



# The Pearland Harvester

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

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## SATAN: THE ENEMY WE ARE UP AGAINST JOHN WADDEY

God, in His book, has provided us a description of Satan. He is the adversary of God and all things good (1 Pet. 5:8). He is the accuser of all who live godly lives (Rev. 12:10). Remember how he accused righteous Job before God (Job 1:9-11). He is the father of lies (John 8:44), and the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9). He is a master of disguises. He sometimes appears as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). He is a schemer who plots evil against God's people. He is a murderer of souls (John 8:44), and has caused millions of people to be struck down by the hand of others. Like a hungry lion, he is a stalker and a predator (1 Pet. 5:8).

Satan uses four methods to ensnare the souls of human beings. The first of these is affliction. He used pain and suffering in his efforts to destroy Job (Job. 1:13-19). With swift strokes, in a single day, he destroyed Job's children and swept away all of his possessions. When that failed to break Job's faith, he afflicted him with a horrible disease similar to small pox. He turned his wife and neighbors against the suffering man. Job was forced to live in isolation at the village's refuse dump (Job. 2:7-8).

Luke tells us of a woman who was afflicted by Satan for 18 long years (Luke 13:16). Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was a "messenger of Satan" to torment him with pain (2 Cor. 12:7). Among the afflictions Satan uses are physical, mental and emotional suffering, distress, fear, hopelessness, loss and betrayal.

Deception is another of Satan's devices. John calls Satan "the deceiver of the whole world" (Rev. 12:9). With deception, he lures us to indulge in soul-wrecking sin. You may have heard his deceptions: "Nobody's perfect". "It's no big deal". "No one will ever know". "This is your business, no one else will be hurt". "You can quit whenever you want to". "You have already gone too far". "You know you can never be forgiven".

To keep us from turning to Christ for salvation, Satan tells us: "You are too wicked to be saved". "You could never live up to the Christian standard". "You are too old to change". "It makes no difference what you believe so long as you are sincere". "One church is as good as

another". "The church really doesn't matter as long as you live a good life". "Baptism isn't really that important as long as you live a good life". Mark it well: Satan is a liar, and the father of lies (John 8:44). He is an ancient and highly skilled liar. He has no shame. His goal is to keep you from Christ, so he (Satan) can own and enslave you, and use you for his own wicked purposes.

Distraction is an effective method of Satan. Jesus compared the minds and hearts of some people to a garden filled with weeds and thorns. He explained, "the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful (Matt. 13:22). The author of Hebrews wrote that "sin...doth so easily beset us" (Heb. 12:1). For every Christian who is overcome by wickedness, there are a hundred or more lost by distraction from their commitment to Christ. Satan leads us to get involved with so many things that we lose interest in spiritual matters. Many are distracted by things that are insignificant and don't really matter. Hobbies, sports, clubs, lodges, etc. will keep millions out of heaven. We can allow worldly people to distract us. Problems in the church can distract us. Christ expects us to "seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). Whatever the cause of the distraction, Satan wins, and we lose.

Temptation is a key tool used by Satan to draw us away from God. He tempts us through many avenues: fear, sex, money, power, embarrassment, peer pressure, desire for recognition and popularity, discouragement, bitterness, lack of forgiveness, loneliness, pride, harboring anger, and resentment. All of these and more the prince of darkness will cast in our pathway, hoping to bring us down. We dare not allow Satan to win in his efforts to capture our hearts. Never doubt his existence. Don't underestimate him. He is evil, strong, and determined to destroy you.

God has promised that we can be victorious against Satan. We will not be tempted above what we are able to resist (1 Cor. 10:13). The Holy Spirit in our hearts is greater "than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). God's written word is sufficient to defeat any temptation Satan presents (Matt. 4:1-11). God has provided adequate spiritual armor for the conflict. It is our duty to use it for our protection. We must arm ourselves with the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. (Eph. 6:11-18). It is essential that we resist the devil. When we do, he will flee from us (James 4:7). Always keep in mind that there is not a single wound that Satan can inflict upon us that the blood of Christ cannot cleanse and heal (1 John 1:7). We can and will be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

# TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

How many sons of Abraham are mentioned in the Bible?

