



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? INTRODUCTION

By Justin Gonzalez

What is morality? The Biblical definition of morality is the standard of righteous living given to us by God. Moses said it like this on God's behalf: "For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy" (Lev. 11:45). God Himself is holy, and therefore He sets the standard of morality. We can plainly see in the text that God holds Himself up as the standard of that which is holy.

However, what we must not overlook is that God also calls man to be holy as He is. Peter would say it like this: "but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:15-16). The Word of God, as given to us by Peter, clearly shows us that our conduct is tied to the holiness from which God has given the example. You see, man cannot be born a child and teach himself to be moral. Rather every person must be taught that which is moral and immoral.

Even those who profess to be Atheist have a knowledge of what is right and

wrong, but not because they taught themselves. Rather, they are taught by their parents, their friends, their teachers, and others as to what is acceptable concerning their behavior. You see the question that the Atheist must ask him or herself is this: where did the ones who taught me morality learn what morality is?

If any person were to ask that question and be diligent in their efforts to find out where any one of us learns what is right and wrong, they would find their answer in (Gen. 1:26). "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (Gen. 1:26).

Friends, the image of God is the image of holiness in which we are called to live up to. God Himself is holy and has set the standard for all. Thus John proclaims in (Rev. 4:8b) "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

To be continued next week.

We would like to welcome our new preacher, Justin Gonzalez, his wife Christine, and their children Gabriel, Trevor and Ezra.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, September 28, 2017:

- Thursday—1 Timothy 4-6
- Friday— Numbers 5-8
- Saturday— 1 Chronicles 10-14
- Sunday— Psalms 99-101
- Monday— Proverbs 19
- Tuesday—Hosea 1-7
- Wednesday— John 7-9

For the Record—9/24/2017

Sunday AM	153
Wednesday (9/20)	38
Contribution	\$4,226
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$163,143
YTD Budget	\$220,400

KEEP IN PRAYER

- **Gary Adams** was in the hospital last week after having a small stroke. He is improving, but taking time to fully recover. Please keep Gary in your thoughts and prayers.
- Please pray for all of the people currently suffering from the effects of natural disasters, including those in **Texas, Florida, Dominica** and **Mexico**.
- Please keep **Jared Johnson** in your prayers.

Our Members:

Sarah Brown and baby Prudence, 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:

Daniel Ingram, 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, 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, Leslie (friend of Heather Brown's friend).

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

What Bible personality talks about beautiful feet?

Answer to last week's question: Answer: "lost" to Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:23-26 NKJV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ We will have a **special contribution** for our brethren in **Dominica** this Sunday, **October 1st**. All money collected will be sent to Lewis Romain for distribution as he sees fit.
- ◆ **Chris Lindelof** is our contact elder for **October**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.
- ◆ The ladies in the **October food preparation group** are **Canova Genaro, Heather Brown & Heather Cook**.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Friends and Family Day** has been moved to **October 8th**.
- ◆ A baby shower for **Sarah Brown** will be held on **October 8th** at 3PM.
- ◆ **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.

We have had an overwhelming number of responses via cards, emails and phone calls from people in and around our community who want to express their thanks to this congregation for meal deliveries, cleaning supplies, gift cards and monetary help they received. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer if you would like to read some of the cards that have been sent. Along with the cards, you will see updates from several church of Christ disaster relief programs.

October Birthdays

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| 1 | Brenda Riggs | 8 | Ginny Lindelof |
| 16 | Clifford Layton | 16 | Joy Sloan |
| 20 | Susan Lenamon | 20 | Angela Parker |
| 27 | Jerri Farmer | 27 | Sarah Romain |
| 28 | Steven Cuellar | 28 | Daniel Townzen |
| 29 | Nnenna Osuorji | 29 | Jimmy Terry |

October Anniversaries

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| 2 | Nina & Clifford Layton | 5 | Lynn & Lucille Adams |
| 28 | Dwight & Leah Bateman | 29 | James & Laurie Maxcey |

We are in need of volunteers for sound and projector in October.

October Events

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| 2 | Secret Sisters at Casa Olé —6:30 PM |
| 4 | WNWTM |
| 8 | Friends and Family Day |
| 8 | Baby Shower for Sarah Brown at 3PM |
| 23-27 | Arms of Hope Grocery Run |
| 27-29 | Church-wide encampment |

Those to Serve

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening September 27	Wednesday Evening October 4
Building Lock Up —Chris Lindelof	Building Lock Up — Bob Williams

Morning Worship October 1	Morning Worship October 8
Opening Prayer Bobby Parker Song Leader Wendell Romain <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding James Maxcey</p> Mark Holmberg Gheath Alatrash Blake Williams Phil Godwin Chris Wallace Nathan Scarsdale Announcements and Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> Lianne Biegay Tracey Mauney <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> *Paul Hamilton, Z Bryant, A Bryant <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> Bob & Mitzi Williams <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> Daniel Brown, Brenda Riggs Building Lock Up AM /PM — J Maxcey	Opening Prayer Bob Williams Song Leader Greg Fabian <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding Zack Williams</p> Grayson Townzen Daniel Brown Derek Mauney Russell Genaro Jacob Carriere Alan Pearson Announcements and Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> Candice Townzen Sarah White <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> *Clifford Layton, T Langford, N Scarsdale <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Building Lock Up AM/PM — C Lindelof

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Bobby Parker Communion Bob Williams, Zack Williams Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale	Song Leader Greg Fabian Communion Jimmy Terry, James Maxcey Closing Prayer Wendell Romain

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Bible Study9 am</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10 am</p> <p>Evening Worship.....6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm</p>

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-797-2575
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

Bobby Parker
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

Justin Gonzalez 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