

The Reminder

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

“Remember”

Hebrews 13:7 "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith."

This weekend is the time we remember the fallen soldier, Memorial Day. The greatest price and the greatest sacrifice and the greatest gift that any person can give is their own life. Freedom comes with a price. There are those who want to take away the freedom and our safety and protection is made possible by those sacrifices. Simple things, such as writing and sending these Jump Starts, would be banned and outlawed in many places today. This freedom should never be taken lightly. God bless those who have served our country and have walked with the Lord at the same time!

Hebrews 13:7 is not about soldiers, it's about spiritual heroes. They were to remember those who first taught them the Gospel. That's a good thing to do.

Remember those who first taught you. Can you remember? Who is the first preacher that you remember? What we remember the most is the passion, the commitment, the dedication and their desire to help us know the Lord and walk with Him. They worked long and hard, and most were not paid near what they were worth. Many of their families struggled financially, but they got by with the help of the Lord. Those spiritual giants knew the book.

Many could stand up in front of a crowd and quote passage after passage. That's impressive. More than that, they really knew the Lord. They prayed often. They took their walk with the Lord seriously. Good men. They kept many congregations going.

Considering the result of their conduct. Other translations state, "considering the outcome of their faith." The tone of these words imply that they had gone on.

They kept and they finished, as Paul would declare about himself. It's one thing to start. It's the staying with it until you have finished that is hard. Those that were remembered here, had completed their journey. They did what the Lord wanted. The "well done" would be spoken to them by the Lord. You and I are still on our journey. Stopping now means quitting. Stopping now isn't reaching the goal.

Imitate their faith. There were footprints that these first teachers left. Those footprints led to Heaven. The readers were told to imitate or follow those footprints. Imitate how they worshipped. Imitate how they believed. Imitate how they refused to quit. The devotion, commitment and dedication- imitate those things. The book reveals many forms of persecution and hardships that they were going through. Some had quit. Some had found a way to avoid those things. They were neglecting, compromising and simply giving up. The reminder of these first teachers, what they went through, the outcome of their faith, was used to keep them on course. We need to do the same. Some of our forefathers, spiritually, donated land so church buildings could be built. Some of them traveled a long way, not in the luxury of air travel, but on horseback, to preach and strengthen souls. In pouring rain, those early preachers in America would travel, often sleeping on the ground, preaching in log cabins and in schools and out in meadows, wherever a crowd would gather. They poured their hearts out. Today, we have fine congregations that meet in state of the art church buildings, the latest technology, Yet it will be the same dedication, hard working, committed soldier to the cross that will make the difference.

Three simple words from our passage: remember, consider, imitate.

Roger - Jump Starts Daily (edited)

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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



“Strange, the Way It Woks”

Morning Lesson

“Prayer - Contact With God & Self”
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

“Children of God”
Steve Garrett

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.

Especially keep Curby in your prayers. As many know, he had a heart transplant on Friday evening. We are told he is doing as expected and is in CCU. Visits are allowed from family only. Melva has expressed their deepest appreciation for all of the prayers. Continue to remember them in your prayers as well as his doctors and nurses as he begins his recovery.

I returned from Atlanta on Friday. Hope to be home for a few weeks. Since I have been out of town and am not aware of other announcements at this time.

Several years ago, in a different city, a lady came to me with a problem; “I just don’t feel right about my faith,” she said. “I think I’m missing something.”

I asked her what she had done in the last month as a service for others. She had done nothing. I then asked her about the past year. Again the reply was negative. I then asked her what was the last thing she had done in service to God or His children. She replied that she had taught a Bible Class five years ago.

I then asked her when was the last time she felt good about her faith. After a long silence, she replied; “About five years ago.”

If We are to be imitators of Christ (I Cor. 11:1), then we must follow His example. Christ said He didn’t come to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45). If we want to be filled with zeal like Jesus, we need to start serving others like He did.

Larry Fitzgerald

“It takes two hands to take hold of eternal life. You’ll have to let go of everything else”

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - J. Smith
Hymn Director - W. Hodge
Scripture Reader - J. Tom
Acts 20:18-28
Opening Prayer - J. Knapp
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - G. Williams
Opening Prayer - S. Camp
Closing Prayer - J. Smith

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