

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

“What Faith Makes Possible; Love Makes Easy”

“So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her” (Genesis 29:20).

Life can be hard no doubt, but we often make it harder that it has to be by attacking our problems in the wrong way. By the brute power of will, we try to force doors open that would yield quite easily to desire and affection and love. Driven only by “have to,” we lose the boundless energy of “want to.”

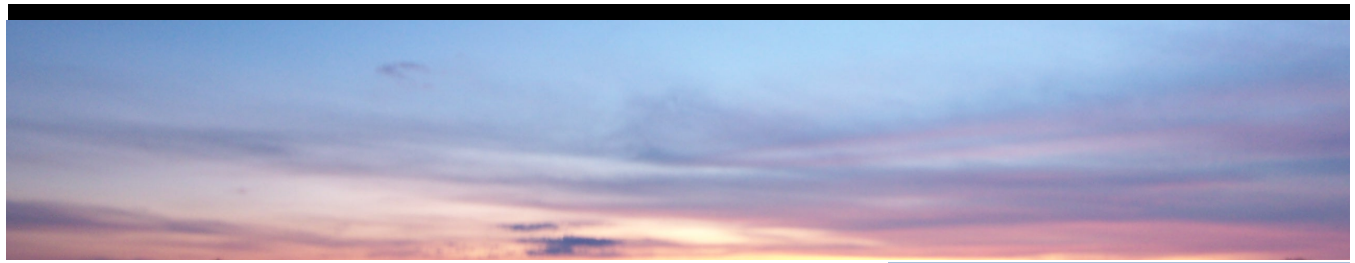
One of the most cherished of all Jesus’ sayings is the one in Matthew 11:28-30: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” But how many of us really do find this to be true? Do we truly experience Jesus’ yoke as being “easy” and His burden “light”?

Loving God is the key to the easiness of His yoke and the lightness of His burden, because if we love God, we’ll also love to do His will. Even the concept of God’s law will be one we find congenial. “I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart” (Psalm 40:8).

What John wrote is true: “This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3). Those who love God will be diligent to keep His commandments, certainly. But more than that, it is only those who genuinely love God who will find His commandments easy. That which would be burdensome to will power alone is found by love to be light indeed.

As we seek God, let us be sure that our seeking is energized by love. Our adversary will surely place obstacles in our path, and these will be difficulties that have been crafted by his shrewd intelligence. But while it is sobering to realize how much the devil knows about our strengths and weaknesses, the one thing he does not understand is love, and his strong-arm tactics are simply no match for that patient power. Just as the seven years that Jacob served for Rachel “seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her,” the years of our pilgrimage in this difficult world will hurry by . . . if it is love that moves us forward.

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com



Morning Lesson

Steve Garrett

Evening Lesson

Singing

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.**

Several continue to be out of town including Robert and family, Mike and Linda, and, Jack and Anita. There are probably others as well. Keep them in your prayers.

Remember Laura in your prayers as she has started dialysis. Also to remember Jan in prayer as she is to have surgery early in August.

We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching.
- Roy L. Smith

Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.
- Robert Frost

A Young Mother's Prayer

They're only little once, Lord. Grant me the wisdom to guide them down the path that their feet should take. For I know that they can never turn back and walk those paths with me again. Give me the wisdom to guide their feet so that someday they'll be able to walk alone.

They're only little once, Lord. Give me the time I need to enjoy them. For I know that after they're grown, I'll never have another chance to tell stories and pretend at those tea parties. I'll never have another chance to watch them in a school play or sing songs at VBS or see them catch their first fish or hit that first home run.

They're only little once, Lord. Let me be a loving mother. Let me correct and not punish, explain and not merely scold. Let me know when to correct, and how often, and when it's best just to look the other way. Help me to be patient and give a gentle hand to mold them into better people.

They're only little once, Lord. Let me be a good teacher and an even better example. Give me the right words and deeds to teach them of Your everlasting love. Let me tell them Your story and live Your commandments so that they'll long for Your kingdom and live their lives accordingly. Grant me the key to unlock their spirits and truly set them free.

For, Lord, they're only little one time, only innocent and trusting and pliable for a space of time, one minute in an eternity. Let me do my best for them while I have the chance. Amen!

Tim Woodward

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Pharris
Hymn Director - L. Williams
Scripture Reading - Heb.. 5:1-9
Scripture Reader - D. Gorski
Opening Prayer - B. Ward
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - Song Service
Opening Prayer - A. Morolez
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

BIBLE CLASSES

Psalms - Room 107-109
James & Hebrews - Room 102
Bible Geography - Room 204
Graded classes for children