


# The Reminder

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

## “Walking On Eggshells”



Life is enough of a challenge, but when you feel like you need to walk on eggshells around certain people it ramps up that challenge to almost being unbearable. We know by the Scriptures that we will have to give an account for "every careless word" (Matt. 12:36). In like fashion we are aware that the instruction has been issued that we are to speak no "unwholesome word", rather a "word fit for edification" (Eph. 4:29). Regardless, we are not naive. We know that at times ALL of us fall short in this area. At times we are guilty of making social blunders while at other times we are on the receiving end.

One of the lessons we can learn from life is to grant others license to make mistakes in judgment. We want "grace" when we "misspeak", but when our feelings are hurt we fail to extend the same grace. "Do not take seriously all words which are spoken, so that you will not hear your servant cursing you. For you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed others" (Eccl. 7:21-22). The natural response to this passage is to be defensive, "I don't curse others". The word "curse" here is the Hebrew word "qalal" and carries a definition of "trifling , with negative connotations; make little or contemptible."

Like it or not, each one of us has been guilty of this indiscretion. We belittle or insult, usually behind someone's back. We "spread news" that is unflattering and hurtful.

In Eph. 4:32 Paul writes, "be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other..." Sound advice to be sure. Each of us would be better off if we could see ourselves as others see us. To realize our words can have a sting. We need an attitude that genuinely seeks the best for every situation and person. "...ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men" (Titus 3:1-2).

There is no advantage for one to be hypersensitive. In fact quite the opposite holds true. It would serve us well to bring to the forefront of our thinking the teaching found in Philippians 4:5-8. Take some time to become reacquainted with what is found in these verses. Relax a little. Don't take to heart all that others say about you. Be careful what you say about others.

Adapted from an article by  
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### **BELLAIRE**

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### **Schedule of Services**

#### **Sunday:**

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 PM Bible Study



## Morning Lesson

“Passing Over Transgressions”  
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.

I think most of the folks who were out of town Wed. night are back home. In a week or so many, many of us will be on the road (or in the air). We give thanks to God for so many safe journeys in the past and continue to ask Him to keep us safe.

I mentioned Wed. night that Carolina's dad is suffering ill health now. She is a long way from him and can't offer the help and comfort she would like. Pray for the whole family. Keep Curby in your prayers also. He had non heart related surgery. Should be fine, but things don't always go smoothly.

The list for preparation of the Lord's Supper is on the table in the foyer. Please choose a month and volunteer.

No youth devo or Men's Study breakfast this month due to holiday activities and travel plans.

## “Giving Glory To God”

How different an individual's life would be if everything were done with a view to glorifying God — every thought, every word, every action directed toward this one goal.

Such direction would mean that all conscious decisions would be weighed carefully to see what kind of results they would produce (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5). Hurtful words would never be spoken. Sinful behavior would never be practiced. Such things blaspheme the worthy name of God (cf. James 2:6-7).

However, God is still God even if we are not the kind of people we ought to be — He does not change because we do not give Him the glory. The writer John tells us: **“Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested”** (Revelation 15:4; cf. Psalm 86:9; Jeremiah 10:7).

Wrong behavior may cause others to speak evil of God, but we are the ones who really lose when we fail to honor Him (1 Peter 3:12-17). As Christians, let us this holiday season (as in every season), give honor and glory to God by doing those things that are pleasing in His sight (John 8:29; cf. 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11).

## WHO ARE WE?

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

## ASSIGNMENTS

### Morning Service

Opening Prayer - J. Moon  
Hymn Director - R. McDonald  
Announcements - M. Mann  
Closing Prayer - J. Tom

### 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

- Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians - Steve Garrett
- **Auditorium**
- Children's Bible Stories Revisited - Lee Williams
- **Room 102**
- Graded classes for children

### Directory Updates

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