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Reminder

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

“When Meaning Makes a Thing Important”

“. . . and Joshua said to them: ‘Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, “What do these stones mean to you?”’” Joshua 4:5,6).

Is there a ring on your finger that has a meaning out of all proportion to the size of the ring itself? Perhaps there is. And we treasure many other things that have more importance than their physical size would indicate: photographs, mementos, keepsakes, and such. An antique sofa and an album of baby pictures might both be irreplaceable, but if the house were burning down, most of us (the mothers among us, at least) would grab the baby pictures to save, and not just because they’re easier to carry!

Take time to find out what things mean. Years later, there might not have been many people in Israel who knew what that pile of rocks on the west bank of the Jordan meant. But those who took the time to find out would have been rewarded with a bit of knowledge that was both interesting and beneficial. These days, most of us stay so busy with our own trivia, we rarely stop to ask the meaning of even the most important things around us. But we’re the losers when we fail to ask, “What does that mean?”

Take time to appreciate what things mean. In regard to God, there are a number of events, observances, and even physical objects (what about your own Bible?) that have deep meaning attached to them. Do we appreciate these? Do we count them among our treasures? We need to take precautions against ever becoming so jaded that the meaningful things in life seem stale or dull.

Teach your children what things mean. We do our children a disservice when we allow them to reach maturity without having been taught what the truly important things in life mean. Meanings have to be handed down, and so it’s the privilege and responsibility of each generation to see that its young people learn what those who’ve gone before have found meaningful.

Few things are inherently valuable; it’s what they *mean* to somebody that makes them so. So meanings are very important, and we’d be better off if we spent more time thinking about them.

“The least of things with a meaning is worth more in life than the greatest of things without it” (Carl Jung).

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About Us

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Who Are We?

A group of God’s children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:
7:30 PM Bible Study



MORNING LESSON

“Denominationalism: Curse of Religion”

Jack Smith

SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks
 Hymn Director - R. McDonald
 Opening Prayer – Z. Kelsey
 Morning Lesson – J. Smith
 Lord’s Supper Lesson- R. Renz
 Announcements – J. Smith
 Closing Prayer - J. Martinez

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
 Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
 Mark Mann
 Matt Miles
 Mike Pharris
 Jack Smith

DEACONS

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

BIBLE CLASSES

Galatians, Ephesians and
 Philippians - Steve Garrett

Auditorium

Children’s Bible Stories Revisited
 - Lee Williams

Room 102

Graded classes for children

Directory Updates

“Pray With No Doubting”

Several years ago, there were some residents of a drought-stricken community in West Texas, who decided to pray for rain. They contacted a local preacher, and asked him if he would call a special prayer meeting for the purpose of praying for rain.

The preacher gladly agreed, and the date and time were set for the meeting. On the scheduled day, the people all assembled on a hillside to pray to God for rain. When the preacher arrived, he gazed upon the assembly for a moment and said, “Let’s all go home. There’s no sense in praying for rain today, because not a one of you folks brought your umbrella!”

Sometimes, by our words and actions (or inactions), do we not end up telling folks that we really don’t expect an answer from God? Brethren and friends, if we ever **doubt** whether or not God will answer our prayers, then our praying becomes **utterly futile** (James 1:5-8-NKJV).

When we pray according to the Father’s will (1 John 5:14-15-NKJV), we need to **firmly believe and expect** that He will provide **exactly** what we are praying for (Mark 11:20-24-NKJV; cf. Matthew 7:7-NKJV; Luke 11:1-10-NKJV; John 14:13-NKJV; John 15:7-NKJV; John 16:24-NKJV), otherwise, we might as well “all go home.”

- Mike Riley



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 quite a few out on Wed. Seems there is a virus going around that impacts the respiratory system. Not an allergy, and it is difficult to shake. We missed Micah, Martin, Victoria and Chloe, Brian and several others. Some have recovered, and I hope we see all these back on Sunday.

Keep in mind those who have recently delivered babies. Josie and Abram are doing well. Erin had her daughter, Clarabelle, on Wed. All are well. Now they have the pleasure of raising them. Life is filled with joy.

This afternoon is the youth devo, immediately after morning services. This afternoon at 1:30 is the beginning of the Women's study at the bldg.

The Sanchez family is "renewed" for another year. Immigration meeting was a formality, though a scary one.

Our next gospel meeting is April 22-24, Phil Robertson is to be with us. I understand he is an excellent speaker. Look forward to this occasion.