

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

“The Key to Happiness”

“Some people do not know what they want, but they are certain they don’t have it.” What a miserable person is the one who is incapable of being happy with what he has or what he is doing. The grumbler or complainer has never learned the meaning of contentment. Those who always have a long face, and focus on their hardships are shallow minded, for they fail to see their blessings too.

How often do we fail to recognize the good things of life until they are removed? Hospitals are filled with people who want to return to good health. We complain about things around the house until fire or storm destroys it. The key to happiness is simple. It comes through having the right attitude toward life. Solomon said, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Prov. 23:7). The Christian should be the happiest person on earth. We have forgiveness of sins, and the promise of eternal life. “Let your way of life be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He himself has said, I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you, so that we confidently say, The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?” (Heb13:5-6).

How do we learn Contentment?

1. Be at peace with yourself and God. “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Tim 6:6). The first step to true peace is obedience to God. “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22).
2. Pray often. “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hearth us” (1 Tim. 6:6) “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Phil. 4:6)
3. Count your blessings and be content. This does not mean to be lazy, but it does mean to find joy in the good things of life. “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (1 Tim 6:7)
4. Wait on the Lord. Happiness that is enduring can be attained only when we fully trust in Him. “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint” Isa. 40:31).
- Robert Harkrider

Morning Lesson

"Attitude of Gratitude"
Steve Garrett

Evening Lesson

"I'm Looking For A Church"
Jack Smith

News and Notes:

I hope everyone had a good holiday weekend; and you're all ready for work or school tomorrow. The year is quickly drawing to a close. It's been good for most, and we have many blessings to be thankful for.

No new "news" about health issues. We have a couple still undergoing cancer treatments, and for the moment are doing well. Great news from Jan Cooper last week. She has been pronounced "cancer free" (they don't use the term "in remission" much anymore). She will go for regular check-ups for quite a while.

New classes begin on Wed. night. Adults will choose between

- Exodus thru Deuteronomy - Robert McDonald teaching
- Acts - Mike Pharris teaching
- Studies on the Holy Spirit Matt Miles and Jesse Knapp teaching

"Garden"

In the garden of behavior you should plant:

- Five rows of peas:
 - Politeness
 - Preparedness
 - Promptness
 - Perseverance
 - Prayer
- Four rows of lettuce:
 - Let us be unselfish
 - Let us be loyal
 - Let us love one another
 - Let us be truthful
- Three rows of squash:
 - Squash gossip
 - Squash criticism
 - Squash indifference
- And Turnips:
 - Turn up for worship
 - Turn up with a smile
 - Turn up with a new idea

The word "Joy" is found 164 times in the concordance of the Bible, and the word "rejoice" is repeated 191 times.

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Mann
Hymn Director - M. Krueger
Scripture Reader - C. Cecil
Matt. 26:1-5, 26-29
Opening Prayer - M. Miles
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - G. Williams
Opening Prayer - D. Gorski
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

NEW CLASSES BEGIN ON WED.

"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face."
Ronald Regan

"Don't find fault, find a solution."
Henry Ford

"Be kinder than necessary, everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."
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