



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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- 3 There are many reasons why people turn their backs on Christ's
- 3 church. Among them are:
- Discouragement. This may be in

their personal or family life. They may be discouraged by difficulties in the church.

Weakness of character and purpose. Some folks find it hard to live a disciplined life, to set a goal and pursue it, and to be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). They start with good intentions, but falter and fall along the way.

False expectations of the church and their fellow-Christians. They expect perfect churches and Christians, and are disheartened when they find that all are imperfect just as they are.

Poor experiences in worship and instruction in the church cause some to go astray. Lackluster worship, poor quality preaching that lacks a solid Biblical basis, and sermons that are filled with personal opinions and thoughtless assertions leave folks hungering and thirsting for righteousness until they go elsewhere to find it.

Disillusionment with Christianity in general and the church in particular. This affects many of our contemporaries.

Worldly influences that draw them away from Christ and His church, such as worldly friends, lodges, clubs, and recreation. They don't have enough time left in their lives for Christ and the church.

Bad experiences with one or more Christians that hurt them and caused them to wrongly conclude that all Christians were like that.

Lack of encouragement in their early days in Christ, or when they went through some trying times. Like babies, most of us need help in learning to walk with Christ (Gal. 6:1-2).

Lack of proper and appropriate teaching and indoctrination that would root and ground them in the faith (2 Pet. 3:18).

Teachers from their former religious connections. Not knowing how to explain their new-found faith or respond to the false teaching, they are ensnared.

Giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils causes many to go astray (I Tim. 4:1). Some are confused by television preachers or denominational books and literature they read.

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JOHN WADDEY

A failure to break their ties with influential worldly people who eventually draw them back into sin. This might include some family members, and especially social ties (I Cor. 15:33).

A lack of genuine repentance towards their old life and true, heart-changing conversion. They never died to sin (Rom. 6:2). In time, sin reasserts itself and sweeps them away (Rom. 7:9).

A rebellious heart that was never brought into full subjection to Christ, His Word and His Way.

Stubbornness causes some to fall away. They hate to give up cherished beliefs or activities that are detrimental to faithfulness. They resent correction.

A desire to be like the world about them (I Sam. 8:5). When their spiritual leaders and teachers reprove them for their worldliness, they become enraged and refuse to continue in the church.

False pride, which makes some feel they should be able to tell the church what to believe, teach and practice. When their ideas are rejected, their pride is wounded. Then they go elsewhere hoping to be able to assert themselves.

Advanced worldly education and attainments that make some feel too knowledgeable or too important to stay with people who are simple and old-fashioned enough to strictly follow the Bible pattern.

Wealth and high social position makes some uncomfortable associating with humble, ordinary Christians. Their desire for fellowship with a higher social set draws them away from the church to some group that offers what they want.

Legalism, judgment and self-righteousness on the part of church members will drive away those who long for a peaceful, devout spiritual environment.

Skeptical, liberal preachers, who lurk among us like wolves around sheep, undermine some who have had their faith in the Bible, the church, and her Bible-based doctrine and worship.

Some have been overtaken in transgression, and no strong Christian stopped to rescue them and get them back on the straight and narrow way (Gal. 6:1).

Our task is to restore such brothers and sisters in a spirit of gentleness, looking to ourselves lest we also be tempted.

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What was unique about this man whose first name was the same as the eleventh son of Jacob, and was surnamed Justus?

Answer to last week's question: an earthquake (Revelation 11:8-13)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, September 21, 2017:

Thursday—1 Timothy 1-3
Friday— Numbers 1-4
Saturday— 1 Chronicles 5-9
Sunday— Psalm 96-98
Monday— Proverbs 17-18
Tuesday—Daniel 7-12
Wednesday— John 5-6

For the Record—9/17/2017				
Sunday AM	145			
Sunday PM	44			
Contribution	\$3,763			
Weekly Budget	\$5,800			
YTD Contribution	\$158,917			
YTD Budget	\$214,600			

