



# The Pearland Harvester

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

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## WHAT MAKES A STRONG CHURCH? BY JOHN WADDEY

\*Not wealth. It is not the possession of wealth but the use of wealth that makes a congregation strong and productive for Christ. A congregation may spend all of its wealth on itself and do little for the cause of Christ.

\*Not an acclaimed preacher. A man may attract a lot of attention to himself and not glorify God. He may entertain and please multitudes but not preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27).

\*Not high social standing. Paul reminds us that not many mighty or noble are called into the Lord's kingdom (1 Cor. 1:26). All, be they great or small, are welcomed in God's church; but a poor church of ordinary people can be a strong church in the sight of the Master.

Among the ingredients that make a strong church are the following:

\*Members who love God and Christ supremely (Matt. 22:37).

\*Teaching that exalts Christ and His message (1 Cor. 2:2).

\*Loving fellowship between the members. He wants us to be fervent in our love among ourselves (1 Pet. 4:8).

\*People who are happy to live, worship, and serve according to God's word. With David they sing, "Oh how I love Thy law" (Ps. 119:97).

\*People whose manner of life reflects the influence of Christ in them. They live sober, righteous, and godly lives (Titus 2:12) which causes those about them to glorify God (Matt. 5:16).

\*People whose hearts are filled with compassion for the poor and suffering of humanity (James 1:27). Not only do they love God, they love their neighbor as themselves (Matt. 22:39).

\*People whose hearts are touched by the plight of those who are lost in sin and are thus willing to make every effort to get the saving message of Christ to them. They take the Great Commission seriously (Mark 16:15).

\*Elders and preachers who lead them in paths of righteousness and watch for their souls (Heb. 13:17).

A church blessed with these ingredients will be strong and productive for Christ be their numbers many or few, be they rich or poor, We must never forget that God does not see and value things as man does (Is. 55:8-9). Rather than striving for greatness and success in the eyes of men, faithful Christians will desire to please God above all others. It matters not whether men recognize and applaud our efforts. We are content with the fond hope that our Savior is pleased and our reward will be to live with Him in eternity.

My sincerest thanks to Pearland Church of Christ for the kindness, love, support, and assistance you provided during my immobility. Individuals like you are few and far between. I feel closer to my church community than ever before. My life was changed on March 5. It is very clear to me that were it not for the angels I am listing below, I may not be here on this earth to celebrate you. I continue to give God all the praise and the glory that each one of you was there with me—that in an instant our lives were changed and we are now closer than before.

I warmly appreciated the generous gifts of monetary contributions, medical equipment, fruit and goodie baskets, enormous outpouring of cards, and the many visits.

Those listed below, I want to acknowledge warmly....

Sister Elaine Genaro, thank you for the beautiful cards you sent weekly. My daughters read them out loud to me when I could not.

For those prayer warriors who prayed over me and continue to do so.

For those who acted promptly and without hesitation....

Sister Brenda Riggs, thank you for your quick response and calling for assistance.

Brother DC Brown, for calling emergency assistance 911.

Brother Zack Williams, for directing traffic so that EMS would arrive at the right spot.

Brother Derek Mauney, for updating those concerned inside the Annex.

My angels, whom I know God guided as they proceeded to provide emergency response on me....

Sister Tracey Mauney, for monitoring my pulse.

Sister Maresha Scarsdale, for chest compression.

Sister Molly Godwin, for mouth-to-mouth.

What I want to express to you is my gratefulness for your quick response to save a life—MY LIFE—and that God gave you the strength, the knowledge, and the guidance to put your skills into action. I know He was there with us all and never left me. That, in itself, brings tears of joy.

I do not know where I would be without your help and support. God had His plan for my life, and all of you were a part of it that day. You have given me a newfound life, friendships, blessings, and community. Thank the Lord, for all that we have is given from above. Please continue to pray for me as I progress in my recovery.

Dawn Bell

#### KEPT IN PRAYER

**Shirley Wheeler**, Maresha Scarsdale's mother, is in a Tulsa hospital with pneumonia complications. She is receiving IV fluids and medication. Maresha is flying to Tulsa to be with her mother.

#### Continuing Need:

**Our Members:** Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, 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, Debbie Brown, 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, 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**

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

*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
- 29 Gary Adams’ Group 4 will meet at 7 PM in his home. Sandwiches will be provided.

The ladies in the June food preparation group are: Maresha Scarsdale, Sarah Brown, and Connie Powell. 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.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, June 1, 2017:

- Thursday—2 Corinthians 1-3
- Friday—Exodus 13-16
- Saturday—2 Samuel 1-4
- Sunday—Psalms 48-50
- Monday—Job 33-34
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 22-26
- Wednesday—Mark 13-14

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 18-21, 2017  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



*LEARNING THE PARABLES OF JESUS*  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

**JABBERWACKY 2017**

DATE	CONGREGATION
Jun 12	Westside (Alvin)
Jun 19	Lake Houston
Jun 26	Lake Jackson
Jul 10	Graeber Road
Jul 17	Katy
Jul 24	Woodland Oaks
Jul 31	Angleton



Who only cut his hair once a year?  
Answer to last week’s question: Benjamin (Philippians 3:5). James Maxcey gave the first correct answer.

For the Record—5-28-17	
Sunday AM	121
Sunday PM	34
Wednesday (5-24-17)	37
Contribution	\$3,914
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$94,854
YTD Budget	\$127,600

**May Birthdays**

- 31 Atticus Brown
- 31 Zack Williams

**June Birthdays**

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

**June Anniversaries**

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

## Those to Serve

## *Pearland Church of Christ*

...equipping the saints for the work  
of service, building up the body of Christ...

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<b>Wednesday Evening May 31</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening June 7</b>
Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Gary Adams

Morning Worship June 4		Morning Worship June 11	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<b>Presiding:</b> Chris Lindelof		<b>Presiding:</b> Bobby Parker	
Wendell Romain	Josh Hundley	James Maxcey	Phil Godwin
Jake Satterwhite	Grayson Townzen	Tom Langford	Gheath Alatrash
Blake Williams	Charlie Story	Daniel Brown	Derek Mauney
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Appeal Byers	Sarah White	Molly Godwin	Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Lynn Adams, Jacob Carriere, Paul Hamilton		*Clifford Layton, N Scarsdale, Jimmy Terry	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Riggs, Whitmire		Riggs, Whitmire	
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	Wendell Romain, Z Williams	Communion	Daniel Brown, Jimmy Terry
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	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*