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# Reminder

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

## Letting God Be God

Know that the Lord, He is God;  
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
(Psalm 100:3)

IF OUR SEEKING OF GOD IS NOT REVERENT, IT WILL BE TO NO AVAIL. We must acknowledge God's sovereignty over us, seeing Him not only as our Creator but also as our Sustainer and Ruler. It is our attempt at self-rule that has gotten us into trouble, and before God's kingdom can come, ours must go. We must humbly, confidently, and contentedly let God be God.

**Humility.** In a world obsessed with self, the worship of God often becomes little more than the worship of our own desires. We demand God to be whatever we wish Him to be and to solve our problems in the manner we prescribe. But God does not exist for our pragmatic purposes, and Oswald Chambers's warning is wise: "Beware of the inclination to dictate to God what consequences you would allow as a condition of your obedience to Him."

**Confidence.** Those who seat themselves upon God's throne and try to control what happens in the world soon realize that the task is for a human being as stressful as it is impossible. How liberating it is to relax and let God take care of running the universe! The reverent seeker rests in the confidence that God can be counted on to supervise the world without our advice and to bring to pass His purposes without our assistance.

**Contentment.** God must be our center, the complete source of our adequacy, the One Thing we truly have to have. When we come to understand His sufficiency, and when we unreservedly trust Him to fill our needs for security and significance, we can live with a peace that is otherwise unattainable. Dag Hammarskjöld caught the essence of this peace in these words: "Before thee in humility, with thee in faith, in thee in peace."

To seek God, in truth rather than in pride and self-sufficiency, is to seek Him in reverence. It is God's prerogative, not ours, to set the terms of our relationship with Him, and that relationship will not be what we long for it to be until we let God be God. "It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture."

"The great act of faith is when a man decides that he is not God" (Oliver Wendell Holmes).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com



## 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**

**Some Lessons Learned from Colossians**

**SERVICE**

Welcome – M Miles  
 Hymn Director – M Krueger  
 Opening Prayer– J. Knapp  
 Morning Lesson – D Broadwell  
 Announcements – B. Haley  
 Closing Prayer – J. Moon

**EVANGELIST**

Steve Garrett

**ELDERS**

Brian Haley  
 Mark Mann  
 Matt Miles  
 Mike Pharris

**DEACONS**

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

**BIBLE CLASSES**

Bible Questions and Answers  
 Alex Morolez and Mark Mann  
 Colossians 4:10-28; 1 Thess.  
 Steve Garrett  
 Graded classes for children

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

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*After participating in the Colossians class there were some things that stood out for me (only a portion would fit)*

- Paul often opens his books with prayer or praise after he greets us in the first few verses. In chapter 1 he commends the church and its reputation. I'm confident the church that meets in Bellaire has a reputation and it's good. Let's work individually to keep it that way.
- Chapter 1:15 always impresses me. Christ Is (living), the image of the invisible God (spiritual) and the first born of all creation. All things were created through him and for him, including us.
- Vs. 17 – He's the universes "glue".
- You may not have a major part in the "play", but when you're listed in God's word, even once or twice as Tychicus, Onesimus and Aristarchus people understand your character.
- Don't forget about Jesus who is also called Justice, he's mentioned in 4:11, but also in other places. First in Acts 1:23 where he was the second man put up for the Apostleship replacing Judas and we actually know where he lived. According to Acts 18:7 he lived next door to the synagogue. I think he was a pretty good man if he's apostle material
- Demas on the other hand was at one time faithful vs 12 and Phil 1:24, however by the time 2 Timothy was written he had chosen the way of the word (2 Tim4:10).
- Our lesson – Chose Him like Joshua did.
- You will recognize them by their fruits (Matthew 7:16).

-Matt

**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.

Please pray for the Gomez family as Martin continues his recovery. He will be out of work for 12 weeks.

Bob Stark continues to struggle please keep in your prayers

Also pray that Lawrence Spenser finds a job.

James McClenny (the older) is at MD Anderson and had a rough week. Be prayful on his behalf.

Come meet the Broadwell's at Barbara McDonald following services. It's a potluck – bring some food and drinks.