

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 26 MARCH 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pat Butler** is meeting with her doctors this week. Please keep praying for her strength and complete healing. Let's encourage our sister!
- **Fran Spencer's** lymphoma has spread. Please pray for our dear sister and let's see what we can do to encourage her.
- **Bob Stark** had an infection and head cold this week, but he is feeling and doing much better, praise God!
- Continue to pray for **Willie Hurd** as she recovers from her fall.
- **Anna Mickle** is still very sick and will have an outpatient bronchoscopy this Thursday, pray for her healing.
- **Terry Kornfeld's** dad continues to make progress in the right direction. Pray for Hoover and his family as they care for him.
- Continue praying for those with on-going health issues. **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Don Hurd, Fran Spencer, and Johnny Martinez.**
- **Sermon Title Today:** Reaching Forward; Pray, Think, Practice
- **Reminders:** Ladies Bible Class next Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am at the building and our **monthly singing and prayer** service will be next Sunday, April 2 at 1:30.

WHO ARE WE?

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

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Mike Pharris

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
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Alex Morolez
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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - S. Garrett
Song Leader - W. Hodge
Opening Prayer - J. Moon
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Communion Talk - A. Morolez
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - T. Walker

BIBLE CLASSES

Old Testament Survey

- Brian Haley
- Auditorium

Gospel of Mark

- Daniel Broadwell
- Back Classroom

Classes for children

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What Did Christ Want With Me?

By: Gary Henry

"I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me" (Philippians 3:12).

THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO SEEK GOD SHOULD BE OBVIOUS, BUT THERE IS ALSO A SENSE IN WHICH GOD IS SEEKING US. And if either of these two seekings were to be given priority or preference, shouldn't it be God's seeking of us? Harry Emerson Fosdick was right when he said, "Finding God is really letting God find us; for our search for him is simply surrender to his search for us."

Throughout this book, we've been pondering Paul's statement in Philippians 3:13,14: "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." But in v.12, Paul had said, "I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." All Paul ever wanted as a Christian was to participate in the working out of Christ's purposes. And whatever Christ wanted with Paul, that was exactly what Paul wanted. It was all that mattered to him.

Unfortunately, there are times when we turn this emphasis around. When we became Christians, for example, there were certain things that we had in mind. There was a certain set of outcomes that we wanted to be achieved. So now, when what Christ wants from us seems to conflict with what we want from Him, we act as if it were a major tragedy that our plans aren't working out.

But each individual needs to ask very personally: What did Christ want with me? When He sought me and found me, a sheep that had gone astray, what were His purposes? Why did He "lay hold" of me? What does He want me to do? And in the end, what does He intend to be the outcome of His relationship with me?

God has given us free wills: we can refuse His purposes. But why would we ever do so? Why would we not say "yes" to His plan of salvation and then yield to everything we can learn of His will? Why would we want anything other than what He wants for us?

*Spare not the stroke! Do with us as thou wilt!
Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred;
Complete thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, O our God and Lord!
(Horatius Bonar)*