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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Terry Walker has returned home after several weeks of being in the hospital and rehab center following his surgery to repair a broken leg. There are quite a few things that Terry needs in the coming weeks, so pay attention to emails and announcements to see what can be done to help him out!
- Linda Pharris will be having a hip replacement surgery on Wednesday of this week (6/20). Please pray for her!
- Two events this coming weekend:
 - The **Men's Breakfast** is this coming Saturday, June 23rd at 8:30, at the Panera Bread in West U (3151 W Holcombe).
 - The Ladies Class is also this Saturday, June 23rd, at 10:00, at the home of the Broadwells (11307 Silver Bay Ct, Pearland)
- Laura Claburn had a surgery this week, please pray for a speedy recovery and good health moving forward!
- **Deb Haley** is dealing with some bad back pain, and they are working to figure out what is causing it. Pray for relief!
- Beverly Berthold, Muffy Garrett's mother, is in the middle of a 21-day round of cancer treatment. Pray for complete healing.
- Remember our one expectant mother, Josie Haley.
- Don't forget the **Haleys** and **Starks**, who are still waiting for their homes to be fully reconstructed so they can move in.
- 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.

SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SFRVICE

Welcome - N. Lovinggood Song Leader - G. Williams Opening Prayer - J. Moon Communion Talk - J. Knapp Lesson - S. Garrett

Announcements - M. Mann **Closing Prayer** - R. McDonald

Wed. Songs - D. Haley **Wed. Invitation** - I. Davies

Wed. Prayer - B. Mann

BIBLE CLASSES

Evidences (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Middle - High School

- Alex Morolez
- Justin Seale

Classes for All Ages

• Back Classrooms

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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How Important Are You to God? by: Warren Berkley

Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26)

Have you ever seen a bird dressed up like a farmer? Have you ever observed, in a pick-up truck, a bird driving, going out to check the fields and put out irrigation lines? Have you ever witnessed a bird going to the bank to apply for a loan, to have funds to put a crop out, or buy equipment?

Sounds funny. But what we never see; what we observe in the "unemployment" of birds in farming, is the very thing Jesus is affirming: "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns."

So, how do the birds survive, would be the question. And Jesus gave the answer: Your Heavenly Father feeds them!! {Granted, they have to work to get the food and eat it, etc. But that isn't the main point here.}

It occurs to me, Jesus did not say, "The Birds Heavenly Father." No — He said, "Your Heavenly Father feeds them." But is this just a lesson in how God takes care of birds??

No — the whole point of this comes with the next statement, which is stated as a rhetorical question: "Are you not of more value than they?" Now — when we read statements like this — we need to include ourselves. There is every reason in the context, to see that Jesus is addressing the value of people; not groups, but individuals!! He goes on to say, two verses later, "Why do you worry?" "Worry" is a function of individuals. This is about the value of individual people, in the sight of God; in the estimation of heaven.

And this is what matters most!! You may think nothing of yourself. You may imagine that others think of you in demeaning ways. People may even tell you or display to you in some way that they think little of you. You can mark that down as human estimation. Then, get focused on divine estimate. Jesus said you are of high value — crowned with glory and honor, regarded by God as His valuable creature! Read the 8th Psalm.