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Reminder

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

Never Thirst Again

“Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.”

Here in John 4, Jesus is making a stark contrast between the water that the woman is drawing from the well, and the water that He could provide her with, should she ask. The water she came for is physical, the water He offers is spiritual. Consequently, the water she came for will not truly satisfy her. She will draw and drink, but soon her thirst will come back, and she will have to repeat the process. No wonder she was so desirous of the water that Jesus offered--water that, if you drank, would remove your thirst forever. What a tiresome business of climbing a hill, drawing water to fill jars, carrying them back into town, only to be thirsty again and have to redo all that work!

In fact, if we keep reading, we see that this woman has had a tiresome life--one in which she was “drawing” from the same “well” over and over again looking for satisfaction, but finding none. But what was the “well” she was “drawing” from?

“He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

The Samaritan woman had been drawing from the well of human relationships--even sinful relationships--trying to find fulfillment. The result? She had drawn now six times and was still very much unsatisfied. The solution, Jesus tells her, is to drink of the living water--to fill up with the only thing that can truly satisfy her.

We, like the Samaritan woman, have been drawing from the “well” of this world for far too long, and it has left us unsatisfied. Many of us have turned to human relationships--thinking that a spouse, a friend, a child, or even a sinful relationship would provide us with the companionship and belonging that we long for. But whether it's people, money, sin, or comfort, all of us have looked (or are looking) to physical water to satisfy us. Even many of us who are serving God faithfully often return to sip from the unfulfilling well. What's the solution?

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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

**“Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.”
~ 1 Peter 5:7**

SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks
Hymn Director – M. Krueger
Opening Prayer – B. Ward
Morning Lesson – D. Broadwell
Announcements – B. Haley
Closing Prayer – S. Camp

EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Mike Pharris

DEACONS

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

BIBLE CLASSES

How to Study the Bible

- Jesse Knapp

Kings

- Michael Krueger
- Justin Seale

Graded classes for children

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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“So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

Leave the waterpot behind. Let go of all the things in our life that we try to fill ourselves with, and run to Jesus, drink freely from the living water He provides. Drink deep of His word, wash your mind out constantly with thoughts of Him, pour out your heart to Him in prayer, and be refreshed by the fellowship of other Christians. Don't let the words of the prophet Jeremiah be true for you as it was for Israel:

“For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” ~ Jeremiah 2:13

-Daniel Broadwell

**Sermon Title today:
Prayer in the Early Church**

NEWS AND NOTES

Please join us this afternoon for our first Sunday singing and prayer service at 1:45 in the auditorium.

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Don Hurd, Fran Spencer, and Johnny Martinez.**

Steve and Muffy Garrett continue to travel in Colorado and will be returning home this week.

Zonia Davilia is recovering from surgery. Let's pray for her.

Pray for **Johnny Martinez** as he suffers from shingles. Also, **Dora** had surgery on her foot and is dealing with that.

Patricia Butler continues to go through her cancer treatments, so please continue to pray for her.

Terri Sams continues to battle her cancer. Pray for her and her husband **Lenny**.