


The Reminder

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

“Spiritual Treasure”



Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

JESUS ENCOURAGES US TO LAY UP FOR OURSELVES “TREASURES IN HEAVEN” RATHER THAN “TREASURES ON EARTH.” These two treasures are related to one another in an interesting way. As Erwin W. Lutzer wrote, “Treasures in heaven are accumulated by our attitude to our treasures (or lack of them) on earth.” It is impossible to appreciate heavenly things if we don’t have a proper perspective on those that are earthly, and vice versa. However many or few treasures on earth we may have, if we don’t use these in the service of spiritual priorities then we won’t have any treasures in heaven. We may bankrupt ourselves spiritually by “saving” too much of what we have materially.

There is an old adage that says “Better rich in God than rich in gold.” Jesus explained why this is true when He said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” If our heart is going to be where our treasures are, then it’s obviously desirable to have God as our treasure!

The difficulty, however, lies in seeing the truth about ourselves when we’ve grown richer in gold than in God. No doubt, the prosperous Christians in Laodicea would have said that they were rich in God as well as in gold but they were self-deceived. Christ said, “[You] do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” (Revelation 3:17).

There probably aren’t many people who wouldn’t say that God is their most valuable treasure. And yet in our own lives, just as at Laodicea, the evidence may be contradictory. The real location of our treasure is most easily discovered by looking at where we invest most of our energy and enthusiasm. When we have a moment or two of discretionary time, if our thoughts, our conversation, and our activities are attracted more energetically and enthusiastically to earthly things, then there’s no use saying that our treasure is in heaven. The wonderful thing, however, is that we can change. If we need to, we can adjust where our treasure is!

“Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure. Where your treasure is, there is your heart. Where your heart is, there is your happiness” (Augustine of Hippo).

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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

Morning Lesson

Steve Garret
"Our Way Out"

Evening Lesson

Song Service

News and Notes:

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

Hope all remembered the time change this morning. And with the extra hour sleep, everyone should be alert. What a wonderful day to worship and praise.

Do remember to pray for those with long term health problems. Nothing new on the health front except to keep Austin Miles in your prayers. He took a fall last week and broke his collar bone. I believe it's broken in 4 places. So he will be in some pain for quite a while.

There are several new gospel meetings posted on the bulletin board. Take a look at them. I realize most are quite a drive, but the effort could be well worth your time as you encourage other brethren and are encouraged in turn.

This being the first Sunday of the month, please see Scott if you need an updated picture for the bulletin board.

I Know Whom I have Believed

We are dedicated to Bible study and worship so that we can all say what Paul said, "For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (II Tim. 1:12b). Someone wrote, "If you know the Author of the Book, you will love His Book." We are all about knowing the Author and His Book. Worshiping Him and studying His Book is what we do when we come together each week.

How do we develop confidence in all that we do for our Lord Jesus Christ? Our confidence comes from knowing that what we are doing pleases our Lord. Paul wrote this about his assurance in Christ, "in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him" (Eph. 3:12). Paul expressed his trust in the Christians at Thessalonica when he wrote, "And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you" (II Thess. 3:4).

Faith in Christ and obedience to His word will give us the ability to say confidently that we know Whom and what we believe, and that our commitment to Him is being kept until the great Day of His coming!

Ron Drumm

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Mann
Hymn Director - R. McDonald
Scripture Reader - S. Camp
Rev. 11:7-8
Opening Prayer - C. Cecil
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - W. Hodge
Opening Prayer - D. Haley
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

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

"You've got to tell your money what to do or it will leave."

- Dave Ramsey

"The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close."

- Unknown

"When you're finished changing, you're finished."

- Benjamin Franklin