Answer to last week's question: 8 (Genesis chapter 5 details the generations).



Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, July 13, 2017:

- Thursday—Galatians 4-6
- Friday— Exodus 37-40
- Saturday—1 Kings 5-9
- Sunday—Psalms 66-68
- Monday—Proverbs 2-3
- Tuesday—Lamentations
- Wednesday—Luke 9-10

For the Record—July 9, 2017	
Sunday AM	117
Sunday PM	54
Wednesday (7-5-17)	31
Contribution	\$2,488
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$116,974
YTD Budget	\$162,400

## KEEP IN PRAYER

- Please pray for our **minister search** and **search committee**.
- **Wendell Romain** is feeling much better, and was released from the hospital on July 12th. He and Sarah would like to thank the congregation for their prayers.
- **Michael Smith**, brother to Stephanie Forster, is home from the hospital. He is recovering well after having a stent put in. Please continue to pray for his healing.

### 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, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry.

**Others:** 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, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trenna Russell, Sandra Brown Ryan, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin and 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**

- **Gary Adams** is our contact elder for July. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Gary.
- The ladies in the July food preparation group are **Kristin Alatrash** and **Laurie Maxcey**.
- All Sunday morning teen and adult classes will be combined in the annex on July 16th and July 23rd.

**July 2017 Events**

- 13** Kevin Scarsdale’s Group will meet at 7 PM in his home. Sandwiches will be provided.
- 14** Bob Williams’ Group will meet at 7 PM in his home. Dessert will be provided.
- 16** Meet and Greet with preacher candidate Justin Gonzalez - 8:30 AM in the annex.
- 17** Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Katy
- 23** Meet and Greet with preacher candidate Matt Neely - 8:30 AM in the annex
- 24** Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Woodland Oaks
- 30** Friends and Family Day
- 31** Jabberwacky - 7 PM - Angleton

**July Birthdays**

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
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*Friends and Family Day*

July 30, 2017

*Invite someone to be your guest and to stay for a great meal!*

**Meet and Greet in the Annex**

Join us over coffee and donuts as we get to know our preaching candidates!

**8:30 AM Sunday July 16th—Justin Gonzalez**

**8:30 AM Sunday July 23rd—Matt Neely**

**Attention 3rd - 6th Graders!**

Camp Awesome (in Buda, TX) is from August 2nd-5th.  
 Parents, please contact Zack Williams ASAP if your child is interested in attending.

**Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to work the sound and projector, help in the nursery during services, help with the children’s song before morning worship, and more. Please contact the elders if you would like to help.

## Those to Serve

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<b>Wednesday Evening July 12</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening July 19</b>
Building Lock Up—Kevin Scarsdale	Building Lock Up—Gary Adams

Morning Worship July 16		Morning Worship July 23	
Opening Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer	James Maxcey
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
<i>Presiding:</i> Kevin Scarsdale		<i>Presiding:</i> Chris Lindelof	
Jimmy Terry	Zack Williams	Derek Mauney	Blake Williams
Wendell Romain	Jake Satterwhite	Daniel Brown	Bobby Parker
Jacob Carriere	Josh Hundley	Gheath Alatrash	Nathan Scarsdale
Announcements	Gary Adams	Announcements	Gary Adams
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Candice Townzen	Angela Parker	Tracey Mauney	Sarah White
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Lynn Adams, Paul Hamilton, Phil Godwin		*Clifford Layton, Charlie Story, Tom Langford	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Grayson Townzen, Brenda Riggs		Grayson Townzen, Brenda Riggs	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Gary Adams		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Chris Lindelof	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	Daniel Brown, Russell Genaro	Communion	G Townzen, Gheath Alatrash
Closing Prayer	Gary Adams	Closing Prayer	Gary Adams

### 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

**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**