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Reminder

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

“The Road Less Traveled”

Life is full of choices to make. There are things that everyone must choose to do or not to do (Joshua 24:15), places to decide to go or not to go (Genesis 13:8-12), people to acquaint yourself with (Romans 16:1-15) or to ignore (Romans 16:17; 2 John 1:10-11). All sorts of choices, and many of them are difficult. The Lord spoke of a choice man has to make in Matthew 7:13-14, “Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few that find it” (NKJV).

Picture yourself at an intersection of two roads, one well-paved, easy to navigate, relatively straight with few hills to climb; several lanes for driving. The other, a two-lane road with potholes, no shoulders, curvy and very hilly, so your ability to see at a distance is limited. Which would you choose? Most folks are going to take the first road because of the ease of navigation. Why would one willingly go down the second road with all of its difficulties and pitfalls?

The same two choices are faced in the spiritual roadway of life. It is easy to do the things of this world and go down that “easy road”. One will meet little or no resistance if he or she goes along with what everyone else is doing. The cruise control can be set, the seat leaned back, the air conditioner cranked up, the stereo on your favorite radio station, and no cares to run through your mind about anything getting in your way. There is no such thing as “peer pressure” on this road, because whatever carnal activities society dictates, the one who takes this road will likely engage in them as well (1 Corinthians 3:3-4). The other choice, however, is not as easy. It is a difficult road or way.

The “way of righteousness” and following the teaching of God’s word (Proverbs 12:28; Psalm 1:1-2). It is indeed “the road less traveled” (there are “few who find it” – Matthew 7:14). It’s a difficult thing to “go against the grain” and be one of those “peculiar” people who try to live a life pleasing to God (1 Peter 2:9). When one chooses to take the road less traveled, often times people of the world think them to be strange because of the stand it requires (1 Peter 4:4). The excesses of those on the easier road are repugnant to those on the difficult road, yet the disciplined life of those traveling the difficult road seems silly to those on the other roadway (1 Corinthians 9:27; Acts 17:18; 1 Peter 4:4).

These two roads have crossovers. There is tremendous pressure on those who take the difficult road or way to leave it and cross over to the easier way. One can go from the easy road to the difficult road through obedience to God’s will (Matthew 7:21) and trying to live a life faithful to Him (Revelation 2:10). Most do not cross over to this way. However, many cross over from the difficult road to the easy road. Perhaps the road less traveled gets too difficult for them, or like Demas they “love this present world” (2 Timothy 4:10). They see that it is much easier to blend with the flow of traffic on the easier road and choose to take it. What we must do is consider the **end** of the two roads. The less traveled road leads to the right destination – eternal life (Matthew 7:14), the well traveled road leads to a “dead end” – a destination of destruction (Matthew 7:13). Which road will you choose? This writer’s choice is the “road less traveled”. – Mike Riley

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

“Shine!”

Steve Garrett

SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks
 Hymn Director - W. Hodge
 Opening Prayer – J. Seale
 Morning Lesson – S. Garrett
 Lord’s Supper Lesson- B. Haley
 Announcements – J. Smith
 Closing Prayer - J. Tom

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

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“Grandma's Spectacles”

A little boy said to some friends:
 "When I get older I want to wear
 glasses just like Grandma wears.
 She must have a special kind because
 she can see so much more than most
 people. She can see when folks are
 hungry or tired or sorry, and she can
 even see what will make them feel
 better. She can see how to fix a lot of
 things to have fun with, and she can
 see what a fellow meant to do, even if
 he didn't do it right. She can see when
 a boy is about to cry and she can see
 what to do to make him feel better.
 I asked her one day how she could
 see so good and she said it was the
 way she learned to look at things as
 she got older. So when I get older I
 want a pair of spectacles just like hers
 so I can see good, too."

*"Be kind to one another, tender-
 hearted, forgiving each other, just as
 God in Christ also has forgiven you"
 (Eph. 4:32)*

 “The shortest distance between a
 problem and a solution is the distance
 between your knees and the floor.”

“Coincidences happen when God
 chooses to remain anonymous.”

“Don't put a question mark where
 God put a period.”



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.

Don't know of any "new" on the
 sick list. Not sick, but recovering
 is Kristy Robinson. She and
 Michael are new parents and even
 though they now worship in
 Rosenberg we count them as part
 of our family here. Rejoice with
 them.

Bob and Erma Stark are back with
 us as members here. They
 worshipped with several years
 ago, then moved away. They are
 moving back into our area. I don't
 have contact info yet, but
 hopefully by next week we will.
 Welcome them

New Bible class quarter begins on
 Wed. night. Adult classes are:
 Robert teaching in the auditorium
 - **Messianic Prophecies**. Jack in
 Room 102 - **I and 2 Samuel**.
 Both are Old Testament studies,
 but have significant lessons for
 modern people. Choose one and
 work hard.