

The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX



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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study
5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY:
7:30 PM Study and
Devotional

UPCOMING MEETING:
Ralph Walker
October 23-26

“Giving Hope”

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Most of us have more influence than we think we have. Human beings have an amazing power to affect one another, and there is not a one of us (no matter how “little” we think we are) who shouldn’t be concerned about how we are affecting others. Are we giving others hope or are we taking their hope away?

When I read the opening of Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonian church, I am staggered by the thought that he would express appreciation to them for the patience of their hope. Can it really be that Paul, the great apostle, needed the encouragement that came from the steadfast hopefulness of his hard-pressed brethren in Thessalonica? I like to think that that was the case.

In regard to the “together” part of Christianity, one of our most important mutual responsibilities is that of helping to keep hope alive in the hearts of our brothers and sisters. That should be no small part of what we try to accomplish when we assemble.

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Hebrews 10:23-24).

Long ago, an older man gave me some advice. He said, “folks have enough fears of their own. So don’t share your fears — share your courage.” He made a good point. Yes, there is a time to discuss our doubts and questions and fears, but the main effect of ourselves upon others needs to be that they have a greater HOPE.

The longer I live, the more I am conscious of the need to have a hopeful impact on those with whom I have influence. I believe in telling the truth, as you well know, and I would never want to give anyone false hope. But when the final tally is made, I hope that I won’t have failed to encourage anyone who needed to be encouraged. It’s a fine thing to have hope, but I believe it is an even finer thing to give hope. That, above all, is what I want to do. And I’m confident that you do too.

“If I can put one thought of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God” (George MacDonald).

Gary Henry



Morning Lesson

Clay Redding

Evening Lesson

"Treasures: The Lord
Says..."
Jack Smith

News and Notes:

Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitch, and Don Hurd.**

Laura Claburn had a procedure this week to adjust the fistula for dialysis. Don't know when this might begin, but things seem to be ready. Some disturbing news about Jan Cooper. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer. She will have surgery in the near future that will help determine the extent and treatment options. Keep her and Richard in your prayers.

Several will be out of town this weekend. Connie is in Pensacola. Sharon Alexander is in Dallas. Steve and Muffy will be out tonight. Steve is speaking in LaPorte at a meeting there. Probably others as well. Pray for traveling mercies.

We will have a guest speaker this morning. Clay Redding and family will be with us. Clay preaches in Burnet, and is coming thru this area on vacation. He will do the morning lesson. We appreciate his willingness to be with us.

The Cold Within

*Six human beings trapped by
happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.
Each one possessed a stick of wood,
Or so the story's told.*

*Their dying fire in need of logs,
The first man held his back;
For of the faces round the fire
He noticed one was black.*

*The next man looking cross the way,
Saw one not a member of the church,
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.*

*The third one sat in tattered clothes.
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?*

*The rich man just sat back and thought
Of wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy shiftless poor.*

*The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight.
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.*

*The last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.*

*Their logs held tight in death's still hand
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within.*

(Hope none find offense in this. The moral was too good not to share.)

**"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."
Kalu Ndukwe Kalu**

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles
Hymn Director - R. McDonald
Scripture Reading - 1 Tim 1:12-17
Scripture Reader - B. Mann
Opening Prayer - C. Cecil
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - M. Krueger
Opening Prayer - D. Haley
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

Elders

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith