



## REAL LIFE: ABIDE TO ACHIEVE

Nov 13, 2011 • Pastor Gregg Matte • John 15:4-6

- Last week's bottom line: Love tomorrow's fruit more than today's leaves.
- Christ makes us "clean."  
*Revelation 19:8; Colossians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:4; 1 John 1:7; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 1:18*
- Abide – restful residence.  
*Psalm 91:1-2; 1 John 2:24; 1 John 4:16*
- Called to abide, not to achieve (bear fruit).

Our choice:

- Don't abide: Nothing of eternal value is achieved.  
*1 Corinthians 3:12-15*
- Abide: True achievement results from true abiding.

For further reflection and discussion:

- How does knowing believers are "clean in Christ" encourage abiding?
- Why does God want us to focus on abiding?
- How is this a challenge to you?

**MEMORIZE** John 14:4-6

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 other ways you can serve His Kingdom.

### WEIGHT ROOM HOST

Fitness & Recreation  
Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org

### ESL COMPUTER LITERACY CLASS

The Faith Center  
jefh@att.net

### COLLEGE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CREW

College Ministry  
Nate.Stewart@HoustonsFirst.org

## BIRTHS

- Mark and Kristen Redd in the birth of their son, Evan James Redd

## SYMPATHIES

- Tracey Garrett in the death of her mother, Clytee Weaver
- Cliff Ashworth in the death of his wife, Kit Ashworth (Staff)
- Joe and Judy Rogers in the death of her mother, Dora Mae Brown; Grandchildren: Clint Rogers and Abby Rogers Treece and her husband, Chris
- David and Denise Skorka in the death of his mother, Janice Skorka; Granddaughters: Katie and Rachel Skorka
- Roy and Nancy Monarch in the death of her mother, Roberta Doss
- Jim Luck in the death of his wife, Jane Luck; Daughter: Jamie Luck; Sons: Josh Luck and Jared and his wife, Kelly Luck; Sister: Cathy and her husband, Joe Woods; Nephew: Seth Woods; Niece: Erin Woods
- Anna Fulbright Holland and her husband, Joe Holland in the death of her brother, Jack Nigh
- Kerry Hunter (Staff) in the death of her uncle, Wayne O'Brien

## DECISIONS NOV 6, 2011

### For Baptism

Melanie Hodge Tyson Wallis  
Sheridan Parker

### Baptized

Connor Lehane Tiffany Zarnega

### By Statement

Robert Bailey Johnny Ratley

### Salvation in Christ

Kelly Johnson

### From Other Fellowships

Kaitlyn Arrington Michelle Lyon  
Kerry Caddell Tamara Mathew  
Bill Dampier Derek Parker  
Simone Fleming David Rutherford  
Kayla Higgins Kristin Wallis  
BK Jarmon Brian Watson  
Susie Lambert

## ATTENDANCE NOV 6, 2011

Life Bible Study	4,300
Mission Bible Study	449
Weekday Bible Study	329
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,078</b>
Wednesday Night	1,200

## GIVING — WEEK ENDING NOV 6, 2011

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$497,436
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	\$161,681
Designated Gifts	\$53,265
Over/(Under) for Nov	\$161,681
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$105,684)
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	
Donations Received	\$11,112
Total Received	\$26,239,109

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