

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 7 MAY 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Reminder:** Today is our singing and prayer meeting at 1:30!
- The memorial and “celebration of life” service for our late sister **Fran Spencer** is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m. The service will be held at the Bradshaw-Carter Memorial and Funeral Services at 1734 W Alabama St. There will also be an email sent later this week with the information.
- We are excited to have a few new members at Bellaire: **Felix Sparks, Meredith Bragwell, Laura Abell**. They have all been coming for a while so you may have met them, but if not be sure to welcome them!
- **Pat Butler** continues to gain strength and she will meet with her doctors at the end of June. Pray for complete healing!
- **Anna Mickle**, is struggling with her health and misses getting to be with her Bellaire family. Pray for her strength and health.
- **Holly Ann, Sharon’s daughter** had her last chemotherapy treatment. She will have surgery in June. Continue to pray for healing.
- 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: Fields Will Be Bought**

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
Jesse Knapp
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 - A. Morolez
Song Leader - W. Hodge
Opening Prayer - J. Seale
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - S. Camp

BIBLE CLASSES

Old Testament Survey

- Brian Haley
- Auditorium

Gospel of Mark

- Daniel Broadwell
- Back Classroom

Classes for children

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That Would Be Progress

By: Gary Henry (Reaching Forward, May 6)

“He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:10,11)

MAKING BIG PROGRESS IN LIFE IS JOYFUL, BUT MAKING LITTLE PROGRESS MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT IN THE LONG RUN. Giant strides, however pleasant they may be on rare occasions, don't get the world's work done. That is done by little steps, taken daily.

Aesop's fable, “The Tortoise and the Hare,” is a powerful commentary on life, isn't it? In that story, the hare ran in spurts, making great progress once in a while, but the race was won by the tortoise, who wasn't capable of doing anything very big; but he kept at it, steadily taking whatever steps he could take, with the result that he outperformed his more flashy competitor.

In a similar way, real progress in life doesn't usually require doing big things that make headlines in the newspaper. It consists of doing little things regularly, like those suggested by Peter: being careful about our language, turning away from evil deeds, pursuing peace, and so forth. Those are steps all of us can take.

Little steps can often be more important than their size alone would indicate. Just as the Lord judges things by the level of sacrifice they require (Mark 12:41-44), I believe He also judges them by the amount of courage that is needed (Mark 15:43). When it takes courage to take even a small step, that courage transforms the step into one that looms quite large, at least in the Lord's eyes.

Today, we may not be capable of doing all that needs to be done in our relationship with God. Nevertheless, there is some small step that we could take, and if we'd just take it, that would be progress. If we did this seemingly insignificant thing, that would represent forward movement — and the devil would be defeated by just that much. As our adversary, he doesn't want us to take *any* step, and when we summon the courage and love for God to *do the small thing that is within our reach*, the devil is discouraged! So whatever else may happen today, let's do some small thing out of love for God. If we did even that much, *that would be progress*. And making progress is what this hard life is all about.

“Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I'll try again tomorrow’” (Maryanne Radmacher)