



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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8:32). Lies and error, on 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 were all assumed to be true, are often cast aside as new information is uncovered. 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. They 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 righteous

ABSOLUTE TRUTH

BY JOHN WADDEY

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.



Adam saw how many generations of his descendants?

Answer to last week's question: "The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (Psalms 90:10 NKJV).

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, July 6, 2017:

- Thursday—Galatians 1-3
- Friday— Exodus 33-36
- Saturday—1 Kings 1-4
- Sunday—Psalms 63-65
- Monday—Proverbs 1
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 47-52
- Wednesday—Luke 7-8

For the Record—July 2, 2017	
Sunday AM	114
Sunday PM	41
Wednesday (6-28-17)	N/C
Contribution	\$5,076
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$114,486
YTD Budget	\$156,600

KEPT IN PRAYER

Paul Barnhill, brother-in-law to Fran Barnhill, broke his femur. Please pray for Paul as he recovers from this injury.

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

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

For the purpose of keeping information up-to-date, any names in our "Continuing Need" list that have been included in the bulletin for more than 30 days will be removed. To keep someone on the list, please contact Candice Townzen. These changes will be reflected in the upcoming bulletin. Thank you!

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.

July 2017 Events

- 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.
- 14 Bob Williams' Group #1 will meet at 7 PM in his home. Dessert will be provided.
- 17 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Katy
- 24 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Woodland Oaks
- 31 Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Angleton

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

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| 28 Jeremy & Heather Cook | 31 Jack & Dorothy Cherry |
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The ladies in the July food preparation group are Kristin Alatrash & Laurie Maxcey .

A Note from the Secretary



Hello everyone! My name is Candice Townzen and, as you may have heard, I am the new church secretary. My family moved here in 2015, and we have enjoyed getting to know the Pearland Church of Christ over the last two years. My husband, Grayson, is a teacher and coach at Manvel Junior High School. We have three children: Audrey (11), Emily (7) and Daniel (2). We feel very blessed to have found a congregation of dedicated Christians that we can call our church family, and I hope that all of you will feel comfortable coming to me with anything you may need.

For those who have not met me yet, I'd like to share a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in San Antonio, but moved several times after my father became a minister. I feel fortunate to have been a part of several churches of Christ all around Texas. I met my husband while attending school at Lubbock Christian University. After he graduated from Texas Tech, we moved to Jarrell, followed by Marble Falls before finally settling in Pearland.

I am currently working online toward my Bachelor's Degree in Medical and Health Services Management. I am also the leader of a local Girl Scout troop. Some of my hobbies include playing tennis, baking breads and cakes, reading, and sketching. I am looking forward to working with the congregation and getting to know everyone better. Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or e-mail, or stop by the church! My office hours are Monday through Friday from 9AM to 1PM, and my contact information is below:

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Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening July 5	Wednesday Evening July 12
Building Lock Up—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale

Morning Worship July 9		Morning Worship July 16	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<i>Presiding:</i> Bob Williams		<i>Presiding:</i> Kevin Scarsdale	
Phil Godwin	Tom Langford	Jimmy Terry	Zack Williams
James Maxcey	Bobby Parker	Wendell Romain	Jake Satterwhite
Blake Williams	Derek Mauney	Jacob Carriere	Josh Hundley
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Appeal Byers	Tracey Mauney	Candice Townzen	Angela Parker
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, N Scarsdale, Jimmy Terry		*Lynn Adams, Paul Hamilton, Phil Godwin	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Grayson Townzen, Gheath Alatrash		Grayson Townzen, Brenda Riggs	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—G Adams	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	James Maxcey, Bobby Parker	Communion	Daniel Brown, Russell Genaro
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

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
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