



The Pearland Harvester

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

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the other hand, can wreck and ruin our lives and even lead us into slavery.

There are three kinds of knowledge. There is what we might describe as scientific knowledge. Those who are the pioneer seekers in this realm of knowledge are like miners digging in the bowels of the earth for precious metals or stones. They search the vast reaches of nature, and bit by bit they accumulate enough information to draw a conclusion about a certain subject. Or, at least, they can formulate a theory about it. The quantity of this scientific knowledge seems to be endless and multiplies daily. The limitations of the human mind and the brevity of man's life mean that we will never learn everything about this cosmos of which we are a part. Yesterday's theories, which all assumed to be true, are often cast aside as new information is uncovered. So in many sectors of scientific knowledge that which is known is tentative and subject to amendment or maybe even rejection if new information discredits it.

There is philosophic knowledge. From earliest times there have been men who have wrestled with the issues of life and recorded for their students and posterity their understanding of the meaning of life, ethics, morals, etc. Schools of philosophy come and go like the seasons. The rage of one generation of scholars is only an item in a history book in the next. All philosophic knowledge is speculative, tentative, and adaptable. While there may be scraps of truth scattered here and there in their speculations, on the whole they reflect the limited wisdom of sinful men.

There is knowledge that has been revealed to us by the Creator of man and the universe. This truth is recorded in the ancient document that we call our Bible. Although our understanding of God's revealed truth is constantly growing, that truth itself is absolute and unchanging in nature.

Because of the nature of God, that which He tells us must be absolute and perfect in content. "Jehovah our God is holy" (Ps. 99:9). "God is not a man, that He should lie" (Num. 23:19). "The ordinances of Jehovah are true and

ABSOLUTE TRUTH

BY JOHN WADDEY

righteous altogether" (Ps. 19:9). "I, Jehovah, change not" (Mal. 3:6). God's revelation has no imperfections. It is altogether pure. It will not stand additions or subtractions (Prov. 30:6). It is perfect as it stands and must be taken as a whole. Being from the Creator and Ruler of the universe, it recognizes no limits, restrictions, or qualifications placed on it by sinful men. Being the product of the omniscient God, in all it says it is certain, absolute, positive, and authoritative. Learning and following God's truth makes us free from sin, ignorance, error, and superstition (John 8:32).

The truths revealed in the Bible are absolute.

- * "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). You are not an exception!
- * "Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto God" (Heb. 11:6). There are no exceptions to this truth.
- * "Except ye believe that I (Jesus) am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). There are no options regarding faith in Christ.
- * "Neither is there any other name under heaven (than Jesus), that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
- * "The word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). No other standard will be accepted!
- * "Except one be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). Either you will be born again or you will miss heaven! This is absolute truth!
- * "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). This is an appointment you will not miss!
- * "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). This is absolutely true!
- * "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). This, too, is an absolute statement of truth.

We could go on for pages, but my point is made. While the words of men will often fail the test of truth, the word of God is true and righteous altogether (Ps.19:9). It is absolutely true and can be counted on in every situation of life.



How long did it take to build the walls around the city that would become Christ's "city of betrayal"?

Answer to last week's question: Absalom (2 Samuel 14:25-26). Haley Biegay gave the first correct answer. Congratulations, Haley!

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, June 8, 2017:

- Thursday—2 Corinthians 4-5
- Friday—Exodus 17-20
- Saturday—2 Samuel 5-9
- Sunday—Psalms 51-53
- Monday—Job 35-36
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 27-31
- Wednesday—Mark 15-16

For the Record—6-4-17	
Sunday AM	130
Sunday PM	24
Wednesday (5-31-17)	39
Contribution	\$4,799
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$99,638
YTD Budget	\$133,400

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

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, Shirley Wheeler, 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

- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 13 Chris Lindelof's group will meet at 7 PM in his home. After class, the group will enjoy Ginny's homemade pizza. Anyone wanting to send a card to Annette or Terri Bumpers should bring it to Chris to mail.
- 29 Gary Adams' Group 4 will meet at 7 PM in his home. Sandwiches will be provided.

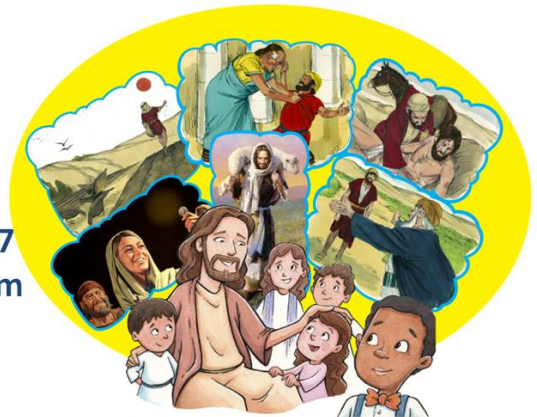
The ladies in the June food preparation group are: Maresha Scarsdale, Sarah Brown, and Connie Powell. Please contact Kristin Alatrash if there are questions.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 18-21, 2017
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**



LEARNING THE PARABLES OF JESUS

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

June Birthdays

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 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

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

Those to Serve

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

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Wednesday Evening June 7	Wednesday Evening June 14
Building Lock Up—Gary Adams	Building Lock Up—C Lindelof

Morning Worship June 11		Morning Worship June 18	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	Zack Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Bobby Parker		Presiding: Daniel Brown	
James Maxcey	Phil Godwin	Josh Hundley	Jake Satterwhite
Tom Langford	Gheath Alatrash	Russell Genaro	Grayson Townzen
Daniel Brown	Derek Mauney	Wendell Romain	Jacob Carriere
Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Molly Godwin	Lianne Biegay	Tracey Mauney	Candice Townzen
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, N Scarsdale, Jimmy Terry		*Charlie Story, Lynn Adams, Paul Hamilton	
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—C Lindelof		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	Daniel Brown, Jimmy Terry	Communion	Wendell Romain, Z Williams
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

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