



# The Pearland Harvester

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

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## NEW CLASS, READING, KEY WORD RALPH BRYANT

The elders have decided to make a change to our Sunday morning Bible classes for the adults. They are going to consolidate the adult classes to one class that will meet in the auditorium. The plan is to continue for six months, two quarters. They've asked me to lead the class for the next few weeks, until Brother Justin gets here. The topic of we are going to address is, "Christ and Him Crucified."

After Brother Chris made the announcement about the coming change, he suggested everyone read what they thought appropriate for that topic. I really like the idea of folks reading ahead of time, so that when they get to class we will already have some common thoughts. I announced that I would include suggested reading to prepare us for this week's discussion. The passage that I want you to read and give some thought to is 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:2. (Here it is in the ESV for your convenience--

*18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For consider your calling,*

*brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

One question I would like for each of you to ponder before you get to Bible class next Sunday morning is, **"What is included when one teaches nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified?"**

Another thing that I announced on Sunday morning is that I was going to start choosing a keyword for each sermon, with the intent of asking folks, especially our young people, to keep a tally of how many times the keyword is used during the sermon. Last week I had three people announce to me how many times I said the word Christ, and I got three different totals: 19, 27, and 38 (I have no idea which is correct). This week I would like to use the word **"cross"** as our keyword. Parents, encourage your kids to bring a tally book or a notepad and to write down the word cross at the top. Then have them make a mark underneath the word cross each time they hear that word during the lesson. I would love to have them come by after the service and tell me how many marks they made during the sermon.



What Bible personality apparently had neither a mother nor father, is mentioned in Scripture eleven times, and has no recorded birth or death?

Answer to last week's question: Envy (Proverbs 14:30). James Maxcey was the first person to submit a correct answer.

<h3>Daily Bible Reading Schedule</h3> <p>Beginning Thursday, August 17th, 2017:</p> <p>Thursday—<b>Colossians 1-2</b>                  Friday—<b>Leviticus 13-15</b>                  Saturday—<b>2 Kings 6-10</b>                  Sunday—<b>Psalms 81-83</b>                  Monday—<b>Proverbs 10</b>                  Tuesday—<b>Ezekiel 25-30</b>                  Wednesday—<b>Luke 19-20</b></p>
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For the Record — 8/13/17	
Sunday AM	123
Sunday PM	54
Wednesday (8-9-17)	N/C
Contribution	\$3,206
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$137,800
YTD Budget	\$191,400

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

- Our deepest sympathies go out to the **family of Larry Doolen**. Larry has been on our prayer list for some time, and passed away on August 10th. Please keep the Doolens in prayer at this time.
- Please keep **Judy Moore** in your prayers as she prepares to have surgery on August 22nd. Judy is a dear friend of Brenda Riggs.
- Many of our children go back to school this week. Pray for **our youth** as the school year begins.

**Our Members:**

Appeal Byers and family, Lianne Biegay, Bennie Sue Galindo, Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, 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:**

Family of Paul Hollingshead, Thomas Mauney, Mike Humphries, Michael Smith, 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, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Roger Farmer, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Carol Hasten, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, 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, Tenna Russell, 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, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chris Lindelof** is our contact elder for August. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.
- There will be a **teacher's meeting right after morning worship** on Sunday, August 20th, for teachers of the 2-year-old through 6th grade classes. Fall curriculum will be passed out. Please meet at the front of the auditorium.
- We are in need of two more **food teams for Wednesday Night With The Master**, which begins again in September.
- The ladies in the August food preparation group are **Leah Bateman, Susan Lenamon, and Lacey Gartrell.**

### *August 2017 Events*

- 16 Abell St. Summer Series
- 21 First Day of School Pearland ISD
- 30 Katy Summer Series

### *September 2017 Events*

- 6 WNWTM
- 13 Ladies Bible Study at 10 AM
- 16 Church Cookout
- 17 Visit from George Akpabli
- 27 Ladies Bible Study at 10 AM

### *August Birthdays*

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 16 Peggy Chisum    | 17 Brenda Blair  |
| 22 Robbie Alatrash | 22 Laurie Maxcey |
| 26 Charlie Layton  | 27 Wanda Knight  |
| 30 Pat Fletcher    | 30 Josh Hamilton |

### *August Anniversaries*

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9 Joe & Irma Hawkins   | 20 Gheath & Kristin Alatrash |
| 29 Ben & Susan Lenamon |                              |

Welcome **OUR NEW MEMBER**



## Carole Kriegel

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## Those to Serve

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<b>Wednesday Evening August 16</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening August 23</b>
Building Lock Up—Gary Adams	Building Lock Up—Chris Lindelof

Morning Worship August 20	Morning Worship August 27
Opening Prayer      Bob Williams	Opening Prayer      Kevin Scarsdale
Song Leader          Gary Adams	Song Leader          Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
<b>Presiding</b> Bobby Parker	<b>Presiding:</b> Zack Williams
Blake Williams      Derek Mauney	Grayson Townzen    Alan Pearson
Phil Godwin          Gheath Alatrash	Wendell Romain      Jeremy Brown
Daniel Brown        Russell Genaro	Jake Satterwhite      Josh Hundley
Announcements    Chris Lindelof	Announcements      Chris Lindelof
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Appeal Byers        Sarah White	Molly Godwin        Lianne Biegay
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Paul Hamilton, Clifford Layton, Nathan Scarsdale	*Jimmy Terry, Jacob Carriere Tom Langford
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
James & Laurie Maxcey	James & Laurie Maxcey
Building Lock Up for AM & PM— K Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM— Gary Adams
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader          Gary Adams	Song Leader          Gary Adams
Communion          W Romain, G Townzen	Communion          Bobby Parker, Daniel Brown
Closing Prayer      Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer      Chris Lindelof

### 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  
Bob Williams*

### MINISTERS

*Ralph Bryant      Interim Minister  
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