

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

“Gods Incredible Gift”

“For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:7-8)

Note Paul's use of "perhaps" in the text. There would be a lot to consider before we committed completely to this sacrifice.

Is there anyone you would die for? That's the definition of true love exhibited by Jesus. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

Maybe there are some who are so useful to God and the Cause of Jesus that we would offer our lives in place of theirs. If it's illness that threatens them we can't exchange places, but we would if we could.

I think it is a man's responsibility and privilege to sacrifice for his family. If danger or hardship strikes, someone has to be out front. Not the children, but the parents, especially the father.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it...(Eph 5:25)

Now, note what God really did. He didn't die for us. He sent His Son, Jesus. There are people I would die for; yet, there is none for whom I would sacrifice my children. Did God love Jesus any less than I love my children? NO! This shows the magnitude of His love for us. There was no other way God could be both Just and a Justifier than by this sacrifice (Rom. 3:21-26). What adjective would you use to describe this gift? "Incredible", "Phenomenal", "Indescribable"? No words do justice to this gift of God.

Give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for our salvation. It was made possible by tremendous sacrifice on our behalf. “Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Matt 20:28). Don't take it for granted.
JLS

Morning Lesson

"Honor To Whom Honor Is Due"
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

"The Hour Has Come"
Steve Garrett

News and Notes:

Do keep praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley was with us Wed. night. Is doing better, just needs to regain strength. Janice is having some difficulty with chemo, as would most of us. Also remember Jan as she deals with cancer. Curby and Don have ongoing health issues as well. Laura Claburn has a torn meniscus. Don't know if surgery will be required or not.

It's a holiday week, with the "special" day on Thursday. Many, many of our number will be out of town. So, we'll spend Wed. night in a song service. No classes till next Sunday. Please be safe on the road.

David and Rona Gorski are planning to move their membership to Fry Rd. It's much closer to their house. We'll miss them.

"What If God..."

- What if God wouldn't take the time to bless us today because we didn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?
- What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?
- What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?
- What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?
- What if God hadn't sent His only begotten Son because He wanted us to pay the price for our sin?
- What if the door of the church was closed because we didn't open the door to our heart?
- What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?
- What if God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?
- What if God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?
- What if God met our needs the way we give Him or our lives? - Adapted

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Mann
Hymn Director - R. McDonald
Scripture Reader - J. Martinez
Matt. 20:17-19, 26-28
Opening Prayer - D. Kimbrough
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - W. Hodge
Opening Prayer - L. Williams
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

Bible Classes

Genesis
Gospel of John
Prayer and Providence
Graded Classes for Children

"Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it"
Dwight D. Eisenhower

"A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."
Benjamin Franklin

"We do not remember days, we remember moments."
Cesare Pavese