

The Reminder

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

“You Will Mess Up: What You Need To Know”

The Devil really loves to blind us to simple truths. When he can get us to forget the nature and work of God he can discourage us enough to give up. Don't let that happen. You should treasure these thoughts in your heart so you never forget them.

You are loved by God (Ephesians 5:1; John 3:16) He showed his love when we deserved it the least (Romans 5:8).

There is nothing in this world or the heavens that can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38-39).

The sacrifice of Jesus blood covers all the sins we confess before God (1 John 1:7-9). You can repent of any sin and God will remove it from you (Acts 3:19).

Once a sin is forgiven it is gone for good you'll never be held accountable for that sin again (Psalm 103:12).

It's not too late to change and follow Jesus (Hebrews 7:25).

Confession and asking for forgiveness brings back the "joy of God's salvation" (Psalm 51:23). It restores us to God's grace and mercy. Sadly, we can easily forget that when we head away from God into sin.

The Devil is a liar (John 8:44), he deceives you into living below the privileges given by Christ. Don't let him win when you falter and sin. Instead, turn your heart toward God and bask in his forgiving grace. God loves the contrite and penitent (Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 66:2). He is overflowing with love for all of us (Psalm 51:1). He is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9), including those who have fallen back or fallen away.

Restoration and full fellowship comes to all who seek God's forgiveness. No matter what your sin is God's kindness, grace and mercy is greater.

God is calling today, he is pleading with us to come partake of His mercy and love. What are you waiting for? Come home today!

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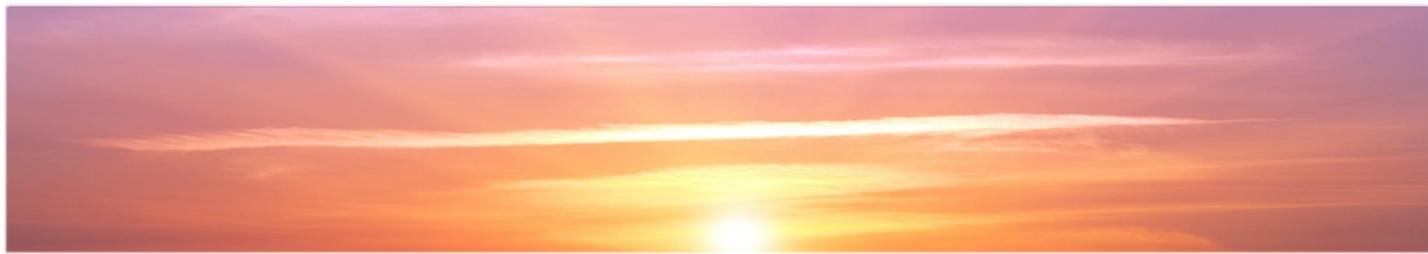
Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study



Morning Lesson

"Getting Past Bad Habits"
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 made it home Thursday about noon. Long trip, this time from southern Kentucky. Our third son moved into his new (to him) house and I was allowed to help with some of the remodeling.

Probably some out of town, as usual. The Coopers are still gone. The Knapps are at Cy-Fair today with Brandon's family for Adi's birthday.

There is a card on the bulletin board from the Hurd family saying "thank you" for gifts to them during the holiday.

Brian and Deb were sick on Wed. night. Hope they are better and with us today. Erin Betts spent a couple of days in the hospital this past week. She is having heart rate and liver function issues. Baby seems fine. Pray for this family.

Hope we have a wonderful worship today.

"The Maker's Music"

It is the orchestra of the Almighty, the sacred symphony. Often, in the mornings, I sit in a rocking chair drinking coffee and listening to the euphonic euphoria of the birds singing their morning songs. Knowing there are not an abundance of trees in our neighborhood, I am amazed at the deafening levels of their constant chirping. In describing the intricacies of God's creation, the psalmist declares, "Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they lift up their voices among the branches" (Psalm 104:12). I think of the words of that beautiful song, that "this is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise." It feels for all the world that those birds have gathered to perform solely for my enjoyment. When it comes to counting blessings, how often do we forget those "little" things God gives us for our pleasure and happiness that we too often overlook or ignore. That God made the birds is tribute to His and our aesthetic appreciation. That He gave them color and physical beauty is more so. But, that they also sing goes even further. It is a reminder of the nature of the God we serve.

He does not do the bare minimum. He is not sparing or stingy with His blessings. The Bible describes His generous character. He is the One who give good and perfect gifts (James 1:17). He pours "into your lap a good measure--pressed down, shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:38). The remarkable thing is that for all the extras God has provided in nature and on earth, they absolutely pale in comparison to what He has done spiritually for us and what He has in store for us eternally. The eternal home He is preparing for us has been in the making 2,000 years (John 14:1-4; compare that to the fact that this whole world was created in six days!). Wow! What a God!

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. Carithers
Hymn Director - G. Williams
Announcements - M. Pharris
Closing Prayer - D. Kimbrough

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

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