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# Reminder

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

## “Ten Suggestions For A Good Family”

Few things rival the joy of having a good family. Having a good wife. Having a loving husband. Rearing faithful children. What a pleasure it is! I was just thinking awhile back about what might be some things necessary for having a good family. Here are ten suggestions.

**1. Involve God in your marriage.** God ordained the husband and wife relationship. Far too many marriages don't involve God. It seems to me that husbands and wives are too busy with mundane things today. They don't have any time to be together, much less be together with God. Husbands and wives don't pray together, they don't laugh together; they don't have private talks about good stuff. If you haven't involved God in your marriage, you're missing one of the supreme joys of life. (Read [Genesis 1:26-28](#))

**2. Involve God in rearing your children.** Children need to be taught early on that God is supreme in the home, that He will be considered first in all matters. When that is the case, there will be instructions about honesty, about being kind, about helping others, as well as a host of other things having to do with holiness and piety. Children get close to God when they see that their parents are close to God. When they see no godliness, they are not likely to have much themselves. (Read [Ephesians 6:4](#))

**3. Keep good communication.** Most of the problems in marriages are in some way connected to poor communication. Misunderstandings are nearly always caused by a failure to communicate. Marriages need closeness, communications brings it about. Stay in touch with your spouse. Keep an open line with your children. (Read [Proverbs 1:7-9](#))

**4. Do things together.** It bothers me that I see homes so fragmented in today's society. The wife works, and keeps the house, the husband works, but plays gold when he is off. There's no time for family-togetherness. The children are often so involved in some kind of outside activity that they have little time for family affairs. Nobody has time to sit and just enjoy pleasant family conversation. After all, you can't really get to know one another when you spend no time together. (Read [Eccl. 9:9](#))

**5. Eat together.** I made this a section by itself because it deserves special consideration. Families need to plan a time for at least one meal together each day. Meals shared promote good humor, good conversation, an opportunity to speak of moral and spiritual needs. Eating together is one of the purest forms of fellowship, and one of the best promoters of family happiness. (Read [Ecclesiastes 3:12-13](#))

**6. Encourage one another.** There is great benefit in encouraging one another. For instance, a youngster who is naturally timid can be brought out of that timidity—at least somewhat—by a little encouragement. A child who is a bit too extroverted can be helped to control that tendency by some well-placed encouragement. And teaching children to encourage one another, to encourage their parents, cements a marriage and makes it strong. (Read [Gal. 6:1-4](#))

**7. Make family worship part of your schedule.** We schedule everything else. Why can't we just put down a time and say, "this if for family worship"? Children get a good start with such activities, teenagers keep spiritual focus from such, and the parents get closer to God when there is a time for spiritual matters. (Read [Matthew 5:1-12](#))

**8. Learn the joy of saying, "I love you."** It makes marriages happier. It makes kids feel important. It makes for a better home on every front. It brings the family together. It makes hard times easier to bear. It's God's way of having a good home. A home with lots of love in it is a happy home. (Read [I Cor. 13](#))

**9. Find good family friends.** As a general rule, people tend to find those who share their convictions and aspirations. Good family friends adorn homes. They bring special admirations, feelings of mutual trust, and extra-family kindness to the home and family. (Read [I Corinthians 12:12-20](#))

**10. Take out the trash.** Every family has stuff that doesn't belong. These things have to be handled. And if they are not handled properly the trash builds up and eventually causes a big stink. Even little pieces of rubbish have to be taken out early or there is problem later. Trash does not fit a good

## About Us

### Bellaire

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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**

“The Church In Time of Distress”  
Jack Smith

**SERVICE**

Welcome – H Banks  
Hymn Director – W. Hodge  
Opening Prayer– A. Morolez  
Morning Lesson – J. Smith  
Lords Supper lesson – S. Garrett  
Announcements – M. Mann  
Closing Prayer – B. Mann

**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**

Messianic Prophecies – Robert McDonald  
Auditorium  
I and II Samuel – Jack Smith  
Room 102  
Graded classes for children

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

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**“A Note From Jack”**

This will be My and Anita's last time with you as "the preacher" and family. We do plan to visit often, especially as Chad, LaDonna and Wren continue to live here.

My thanks to all of you for the kindnesses you've shown to us thru the years. Words cannot express how much you mean to us. Even tears don't adequately convey our respect and affection.

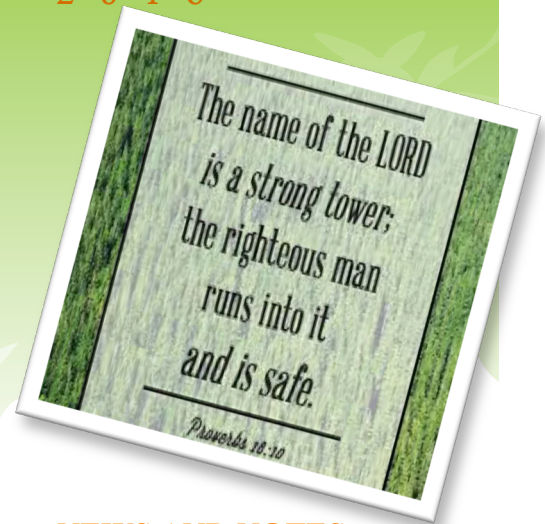
Our new address will be: **147 County Rd. 1407, Cullman, Al. 35058.** We will have same phone numbers and emails as now. Call, text, email, or just drop by for a visit. We'd love to show you off to our family there.

No good-by's, just "see you later."

“ Six Tiny Stories”

1. Once a village decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH
2. When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST
3. Every night we go to bed, without an assurance of being alive the next morning yet still we set our alarms. That's FAITH
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of future. That's CONFIDENCE
5. We see the world suffering but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE
6. Written on an old man's shirt: "I'm not 91 years old... I'm sweet 16 with 75 years of experience. That's ATTITUDE

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends who care!



**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 have several who need our prayers for health. John and Bethany's baby, Marshall David, was born on Wednesday a few weeks early and is in the NICU. His lungs haven't developed completely. Pray for the whole family and caregivers.

Bob Stark is also in the hospital. He's been dealing with serious pain recently. It may be the result of surgery some time ago, but it is a worrisome thing.

Mark Wilburn is also in the hospital. He and his family are known to many of us. He had a stroke last week.

As we enjoy our good health, keep in mind those suffering in this area.