

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

“Not Just for New Year’s”

Usually as one year ends and another begins, people reflect on their lives, considering the accomplishments and failures of the past year. Then they make resolutions for the coming year which, most of the time, are promptly forgotten and broken.

Such self-examination is necessary for the Christian, not only at that time of the year, but every day. He must take stock of himself in relation to his service and accomplishments for the Lord and the growth and maturity in his character.

If he finds himself lacking in these things, he needs to resolve to do better and to do more for the Lord in the future. And such a resolution must not be abandoned but he must persistently and devotedly retain it in his heart.

The apostle Paul possessed this attitude. It is what allowed him to be successful as a disciple of the Lord. He said, "...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

As Christians, we must also be looking forward. We should not dwell upon or worry about past failures. Neither should we sit back and rest upon or gloat over past accomplishments. The child of God never reaches a point where he does not need to continue to grow. He never reaches a point in his service to Christ where he has done enough. Diligence in both these areas must always be given to make "our calling and election sure" ([2 Pet. 1:10-11](#)).

The following are some questions that all of us need to ask ourselves.

- Do I study the Bible diligently? (Heb. 5:12-14)
- Am I present at every service that I am able to attend? (Matt. 18:20, Heb 10:25)
- Can I be counted on to support the efforts of this church? (1Cor. 16:2)
- Am I concerned about my brethren and my relationship with them? (1 Cor. 12:25-26)
- Am I concerned about saving the lost? (1 Tim. 2:4)

Do you see some things in which you may be lacking? If so, resolve to change and set things in order, then, "press on."

Gene Taylor - edited
Centerville Road Church of Christ
Tallahassee, Florida

Morning Lesson

"The Way Home"

Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

Singing

News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

I'm home. Anita follows in a week or so. Hope all had as pleasant a time as we did and are excited about the new year. Don't know much about local news, but there are a few items. Lauren Perkins sent an email about her uncle Mark. He has visited here several times. The cancer he had has spread and he needs prayers. Our best to that family.

Mike left a note that Jeremy and Kristie Tom want to place membership. Kristie was a member here several years ago. She and Jeremy were married and she moved back to Bryan. Now they're "home." Please add to your directory: 4100 Greenbriar, Apt. 321, Houston, 77098. Jeremy - 979-220-3026. Kristie - 979-224-1100. email: thetoms2010@yahoo.com. His b'day 6/10/85. Her b'day 12/10/81. We look forward to working with them and welcome them to Bellaire.

"Fleas in a Fruit Jar"

An experiment was done once with fleas and an ordinary canning jar. A group of fleas was placed in the jar and the lid was left off. After a short time, all the fleas had successfully jumped out of the jar. Another group was then placed in the jar, but this time the lid was placed on the top.

For a while, the fleas consistently jumped high enough to hit the lid, but could not get out. Soon all the fleas were still jumping, but they were jumping just short of the lid. Once this happened, the lid was removed. None of the fleas made it out of the jar. They had found their comfort zone and refused to challenge themselves.

Many times we as Christians put lids on our own lives. Worse yet, we are sometimes guilty of putting lids on the minds of others.

- The Gospel Message

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."

- Groucho Marx

"Time sneaks up on you like a windshield on a bug."

- John Lithgow

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - J. Smith

Hymn Director - L. Williams

Scripture Reader - J. Carithers

Mark 15:1-20

Opening Prayer - D. Kimbrough

Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - R. McDonald

Opening Prayer - S. Clanton

Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith

Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann

Matt Miles

Mike Pharris

Jack Smith

Bible Classes

Acts

Holy Spirit

Exodus and Deuteronomy

Graded Classes for Children