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Jan Lemoine has been in the hospital since Monday after experiencing sharp pain. She was given antibiotics and
 the pain has subsided, but it seems that kidney stones may be the cause. She will be in the hospital until at least
 tomorrow, but has requested no visitors. Please pray for a correct diagnosis and her full recovery.
- Update: after a followup with a lung doctor, Lianne Biegay found that the abnormality on her lung was a scar. She
 will have a checkup in three months to be sure nothing changes. Lianne would like to thank her church family for
 their prayers and concern.
- Sarah Brown will be having her baby earlier than expected. Please pray for the health of Sarah and baby
 Prudence, and for the rest of their family.
- **Daniel Ingram**, son of Jennifer and Mike Ingram, is experiencing undiagnosed seizures. He is 27 and lives in Alabama. Please pray for Daniel.
- Please pray for everyone who was affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Our Members:

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:*

Judy Moore, 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, 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, Trenna 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).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kevin Scarsdale** is our contact elder for September. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Kevin.
- Our elementary and middle-school kids are taking a trip to Jumping Zaxx on September 24th.
 Transportation will be provided after AM services. Please send your child with \$20 for admission.
 Contact Zack Williams with any questions.
- The ladies in the September food preparation group are Jean Coe and Brenda Riggs.
- Friends and Family Day has been moved to October 8th.
- A baby shower for Sarah Brown will be held on October 8th following F&F day.
- **Secret Sisters** will meet at Casa Olé on Monday, **October 2**, at 6:30PM. If you have any questions please contact Dianne Westmoreland or Connie Young.
- Arms of Hope will be doing their grocery run October 23-27. The recommended donation item is coffee.
- The church-wide encampment is set for October 27- 29 at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. The park is about halfway between Woodville and Jasper on US 190. It is approximately ,145 miles northeast of Pearland. All sites have water and electricity for tents and full hookup for RVs. There are nice bathhouses, hiking trails and paved roads throughout. There are also canoe and kayak rentals. Each camper is responsible for making their own reservations. Reservations can be made at tpwd.texas.gov. Please make your reservations early. We hope we have a good turnout. If you have any questions please see Bob Williams.

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September Events

Youth trip to Jumping Zaxx

	Comtowskip	. Di-4	h dava	27	Ladies Bible Study at 10 AM
	September Birthdays				
23	Canova Genaro	22	Becky Hopkins		October Events
24	Ricky Pearson	26	John Sloan	2	Secret Sisters at Casa Olé —6:30 PM
	,			4	WNWTM
26	Grayson Townzen	30	Lianne Biegay	-	
September Anniversaries		8	Friend and Family Day		
22	Ben & Karen Valdez	28	O'Dell & Linda Sherrill	8	Baby Shower for Sarah Brown
30	David & Brenda Blair			23-27	Arms of Hope Grocery Run
				27-29	Church-wide encampment

Those to Serve

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

Pearland Church of Christ

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Wednesday Evening September 20	Wednesday Evening September 27
Building Lock Up—G Adams	Building Lock Up— C Lindelof

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Morning Worsh	ip September 24	Morning Wors	ship October 1	
Opening Prayer	Zack Williams	Opening Prayer	Daniel Brown	
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams	
Com	munion	Comr	munion	
Presiding	Chris Lindelof	Presiding	James Maxcey	
Jeremy Brown	Jimmy Terry	Grayson Townzen	Gheath Alatrash	
Alan Pearson	Josh Hundley	Blake Williams	Phil Godwin	
Jake Satterwhite	Chris Wallace	Wendell Romain	Nathan Scarsdale	
Announcements and Closing Praye	Kevin Scarsdale	Announcements and Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	
Nursery	Attendants	Nursery A	Attendants	
Appeal Byers	Laurie Maxcey	Lianne Biegay	Candice Townzen	
Ushers (* indic	cates head usher)	Ushers (* indicates head usher)		
*Lynn Adams, Jaco	b Carriere, T Langford	*Paul Hamilton, Z Bryant, A Bryant		
Gre	eeters	Greeters		
Kevin & Mar	esha Scarsdale	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		
Audio/	Projector	Audio/Projector		
Grayson Town:	zen, Daniel Brown	VOLUNTEE	ERS NEEDED	
Building Lock Up	AM /PM — C Lindelof	Building Lock Up	AM/PM— G Adams	
Evening	g Worship	Evening	g Worship	
Song Leader Gar	y Adams	Song Leader Gary	y Adams	
Communion Bob	Williams, Bobby Parker	Communion Jimn	ny Terry, Alan Pearson	Be
Closing Prayer Kev	in Scarsdale	Closing Prayer Kevi	in Scarsdale	P. P. B
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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 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

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