

The Reminder

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



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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

“Hope”

My great-grandson is counting the days until Christmas. Almost every morning as we leave for school he will tell me how many days are left until the holiday arrives. He has “hope“ of getting presents, of being out of school for two weeks. and for all the good times that are waiting. Sometimes he says he “can’t wait!”

Paul wrote about a far greater hope that Christians have in Christ Jesus. He noted how Moses’ face shined so brightly after being in the presence of God that he had to wear a veil so people could look at him (Exodus 34:29-33). The Israelites had the “hope” of a coming Messiah—but did not understand what that meant. Christians know the hope of eternal life through the gospel of that Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Paul said this hope is laid up for us in heaven (Col. 1:5).

Jesus said He was leaving this earth to go and prepare a place for those who follow Him (John 14:2, 3). Think about the joy of someday being in that “mansion” prepared for all those who obey God’s will (Matthew 7:21).

In fact, if we “know God” and have “obeyed Jesus’ gospel” (2 Thess. 1:6-9), that joy should be in our hearts even now, just like my great-grandson’s hopes for Christmas.

It isn’t popular to say today, but Paul said there is only one hope (Eph. 4:4)! That means there is no hope in anything or anyone else. Peter said there is salvation in no other name under heaven except Jesus (Acts 4:12). Do you have that hope in Christ, or are you letting the world entice you with some kind of false hope?

John K. Wills
Owingsville church of Christ
Owingsville, KY



Morning Lesson

“In Nothing Be Ashamed”
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.

It's winter time - Colds, flu and other assorted ailments. We're doing well so far. Nothing serious to report. Curby did have surgery a week ago. Hope he is healing well.

Seasonal travel has begun, though not all related to the holidays. Brian and Deb are in Dallas for a wedding. Jay and Megan are in the Dominican Republic for a wedding. Both couples should be back before long. The Coopers are in Illinois for a month or so visiting family. Steve, Muffy and girls are in Kentucky for the holiday. Steve will speak for the church there while he is "on vacation." They should be back on the 26th. Anita and I will leave on the 25th to go see family. Not sure yet when we will get home. I'll preach for the church in Cullman on Jan. 3. Many others will be going to see family.

Be careful. Enjoy your holiday. Keep God in mind. Hopefully we can all return safely.

“Gifts That Do Not Cost A Cent”

The Gift of Listening. But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

The Gift of Affection. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back, and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The Gift of Laughter. Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”

The Gift of Written Notes. It can be a simple “Thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The Gift of a Compliment. A simple and sincere, “you look great in red,” “you did a super job” or “that was a wonderful meal” can make someone's day.

The Gift of Favor. Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it's not that hard to say, “Hello” or “Thank you.”

Read Luke 6:38!
via Findlay church of Christ

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 - S. Clanton
Hymn Director - G. Williams
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - M. Gomez

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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