

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 9 APRIL 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Janet McGlamery** fell last weekend and she has a contusion on her hip and it will take time to heal, pray for her recovery!
- **Pat Butler** has received a good report and will see her doctor in 3 months. Continue to pray that she heals and gets her strength back.
- **Jan Cooper** will be having cataract surgery this week. Please pray for Jan and see what can be done to help.
- Please continue to pray for and encourage **Fran Spencer** during this battle with cancer.
- Pray for **Anna Mickle**, dealing with severe pain & health problems.
- **Holly Ann**, Sharon Alexander's daughter, completed her 6th round of chemo this week and has had some pain in her hips and legs. Pray for complete healing and for Sharon's travels back and forth.
- 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:** Jesus in the Red Sea
- **Reminder: Men's Breakfast** next Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 a.m at Panera Bread (corner of Holcombe and Buffalo Speedway)

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

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - A. Morolez
Song Leader - M. Krueger
Opening Prayer - L. Williams
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Announcements - M. Pharris
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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Putting Pain into Perspective

By: Gary Henry (Reaching Forward, April 9)

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6,7)

PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES, LIKE MOST THINGS IN LIFE, CAN BE LOOKED AT IN MORE THAN ONE WAY. As Christians, we ought to want to look at everything, including something as unpleasant as pain, in a *truthful* way. We should want to view it as God Himself does, and usually this means looking at it from a wider perspective. When we're hurting, we need to see more of the reality of the situation than the mere fact that we're hurting.

One thing we need to understand is that anyone who lives in this world, a world ruined by sins committed before we got here, is going to hurt. The experience of pain is a fact of life, an unavoidable difficulty. No one knows this more than Jesus Christ, who suffered greatly despite never having made a single bad decision as to His own manner of living. If right living protected a person from pain, Jesus would never have known pain, but not only did He know it, He knew it deeply. He was "despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3).

Yet if pain is necessary, much of the anguish that often goes with it is not. And again, Jesus is our example. He drank deeply of the cup of torment, but even in the moments of His greatest agony, it's hard for us to imagine Him experiencing any of the negative emotions that normally make pain so horrible for us. For example, much of our suffering comes from anger, resentment, and self-pity. But Jesus refused to respond to pain in any of these ways, and consequently His pain was much purer. Peter, therefore, referring to Christ's attitude toward pain, said to his fellow Christians, "Arm yourselves with also the same mind" (1 Peter 4:1).

We may find it hard to do, but it's possible even to *rejoice* in the midst of pain. "In this you greatly rejoice," said Peter, "though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith . . . may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." The key to this thinking is this: *seeing pain against the backdrop of salvation.*

"Pain is inevitable. Suffering is optional" (Anonymous)