

# THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 28 JANUARY 2018

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Deb Haley's** procedure to install a pain pump was postponed again, due to kidney stones. Please pray for Deb, as she deals with all this pain and the difficulty of putting off the procedure. Pray that it can happen soon and give her relief!
- **Bob and Erma Stark** have gone to Corpus Christi for her father's birthday. They have been laying pretty low since Bob's transplant, so please pray that the trip goes smoothly and that Bob feels well and continues to recover his strength!
- **Next Sunday, February 4th**, will be our monthly **singing and prayer service!** These are always encouraging and good for learning and praying for the needs of our brethren. Join us!
- **The Ladies' Retreat** will be on **Saturday, February 10th** at the Pharris' house in Surfside, see Shannon Morolez or Linda Pharris for more information. All ladies are welcome!
- Remember our expectant mothers: **Josie Haley, Bethany Moon** and (former member) **Lauren Underwood**, who is having some complications in her pregnancy.
- Don't forget those rebuilding and recovering from Harvey: **Banks, Benthalls, Haleys, Starks, Stechs, and Washington.**
- Keep praying for those with on-going health concerns: **Pat Butler, Laura Claburn, Jan and Richard Cooper, Mike Flinn, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle, Bob Stark, and Curby Stech.**
- **Sermon Title: Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9)**

## 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 Haley  
Mitchell Howell  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
John Moon  
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** - D. Broadwell  
**Song Leader** - M. Krueger  
**Opening Prayer** - T. Walker  
**Lesson** - S. Garrett  
**Communion Talk** - D. Bean  
**Announcements** - M. Pharris  
**Closing Prayer** - M. Gomez

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Isaiah (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell

### 1&2 Peter/Jude (Back)

- Mark Mann
- Harrison Banks

### Classes for children

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## Child-Like Wonder

by: Gary Henry ([wordpoints.com](http://wordpoints.com))

*“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3)*

**IT IS EASY FOR A CHILD TO LOVE THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS MADE AND TO BE DRAWN BY THESE THINGS TO LOVE GOD HIMSELF.** Innocent and free, a child responds very naturally to goodness and beauty; he or she takes genuine delight in the multifaceted mysteries of creation. A cloud . . . a tree . . . a squirrel. There is nothing that is not of interest, nothing that does not make the heart throb with wonder and longing for something (or Someone) beyond.

A time comes, however, if the child lives long enough, when these things begin to lose their interest. And the reason? Sin has entered the heart, throwing everything into disarray. There is now delusion and falsehood. Values have been turned upside down. Cynicism has set in. The child, now no longer a child, is busy, not enjoying the creation, but trying to own it and manipulate it to selfish advantage. Now, if he ever notices a cloud, a tree, or a squirrel, he goes to one of two extremes: either he (1) disregards them completely, or (2) worships them rather than their Creator.

All of this is profoundly sad. Yet it would be far sadder if it were not for the gospel of Jesus Christ, through which it is possible to be forgiven and to recover the child-like wonder and honest humility with which we used to respond to God’s goodness. The child that we used to be is not gone forever but simply buried under layers of adult pride and busyness. We should be encouraged to know that there are choices we’re capable of making that will open our hearts back up to the powerful pull of truth and joy.

We need to make these choices and go back to our younger hearts. “Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven,” Jesus said. In the kingdom, there are many new things to be learned. But before we can learn them, there is a good deal of grown-up “stuff” that needs to be unlearned, especially our desire for counterfeit pleasures rather than the real ones that God has provided.

“I was a little stranger who was surrounded by innumerable joys when I arrived here . . . I knew nothing of sickness or death. In the absence of these I was entertained like an angel with the works of God. Heaven and earth sang my Creator’s praise” (Thomas Traherne)