

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 it Means to Serve Christ”

Serving Christ is what Christianity is all about. To serve Christ means that you actually give yourself to Him; you follow Him.

It means you subordinate your will to His, give Him the command of yourself. He thus becomes the main focus of your life.

To serve Christ is to make Christ your personal manager.

This action of service relates to every area of a man's life. If he is a Christian, he must necessarily be a good father. And if he is a good Christian, he is a good neighbor, a good worker, a good citizen. You can't pick and choose, either. Leave one off and you're no longer serving Him like you ought. Christ's religion cannot be partial; it must entirely transform man (Romans 12:1-2).

To serve Christ is to make your life like His. When you read about Jesus in the gospels you are immediately arrested by His greatness, His goodness and benignity, His total dedication to His mission, His love for all. To love Him is to want to be more like Him. And isn't it so that if you love someone sincerely, you want to be near them? Regular worship, regular association with His word, a burning desire to serve Him and His people— all are indications of seeking to reproduce the example of Christ in our lives. These actions will result in your handling life's activities as He would—even in times of difficulty. All that comes of a revolutionary act of self-denial. “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk 8:23).

To serve Christ is to recommend Him to others. How can we say we are dedicated to Him and His teachings when we seemingly have little inclination to recommend Him to others? We are always anxious to recommend to others what we use and what we think is best— our car is the best, our kind of ipad or iphone— but what about Jesus? Are we somewhat timid about recommending Him to others, about inviting them to a service? Listen to Paul. “For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day (II Timothy 1:12).

To serve Christ, you must have your eyes fixed on heaven. This world is not fit for much dedication. 'Tis foolish indeed to place undue affections on it, “for the world passeth away with the lusts thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever” (I John 2:17). Hope of heaven is a permanent fixture to the Christian. Hope means he will not let go. He understands that life here is but a sojourn; but there's something infinitely better over there. No person is the true servant of Christ who has his hopes fixed on what's here and not on what's there, for what's there is far superior to what's here.

“And whatever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ” (Col. 3:23-24).

- Dee Bowman (edited)

Morning Lesson

"On Being Friendly"
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

Singing

News and Notes:

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

Keep in mind, prayers, and give thanks: Deborah is doing well. Doctors thought she might have a pocket of infection, but that wasn't the case. Many are dealing with respiratory problems. Don't know if it is a virus or sinus trouble. Hope this passes soon. Anita will have an angiogram on Monday the 13th. Last step in her tests. Look forward to that being over.

Steve and Muffy are in Brenham this morning finishing a gospel meeting. Anita and I leave this afternoon for a few days visiting family. Probably several others will be "on the road" also. Pray for safe journeys for all.

Today is the first Sunday. If you need pictures made for the bulletin board, please see Scott.

We have the gospel meeting in a couple of weeks. Karen was able to schedule one of the community rooms for a covered dish for Sunday the 26th. Ask for details if you need them.

Only God Knows This

Cut open an apple. Now count the seeds. How many did you find? Three? Eight? Ten? More?

That was easy! Even most kindergartners can count the seeds in an apple. Now for something a little more challenging. Since you know how many seeds are in the apple, go back and count the number of apples in each seed. How did you do this time? Probably laughed at the assignment and didn't even attempt it.

You see, it's easy to count the number of seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed. The same holds true concerning every kind act or dollar given out of a spirit of generosity to benefit another person. It is easy to count seeds to tabulate amounts; impossible to know the good either does.

Impossible, too, to know how far reaching any act of kindness or gift, large or small, will be. Or, how long either will travel, affection others and multiplying as it moves.

-via The Mt. Enterprise Herald

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles
Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Scripture Reader - M. Howell
1 John 5:8-14
Opening Prayer - R. Black
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - L. Williams
Opening Prayer - S. Camp
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

BIBLE CLASSES

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

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people.

- Gilbert K Chesterton

I have never been hurt by what I have not said.

- Calvin Coolidge