

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 MARCH 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bob Stark** continues to recover well and has even started back to work part time at his job in Dallas. Continue to pray for his strength and safety as he travels and adjusts to normal life!
- **Bill Mann** is engaged to **Anna Lee Coffey** as of this weekend! Let's congratulate them and pray for them and their future!
- **Deb Haley** continues to recover and adjust to life with her pain pump, keep her in mind keep praying for her!
- Keep **Muffy Garrett's** mother, **Beverly Berthold**, in your prayers as she has begun her chemotherapy.
- Remember the **Haleys** and **Starks**, who are still displaced from the flood and are in the early stages of reconstruction. The **Stechs** are still in a temporary living situation as well.
- Remember our one expectant mother, **Josie Haley**.
- 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.**
- Flyers for our **Spring Meeting with Kevin Clark, April 21-22** are on the back table! Pick one up so that you can have the information and invite others as well!
- **Sermon Title: Obeying the Gospel**

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
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EVANGELISTS

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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 - S. Garrett
Opening Prayer - TBD
Communion Talk - B. Haley
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - F. Sparks
Wed. Songs - G. Williams
Wed. Invitation - J. Knapp
Wed. Prayer - B. Ward

BIBLE CLASSES

Isaiah

- Daniel Broadwell
- Auditorium

Middle - High School

- Steve Garrett
- Upstairs

Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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Why Do Bible Reading Programs Fail? by: David Maxson

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in rich food. (Isaiah 55:2)

Why do Bible reading programs fail? There are many causes, but one reason is we have not developed our desire for the Word. "*How sweet are your words to my taste,*" wrote the psalmist, "*sweeter than honey to my mouth*" (Psalm 119:103). If God's Words were as sweet as honey, we wouldn't have a problem.

Why are we not hungry? We may have too much junk-food in our diet. Our minds are full of worldly music, movies, reality shows, talk shows, game shows, Internet gossip, etc., and none of these things support or promote godliness.

These worldly distractions don't satisfy the longings of our hearts. Like Coco Puff cereal they are sugary and sweet but full of air. They are spiritual junk food for the soul. Our souls crave Jesus, and once we have "*tasted that the Lord is good*" we'll come back to Him again and again like a baby desiring milk.

This is an acquired taste, though, that doesn't come overnight. Worldly things are easily digested. They give immediate gratification. The spiritual feast Jesus offers doesn't work that way, it takes time to appreciate. It may be that we must simply force ourselves to deny ourselves the spiritual junk food and choose instead to eat from God's Word every day. We may not like it at first, but if our hearts are right the hunger for the Word will come.

Bible reading should not be a mere duty, another thing to check off on our daily "to do" list. It should be seen as a time to feast. It is our food. It is the water we drink, the air we breathe. It is our life.

"Many shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

O God, we have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Fill us and satisfy us this day with the milk of your Word!