

# THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Don't forget those with storm/flood damage: **Banks, Benthall, Garrett, Guzman, Haley, Hurd, Knapp, Krueger, Stark, Stech, Walker, and Washington.** Pray, encourage, and help!
- **Bethany Moon** is home from the hospital, but is still dealing with several complications related to her pregnancy. Also, remember **Lauren Underwood**, our other expectant mother.
- **Steve and Muffy Garrett** are out of town in Florida, they will be returning in the next couple of days.
- **Jordan and Alison Mitchell** and their son **Clark** have moved here from Florida and want to associate with our family. Welcome our new members!
- Keep praying for on-going health concerns: **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Anna Miekle, and Pat Butler.**
- **Sermon Title: Sharing the Gospel (Part 1)**
- **Calendar Items:**
  - Our monthly singing and prayer is next Sunday, October 1st.

### 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  
David Haley  
Mitchell Howell  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
John Moon  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

### EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell  
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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  
**Communion Talk** - J. Carithers  
**Announcements** - M. Mann  
**Closing Prayer** - T. Walker

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Luke (Auditorium)

- Steve Garrett
- Brian Haley

### Ezra/Nehemiah

- John Moon
- David Haley

### Classes for children

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## Stillness and Joy

by: Gary Henry ([www.wordpoints.com](http://www.wordpoints.com))

*“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)*

**NOWADAYS, ONE REASON WE KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT JOY IS THAT WE KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT STILLNESS.** In this age of the world, most of us are busy with a myriad of priorities and projects. And we pride ourselves in it. The person whose schedule is packed has more prestige than the fellow who doesn't have much to do. But joy — real, spine-tingling joy — is in seriously short supply.

We'll try to define “stillness” in a moment, but just think, by way of contrast, how unlikely it would be for joy to surface in the kind of lives we lead. Our “busyness” produces so much clamor and clatter, the voice of joy is drowned out. It simply gets lost in the shuffle. Even if joy were to appear, it would go unnoticed.

But what does it mean to be “still” before the Lord? It doesn't mean being physically still, though stillness of the body is often involved. And it doesn't mean not saying anything, though that is often involved as well. “Stillness” before God means reverence, humility, openness, and forgetfulness of self. It means putting our minds into a thoughtful posture. It means having our activity stilled and our words hushed by a compelling sense of the power of God Almighty. Above all, it means having a servant's readiness to obey: “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:9).

I suggest that it would be rare for a person to experience genuine joy if he or she were not mentally disposed in the manner we've just described. That is the only kind of environment in which real joy can make an appearance. Just as happiness eludes those who pursue it, joy is even harder to bring under our own power. It doesn't come on command, but rather it is experienced, often quite unexpectedly, by those who are still before the Lord. Unstill people are simply not good candidates for joy.

So God's instruction to us is this: *Be still, and know that I am God.* We shouldn't obey that instruction selfishly, simply so we can have the joy we want. Nevertheless, we won't have any joy if we don't obey it. Without a reverent stillness at the center of our hearts, joy has no chance to break through the noise of earthly life. Of all the killjoys in the world, irreverent busyness is the worst.

“The heart that is to be filled to the brim with holy joy must be held still” (George Seaton Bowes)