



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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THE BATTLE IS NOT LOST

BY JOHN WADDEY

Christ here in America is finished. Some folks are genetically pessimistic. They live under a dark cloud and think and drink despair. I, for one, do not share their dreary, hopeless view.

The Lord's church does not consist of a few large, wealthy churches in the big cities of America. She has some 10,000 colonies meeting here in America, and twice as many abroad. It is true that some 300 or so of her more prosperous assemblies have abandoned the sacred way ordained by Christ, but they surely don't represent the whole.

It is true that some of her people, who are in the education business, have traded their commitment to the ancient code of Christ for the heady brew of liberalism and postmodernism. Like silly adolescents, they are in rebellion to the Father's will. But universities and colleges are not the church. She existed before they were born, and will continue to exist without them.

Yes, some of her members are enamored with worldly greatness. They want recognition, power, and influence like they see in the great megachurches of their religious neighbors. So intoxicating is the thought of having thousands sitting at their feet that they gladly compromise any and all of the Master's rules to achieve that goal. But the Savior's church is more than a handful of megachurches with their Hollywood-type preachers.

The church is the physical expression of a divine concept. She is the reign of Christ in the hearts of men (Matt. 6:10). The church existed first in the mind of God (Eph. 3:9-11) long before she was purchased by the death of her founder (Acts 20:28). Her existence

and survival do not depend on any one crop of her members, nor on property, papers, schools, or charitable organizations. The regenerative power of the church is in the word of God, which is the seed of the kingdom of heaven (Luke 8:11). If one generation of Christians fail, the seed still contains the life of the church and can carry it to the next generation. The survival of the church does not depend on one nation or race of Christians. If all of us in America fail, the church is not finished. People in Asia, Africa, and South America are pressing into the kingdom, storming her gates, seeking entrance. She will live on and flourish in their less secular societies.

If preachers succumb to the allurements of the world, the brothers and sisters of their congregations need not do so. It is often the case that humble disciples in the pew will continue to hold fast to the faith when their aspiring preacher turns his back on the primitive faith. Such has always been the case. If the bulk of our brethren grow weary of following Christ in the old gospel paths, you and I need not do so. True, there is a corporate aspect of Christianity, but there is also an individual aspect. Each one of us shall give an account of himself unto God (Rom. 14:12). As we often sing, "I am resolved to follow the Savior," so may we live. Others may turn their backs on our Master, but, "I'll never forsake my Lord."

I refuse to dilute, compromise, or adulterate my faith and my worship. I refuse to exchange the pearl of great price for an imitation crafted by man. I will not abandon the kingdom of heaven for one of earthly origins. I will not flee in the face of the enemy, but will be a good soldier of Christ (2 Tim. 2:3), fully prepared to fight the good fight of the faith (1 Tim. 6:12). If others fail, the Church of Christ will live in my heart and home; and I will labor to multiply her numbers and promote her cause so long as I have breath in my body.

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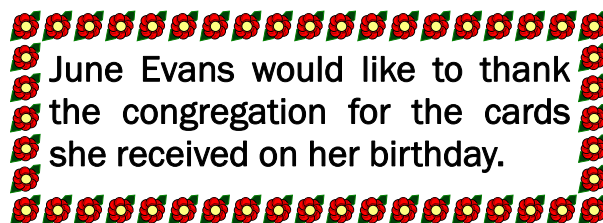
According to the Bible, what is the average lifespan of man?

Answer to last week's question: 13 (Joshua 6:3-4). James Maxcey was the first to submit the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, June 29, 2017:

- Thursday—2 Corinthians 11-13
- Friday— Exodus 29-32
- Saturday—2 Samuel 20-24
- Sunday—Psalms 60-62
- Monday—Job 41-42
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 42-46
- Wednesday—Luke 5-6

For the Record—6-25-17	
Sunday AM	125
Sunday PM	52
Wednesday (6-21-17)	N/C
Contribution	\$3,517
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$109,410
YTD Budget	\$150,800


 June Evans would like to thank the congregation for the cards she received on her birthday.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Adriana Romain, Wendell's mother, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Adriana and her family in your prayers.

Kaliya Kelly is in Houston Methodist Hospital (Medical Center) with lupus complications and has also been diagnosed with C. Diff. She will be moving to a rehabilitation facility in the near future. Please continue to pray for Kaliya and her family.

Please keep Brenda Riggs and Gretchen Whitmire in your prayers as they travel to The Bahamas for the Caribbean Lectureship, July 7-13.

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

Gary Adams is our contact elder for July. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.

June 2017

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

July 2017

8 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast - 8 AM - Kelley's

10 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Graeber Road Church of Christ. See Zack Williams for details on transportation.

10 Secret Sisters - 6:30 PM - Annex - Potluck. Laurie Maxcey & Jean Coe will provide the meat; everyone else bring sides.

17 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Katy

24 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Woodland Oaks

31 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Angleton



Charlotte Laine Williams was born Tuesday, June 20, at 11:41 PM. She weighed 7 lbs and 1 oz. and was 20 & 1/4 inches long. Everyone is doing great. Proud grandparents are Bob and Mitzi Williams.

June Birthdays

28 Ben Lenamon

July Birthdays

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| 3 Nina Layton | 6 Gabriel Alatrash |
| 6 Leon McHargh | 8 Connie Powell |
| 12 Trenton Hudman | 17 Amy Cuellar |
| 19 Logan Lindelof | 23 Sarah Brown |
| 24 Jayden Terry | 27 Jack Cherry |
| 27 Leah Gartrell | 30 Emily Townzen |
| 31 Kylee Fabian | 31 James Maxcey |

July Anniversaries

28 Jeremy & Heather Cook 31 Jack & Dorothy Cherry

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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Wednesday Evening June 28	Wednesday Evening July 5
Building Lock Up—Gary Adams	Building Lock Up—C Lindelof

Morning Worship July 2		Morning Worship July 9	
Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Opening Prayer	Zack Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Bobby Parker		Presiding: Bob Williams	
Russell Genaro	Kevin Scarsdale	Phil Godwin	Tom Langford
Chris Lindelof	Daniel Brown	James Maxcey	Bobby Parker
Jake Satterwhite	Josh Hundley	Blake Williams	Derek Mauney
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Molly Godwin	Lianne Biegay	Appeal Byers	Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Paul Hamilton, Lynn Adams, Jacob Carriere		*Clifford Layton, N Scarsdale, Jimmy Terry	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Townzen, Riggs		Townzen, TBD	
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, Russell Genaro	Communion	James Maxcey, Bobby Parker
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Gary Adams

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