

The Reminder

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

“Yesterday and Today”

“Forgetting those things which are behind . . .” (Philippians 3:13).

A famous motivational speaker used to say that we should live in “Day-Tight compartments.” He wasn’t speaking in a religious context, but I believe what he said is true for religious people. Having learned from the past, we need to forget it . . . and seize the fresh opportunity that each new day brings to us.

One of my personal daily disciplines is to review each day at the end of the day. I don’t always have a lot of time to do it, but I try to review each day at least briefly before going to bed. I try to learn as much as I can from the day, even from the mistakes that were made. But once that review is done, I commit that day to the Lord and go to bed looking forward to the next morning. When I arise, my morning routine has nothing to do with the day before — it has everything to do with the new day that has arrived.

The past can be a valuable resource, certainly. We should be encouraged by it, and also humbled by it. Above all, we should be instructed by the past. But the past is gone. So whatever we were, what we are now matters more. We need to think about our past as Paul thought about his. What he had been was regrettable. “But by the grace of God,” he said, “I am what I am” (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Many people nowadays keep a daily journal. Imagine a person writing in so much detail each day that he or she needed to begin a new journal book each morning. In a sense, that’s what we are called upon to do at the start of each new day. But as we expectantly open that fresh, never-before-used book and start “writing,” we need to have decisively closed the previous day’s book.

“Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays” (Ralph Waldo Emerson).

Gary Henry – edited
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*My interest is in the future
because I am going to
spend the rest of my life there. -
Charles Kettering*

*Lost time is never found again. -
Benjamin Franklin*

*"The only difference between the
saint and the sinner is that every
saint has a past, and every sinner
has a future." - Oscar Wilde*

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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

Morning Lesson

Steve Garrett

Evening Lesson

Singing

News and Notes:

Please keep Don Hurd in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness.

Please remember the Howell family in your prayers due to the loss of Mitchell's grandfather, Robert Gates.

Also keep Laura Claburn, Jan Cooper and Shirley Mauer in your thoughts and prayers as they are undergoing medical treatments.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

Paul knew where to find strength, and when we remember the many trials he endured (persecutions, fatigue, hunger, exposure, beatings, temptations) the force of his words becomes even stronger. When he was inspired to say **all things**, he meant **all things**. There was no circumstance too daunting, no trial too sore, no duty he could not carry out, no weakness he could not subdue and no temptation he could not overcome by the power of Christ.

For too long we have quoted and shared this verse without really appreciating the power behind it. He meant what he said! *Whatever* difficulty--mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual--can be overcome by the power of Christ! We have an eternal, unchanging advocate and friend. **Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might** (Eph. 6:10), not self or wealth or substance or anything else, but rest in His grace and promises.

Remember we can face and overcome any adversity (internal or external) and serve in every circumstance if we are on the Lord's side.
- Jason Garcia

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - J. Smith
Hymn Director - L. Williams
Scripture Reader - M. Howell
Opening Prayer - R. Renz
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Opening Prayer - D. Kimbrough
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith



NEW BIBLE CLASSES

- **Genesis** - John Moon
- **Gospel of John** - Steve Garrett and David Haley
- **Prayer and Providence** - Jack Smith
- Graded classes for children