

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 13 AUGUST 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **EL Nickerson** is at home recovering from his infection that had him in the hospital last week. Please pray for him and check with Dietta to see what they might need.
- **Jim Carithers** is at the University Place Nursing Center for rehab until he fully recovers from his fall. He can see visitors but please call him ahead of time, as he is busy and tired.
- **Curby Stech** continues to recover from pneumonia.
- **Bethany Moon** is dealing with quite a bit of sickness at the beginning of her pregnancy, so please pray for her! Also remember **Lauren Underwood**, who is also expecting.
- Keep in mind family members of our own. **Brie Grossi**, the daughter of **Rudy and Cheryl Black** is in St. Luke's with vision problems. Also, **Holly Ann, Sharon Alexander's** daughter, who is undergoing radiation treatments.
- Keep praying for on-going health concerns: **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Anna Mickle, and Pat Butler.**
- **Sermon Title: Serve Like Jesus**
- **Calendar Items:**
 - **Group meetings** are scheduled for this afternoon; if you are not sure which group you are in, please see one of the elders. The Pearland group is not meeting this month.

WHO ARE WE?

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

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Mike Pharris

DEACONS

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

EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell
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DIRECTORY UPDATES

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - H. Banks
Song Leader - M. Krueger
Opening Prayer - B. Ward
Lesson - S. Garrett
Communion Talk - M. Pharris
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - S. Clanton

BIBLE CLASSES

Psalms (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Classes for children

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Hearts in Tune

by: **Gary Henry (wordpoints.com)**

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ” (Philippians 1:9,10).

OUR GOAL IS TO ALLOW GOD’S DESIRES TO BECOME OUR OWN. We want to “approve the things that are excellent,” allowing God’s truth to fill our minds, yielding our will to His purposes, and rejoicing in the sheer goodness of all things that are good. There is within each of us, perhaps buried under layers of lesser concerns, a longing for hearts that are in tune with God’s heart, hearts that want nothing but what He wants. Coming to have such a heart (and helping others to do so) is what spiritual growth is about. This is why we study and meditate upon God.

It is impossible to grow in likeness to God’s character without learning to love Him, and it is impossible to love God without learning to love what He loves. Thus one of the wisest things we can do is to make a commitment to love only the things that are highest and best, as judged by God’s criteria. Frances de Sales wrote, “Love is the strongest passion of the soul. We become like what we love. Guard against loving wrongly.”

Thomas à Kempis put it in the form of a prayer: “O Lord, let me know what is worth knowing, love what is worth loving, praise what pleases you, honor what is worthy in your sight, and avoid all that is evil.” In our present state of mind, putting ourselves in God’s hands is not always easy. It’s a test not only of our trust but also of our courage. Our desires are so often going in the opposite direction, to let God define what is desirable can seem almost insane. From our vantage point in the here and now, the life of radical faith may seem to involve more sacrifice than serenity. But in the end, the hearts that will have found peace will be those that have come to rest in the purposes of God. On this side of the Cross, there can surely be no doubt as to the benevolence of those purposes. Whatever He desires, it is our privilege to desire the very same things, just because He desires them.

“Lord Jesus, help me to want what is most pleasant to you. You know what is best for me. Give what you will, when the right time comes, and in the quantity you prefer. Do with me as you please. Put me where you will. I am in your hands. I am your servant. I am ready to do whatever you command. You are the true peace of my heart and the perfect rest of my soul” (Catherine Parr).