

# THE REMINDER

**BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 26 NOVEMBER 2017**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mark your calendars! Our **2018 Gospel Meetings** are set:
  - **April 20-22, 2018** — Kevin Clark from Birmingham, AL
  - **October 12-14, 2018** — Russ Bowman from Beaumont, TX
- Update on **Bob Stark**: He has been bumped up to the top of the heart transplant list for the next 30 days. If a match comes available, he will get it! Pray that this happens!
- We have new members of the Bellaire family, please meet, welcome, and encourage **Ian and Melanie Davies**, as well as **Kerry and Julia Kendrick**, and their daughter, **Katherine**.
- We still have people traveling back from the holidays. **Daniel and Beth Broadwell** will be driving back from Georgia today.
- **Sharon Alexander** is still in a lot of pain and will be receiving injections November 28 and December 12. Pray for relief!
- Please remember **Johnny Martinez** in your prayers, he is receiving dialysis three times a week.
- Remember those rebuilding from Harvey: **Banks, Benthalls, Guzmans, Haleys, Hurds, Starks, Stechs, and Washington**.
- Please continue to pray for **Bethany Moon and Lauren Underwood**, who are both expecting.
- 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: Give Thanks List**

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

### EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell  
Steve Garrett

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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** - L. Williams  
**Opening Prayer** - D. Bean  
**Lesson** - S. Garrett  
**Communion Talk** - D. Haley  
**Announcements** - B. Haley  
**Closing Prayer** - TBD

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Luke (Auditorium)

- Steve Garrett
- Brian Haley

### Ezra/Nehemiah

- John Moon
- David Haley

### Classes for children

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## It Is What It Is, by Doy Moyer

A friend of mine, wise and astute beyond his years (so he tells me), has shared his newly discovered motto with me: "It is what it is." Ok, so I have thought that a few times before, but it is one of those simple statements that forces us back to reality at times when we may feel overcome by our circumstances and disappointments of life. When things aren't exactly as you would desire them to be, you can become focused on reality by telling yourself, "It is what it is."

Circumstances are what they are. There are some things we can change, and some things we can't (we are getting more profound as we go). Our problem is that we often expend more worry and energy on the things we can't change; and this, in turn, can become a stumbling block to our spiritual growth and joy. (Matt. 6:27) Paul's own circumstances were often less than ideal, and beyond his control, yet his attitude remained stable, Phil. 4:13. If I may venture a loose paraphrase: It is what it is, I have learned to deal with "it" through God's help.

"*Moses My servant is dead.*" So spoke the Lord to Joshua in Joshua 1:2. Joshua knew this already; they had been mourning for days. But sometimes we need a reminder of the simple truth about reality. Essentially, God was telling Joshua, "Moses is gone, and you can't change that now or have him back. Now it's time to get up and go take the land of promise." In other words, "it is what it is, and you have to work with "it" the way it is."

The only option is not to accept reality. People do sometimes go through phases of "denial." They do not feel mentally able to accept what "is." It hurts too much perhaps. But if we will ever "arise and cross over this Jordan" in our lives, we must learn to accept the facts and circumstances of life as they are. It takes courage. It takes resolve. But, it must be done. (Phil. 4:6, 7) God gives us the tools to be able to deal with all of our circumstances, including the painful ones. He wants us to cast our cares on Him, pray about them, and then let Him grant us peace in our hearts.

The solution to problems is not denial. We should learn to admit reality, then work with it as it is. When there are matters we can change for the better, let's work to change them. When the circumstances don't meet our concept of ideal, and we can't change them, let's learn to accept them and resolve to move forward with the strength God supplies. In all matters, we must "*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*" (Matt. 6: 33). Because, as another one of my favorite "profound" questions reminds us, a hundred years from now, what will "it" matter? We worry about things that will pass into oblivion, and sometimes ignore those matters that have eternal consequences. A hundred years from now, it won't matter that my car has a few scratches on it, or my water heater went out. What will matter is whether or not I have devoted myself to God and His Will. It is what it is.