

The Reminder

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

“How Much Do You Love”

True Love is Unselfish

Do you give away your last piece of gum, or M&M? Do you offer your Christmas fudge to everyone when you first open it or wait until after you are full and offer the left over pieces? Do you often consider yourself the one that has done the most on a project? Do you strive to be recognized as the most important in a group? Do you do things hoping folks will recognize you as the most loving servant they have ever seen? We must be constantly careful that we do not become selfish in our actions or motives.

New Commandment

Jesus was on His way to give His life on the cross, but He first washed the disciples feet ([John 13](#)). Later that night he said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if you have love one to another” ([John 13:34-35](#)). God had been commanding man to love each other for thousands of years, what is new about this command? The degree of love seems to be new. Jesus is teaching a love that fully considers others and offers total sacrifice of self.

Jesus Washed Feet

Jesus considered others needs and washed all their feet. This new commandment teaches unconditional love and service. Therefore, we serve each other in

spite of, instead of, because of! There is nothing easy about it! He washed Judas’ feet. That is unselfish service from a heart of unconditional love!

Jesus Died on the Cross

Washing feet seems to pale in comparison to His great act of service! Think about it – would you rather wash Judas’ feet or die for him? Jesus said, “that ye love one another as I have loved you.” We need to wash feet. In other words, we need to clean up other people’s messes. We need to do jobs never thinking this is too lowly for me! We need to wash when no one else will, but everybody could! We need to do good to them that do us harm! We need to be willing to die to self and live for Christ. Only then can we comprehend such unselfish love.

What Will You Do?

This holiday season commit to thinking about others. Offer to do the dishes, clean out the car, help the nine year old put his toy together, visit longer with the great-aunt that is hard of hearing and do for another what you know they hate to do! Let’s wash feet and die to self-will! Let’s all make the commitment to be unselfishly committed through unconditional love and service! That is one of the greatest gifts we can give to others and it is one that we ought to give all year! By this, folks will know that we are a disciple of Christ. (vr 35)! Does your family see that in you? Let’s be more like our Lord every day! Without Him We Would Be Nothing! - David Shannon

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study

GOSPEL MEETING:

November 13, 14, 15
- Fall Singing
- Jeff Wilson - Lessons from Isaiah.



Morning Lesson

“From Messed Up to Blessed Up:
Dealing With Real Life”
Jack Smith

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.

My sister's surgery was moved up to this past Friday. All went well, The doctors removed the tumor and two lymph nodes. Both the nodes were clear, so it looks good. She went home that same day. Radiation to follow for the next several weeks. Thanks for your prayers. Joanna asked that we keep her cousin in our prayers. They were expecting a baby and "lost" it at about 10 weeks. A traumatic event for all. It affects the whole family.

All the new ones here seem to be doing fine, and many have been at services already. A wonderful experience for all of us as you may see by the crowds that gather around them.

Anita has been in Kentucky visiting our kids and grand ones. She is back in Alabama now. I will fly up tomorrow to help her drive home on Thursday. There will also be others out of town. Keep the travelers in your prayers.

Many gospel meetings in the area. Check the bulletin board for details.

“Kindness is Timeless”

Social media brings out the worst in so many people. Anger, hostility, rudeness and profanity have replaced civility and younger generations are accustomed to obscenity as the soundtrack of their generation. As we age, we see the trends come and go, and they become less important to us. We can ride the waves in a desperate attempt to remain relevant or we can try the timeless approach.

Regardless of what is considered cutting-edge in any year, the practice of kindness never goes out of style. We spread flowers, not hate and nastiness, when kind, positive words emanate from us. In so doing, we change the people around us and bring light to dark worlds (Matthew 5:16).

God's people should make kindness a law in their lives (Proverbs 31:26). A kind word soothes the savage beast. A smile banishes the scowl and warms the frozen heart. People gravitate to kindness and appreciate its medicinal value.

Kindness disarms anger (Romans 12:20) and transcends time and place so it is never out of fashion. Kindness touches the heart and soul of humanity as nothing else can. We need it desperately in a coarse and hateful world.

If every soul were treated with kindness, so much evil would be overcome. When we add Christ to a kind disposition, it is an unstoppable force for good (Colossians 3:12). Spread kindness, goodness and love to the world and then share Christ with the open heart.

Kindness opens doors that anger would never see. When we lift others above their doldrums, they begin to see the world in a different light. In so doing, we create the possibility that Christ can finally be seen.
- Richard Mansel

WHO ARE WE?

A group of Gods children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

ASSIGNMENTS

Morning Service

Opening Prayer - J. Martinez
Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Lords Supper Lesson -
W. Hodge
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - J. Seale

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

- Joshua and Judges
(In the Auditorium)
- Great Lessons from Jesus
(In Room 204)

Directory Updates

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