

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



“Laying Aside Every Weight”

Most research on the stress that Americans battle reveals seven major causes. They are job pressure, money, health, relationships, poor nutrition, media overload, and sleep deprivation. Though the American Psychological Assn. would not list sin as one of the factors, it is apparent by the list that sin often has a great part in why people are so stressed from the day to day challenges of this life.

The Hebrew writer addresses the burdens of this life coupled with sin, as he concludes a discussion of those who live by faith (chapter 11). Chapter twelve begins, "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb 12:1). Centering our thoughts on the phrase, "laying aside every weight," we would find wording like: "let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight)" (Amplified Bible) or "let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up" (Com. Eng. Bible).

King David of Israel long ago wrote, "Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain you: He shall never permit the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22).

The key to removing our burdens whatever they may be depends on our willingness to place them upon the Lord, and trust He will help us take care of them, or He will take them away.

Every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us are often the reason we worry and stress over so many things in this life. In Christ our sins are removed through the power of His shed blood on our behalf. As Christians we have the blessing of continual forgiveness of our sins when we confess them and repent of them. The problem is that we hang on to the guilt or the problem that we said that we had given to the Lord. The weight and the sins are like a very heavy burden that is upon our back and we feel as if we are stuck with it.

How do we lay aside this weight and the sins that ensnare us? We begin with Christ our Savior who has told us to come to Him with our burdens, and He promises to give us rest (Matt. 11:28-30). Jesus tells us not to worry, but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and He will take care of what we need (Matt. 6:31-34). Paul writes instructions on how to lay aside our weight upon the Lord, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6,7).

Ron Drumm

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Morning Lesson

"Whatever Happened to Sin"
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

"Who's your Zacchaeus?"
Steve Garrett

News and Notes:

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

Give thanks for your good health. Most of us enjoy it without even realizing it. Anita is getting back to a new normal. Just a little medication will relieve her of symptoms, so looking good. The Selgas family was out Wed. night. Several have had trouble with seasonal allergies. Hope all are better, and we have a good crowd today.

Tonight is the youth devotional. Also, after services there is an organizational meeting for a women devo.

This Wed. night Patrick Brentlinger will be a guest speaker here. Thurs thru Sunday Ralph Walker will be here for our fall gospel meeting. Plus, Saturday evening is our annual singing. Hope you've made plans to be present for each service.

Sunday after morning service we will have a "pot luck" dinner. Luck is a good word. Many wonderful cooks among us.

Ralph Walker's Profile

Ralph Walker, Jr., began serving the Henderson Blvd family as a shepherd in January of 2003.

He is the husband to Paula, whose father served as a shepherd in the South Jacksonville church until his death. Ralph and Paula have 3 daughters, all three are married. All have chosen Christian men to share their lives. They have eight grandchildren.

Ralph also serves as one of the evangelists for the church, in a part-time capacity. He preached full-time for 19 years before moving to Florida to work as Public Relations Director at Florida College.

He preached in Louisville, KY, for a year of training, 5 years in Cleveland, MS, and 13 years in Concord, NC. Paula has worked as a secretary at Florida College and is now teaching in elementary school.

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles
Hymn Director - R. McDonald
Scripture Reader - A. Caldera
Rev 1:4-7, 18
Opening Prayer - J. Carithers
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - W. Hodge
Opening Prayer - B. Haley
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

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."

- Theodore Roosevelt

"Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?"

- Robin Williams