

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 6 AUGUST 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **EL Nickerson** is in Pearland Medical Center for an infection in his elbow. They may do a procedure Monday, but please pray that the infection clears up so he can go home soon.
- **Jim Carithers** was moved to University Place Nursing Center for rehab until he fully recovers from his fall last week.
- **Curby Stech** is home recovering from his pneumonia, and **Melva** went to the emergency room yesterday. They haven't determined what exactly is wrong, but she is home improving.
- **John and Bethany Moon** are expecting their second child, but Bethany has been put on home healthcare with a Zofran pump and an IV. Pray for them and see how we can serve them!
- Pray for **Pat Butler and the Clanton family**, as they deal with various health concerns and recoveries.
- Keep praying for on-going health concerns: **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Anna Mickle, and Pat Butler.**
- **Sermon Title: Walk Submissive (Ephesians 5:22-6:9)**
- **Calendar Items:**
 - **Singing and prayer service** today at 1:30 pm.
 - **Group meetings** will be next **Sunday, August 13th**, and you should hear from your hosts sometime this week for details!

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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Scott Clanton
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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 - R. McDonald
Opening Prayer - J. Seale
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Communion Talk - J. Knapp
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - S. Camp

BIBLE CLASSES

Psalms (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Classes for children

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Losing Faith: 4 Things To Do When Doubts Arise (pt. 2) **by: Wes McAdams (radicallychristian.com)**

Editor's Note: For the first two "Things to Do...", please refer to last week's bulletin.

3. Engage with the Gospel on an Intellectual and Emotional Level

I recently visited with a young man who was about ready to give up on Christianity because he thought it was unfair. "How could there be only one way to God," he asked, "and everyone else is doomed?" But the more we visited, the more it became obvious that even though he grew up in a Christian home, he had never really understood the Good News. He didn't need a course in scientific apologetics. He needed to see the glory of the cross.

When first-century Christians began to have doubts or waver in their faith, the apostles pointed them back to the central facts of the Good News message. Read passages like **Colossians 1:15-20**, **Hebrews 1:1-4**, or **1 John 1:1-4**. All of these books were written to Christians, struggling in their faith.

The gospel is not only true historically and factually, it also answers the deepest longings, questions, and fears of our heart, "Does God really love me? Does He know what I'm going through? Could He really forgive me for the things I've done? What is my purpose on earth?" As C.S. Lewis famously said: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

For the Christian, everything should come back to the person and work of Jesus Christ. As much as I may believe in the six-day Creation week and Noah's flood, my faith does NOT hinge on proving those things. My faith hinges on the empty tomb of Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

I have seen too many Christians actually damage their faith by building their entire belief system around geological studies, dinosaur fossils, flood research, etc. These things have significance, but the apostolic way of reassuring a struggle faith is to point people back to the crucified and risen Savior.

4. Surround Yourself with Jesus' People

When you're struggling with your faith, you might be tempted to gradually withdraw from the church. It might be guilt, fear, or even anger. Sadly, it might be the behavior of other Christians that is a source of some of your doubts. But as much as I understand those feelings, withdrawing from the church is one of the worst things you can do.

You need to be with Christians in whom you can see the fruit of God's Spirit: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. There is unspeakable power to spiritually refresh you when you are with people who are full of God's Spirit.

Consider what the Hebrew writer said in Hebrews 10:24-25. When you are with a group of people who are stirred up to **love and good works** and who **meet together to encourage** each other, your wavering faith will be strengthened.