

The Reminder

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

“Motivated”

One day out in the middle of a cow pasture that we had turned into a makeshift baseball diamond, and for some reason I have yet to figure out, my brother, Carter, told me he was going to hit me with a baseball bat. I didn't believe him. So in front of all our friends, I stood there and dared him to do it. What happened next? You guessed it! The next thing I knew I was on the ground-my legs had been knocked out from under me by a baseball bat. Dad disciplined him, but I guarantee you, the next time Carter said he was going to hit me with a baseball bat, I believed him and got out of his way. Human motivation originates in faith. We do what we believe to be true.

People who have a saving faith in God will be motivated to please him. “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” ([Hebrews 11 :7](#)). In Hebrews chapter eleven the writer explains that Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, all pleased God, because of their faith. They were motivated to obey him no matter what the cost.

The apostle Paul, one of the most motivated Christians of the First Century, explains that his life was so motivated, not because of his faith in himself (self-motivated), but because of his faith in Jesus Christ (Christ-motivated) ([Galatians 2:20](#)). The Philippian Christians were motivated to obey God, not because they believed in Paul, but because God motivated them – they believed in God ([Philippians 2:12- 13](#)).

A faith that doesn't motivate is a dead faith ([James 2: 17](#)). A church that isn't motivated or isn't actively doing the Lord's will is a dead church with a dead faith. So let's be active; let's be alive; let's be motivated — let's continue growing in faith! “So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God” ([Romans 10: 17](#)).

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study



“Time”

Morning Lesson

“What is Truth”
Steve Garrett

Evening Lesson

“The Power of Negative Preaching”
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.

We had several out Wed. night with allergy related trouble. Hope they are able to be with us today. Keep Jim and his family in your prayers. The Haley's (Brian and Deb) are at their son's house. New grandbaby was born last week. Birth went OK, but there are challenges. Not sure how severe yet. Beth and Tim Fuqua were back for tests. She was exhausted and in some pain from the trip, but everything looks "stable". Probably best news we could hope for. They have returned to Tennessee.

Not sure how many of us are out of town this weekend. Nita is in Kentucky with our kids and grand ones. Should be home sometime this week.

Matt announced last Sunday that beginning in September we will discontinue our Sunday evening service. There are plans for many of the Sunday evenings and they will be "fleshed out" as the time draws nearer. Reason for waiting is to inform several websites of the change. We're listed on several, and they correspond with us infrequently. This will give time to let them update their sites.

So Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my sojourning are one hundred and thirty; few and unpleasant have been the years of my life, nor have they attained the years that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning.

How quickly the days can slip through our fingers. Jacob already had 130 years under his belt when he stood before Pharaoh, yet he says his days have been *few*. Moses would later write that a man is doing good to make it to 80, and his point there is that we need to learn to "**number our days**" in order to live wisely (Ps. 90:10). Every day looms large and has so much potential, and in realizing this we sometimes think we can afford to lose a few moments here and there. Moments and minutes add up and turn into hours, and before we know it, we've wasted half of a day. Are we redeeming our time as we've been commanded? (Eph. 5:16) Or are we squandering our minutes and hours? We only get a *few*. Let's not throw them away.

Jason Garcia

“Don’t mind criticism. If it’s untrue, disregard it. If it’s unfair, don’t let it irritate you. If it’s ignorant, smile. If it’s justified, learn from it.”

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Pharris
Hymn Director - M. Krueger
Scripture Reader - J. Martin
Acts 2: 22-24:36
Opening Prayer - P. Selgas
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - G. Williams
Opening Prayer - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

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

BIBLE CLASSES

- World Religions
- John and Romans
- Graded Classes for Children