. Please don't allow it to slip by you. The consequences of that would be disastrous for you.



From what tribe of Israel did the Apostle Paul come?

Answer to last week's question: As a sign to Hezekiah (Isa 38:7-8). No one submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, May 25, 2017:

- Thursday—1 Corinthians 15-16
- Friday—Exodus 9-12
- Saturday—1 Samuel 26-31
- Sunday—Psalms 45-47
- Monday—Job 31-32
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 17-21
- Wednesday—Mark 11-12

For the Record—5-21-17	
Sunday AM	181
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday (5-17-17)	30
Contribution	\$4,101
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$90,940
YTD Budget	\$121,800

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

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.

**KEPT IN PRAYER**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Shannon Brown**, who passed away recently. Shannon was the granddaughter of Joe and Irma Hawkins.

**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, Trenna Russell, Sandra Brown Ryan, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Shirley Scarsdale, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, 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. Kevin Scarsdale is the contact elder for **June**.

**May 2017**

- 25 Gary Adams' group (Group 4) will meet at 7 PM at his house, 2965 Winter Berry Ct, Pearland TX 77581.
- 28 Bob Williams will meet with all of the teachers for 2-yr.-old through 6th grade after morning services.

**June 2017**

- 6 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Big Humphrey's. Becky Hopkins, Jo Knight, and Sarah Romain are the hostesses. Please RSVP to one of the hostesses so they can get an accurate headcount. Please note that June 6 is a Tuesday.
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 18-21 Vacation Bible School

**May Birthdays**

- 26 Gena Coe                      31 Atticus Brown  
31 Zack Williams

**June Birthdays**

- 2 Don Powell                      4 Alice Moore  
4 Betty Pridgen                  7 Kevin Scarsdale  
11 Lucy Gartrell                  11 Charlyne Harper  
11 Barbara Shock                  12 Phil Godwin  
15 Linda Sherrill                  16 Dallas Maxcey  
18 Dwight Bateman              18 John Gartrell  
20 Jeremy Brown                  21 Chris Lindelof  
23 Debbie Brown                  23 June Evans  
25 Stephanie Forster              28 Ben Lenamon

**June Anniversaries**

- 1 Charlie & Peggy Story              11 Jimmy & Angela Terry  
20 Wendell & Sarah Romain

# Those to Serve

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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<b>Wednesday Evening May 24</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening May 31</b>
Building Lock Up—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale

Morning Worship May 28	Morning Worship June 4
Opening Prayer James Maxcey	Opening Prayer Bob Williams
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding:</b> Kevin Scarsdale	<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof
Phil Godwin Jimmy Terry	Wendell Romain Josh Hundley
Nathan Scarsdale Gheath Alatrash	Jake Satterwhite Zack Williams
Grayson Townzen Russell Genaro	Blake Williams Charlie Story
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Laurie Maxcey Angela Parker	Appeal Byers Sarah White
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Tom Langford, Bobby Parker	*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	Riggs, Whitmire
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Gary Adams
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion Jimmy Terry, N Scarsdale	Communion Wendell Romain, Z Williams
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale

### Worship Times:

#### *Sunday*

Bible Study .....9 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*