

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 21 JANUARY 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Deb Haley's** procedure to install a pain pump was postponed due to an infection. She is on antibiotics and is scheduled to have the procedure this coming Friday.
- **Bob Stark** had another biopsy on Friday as he continues to recover from his heart transplant. The recovery process has been taxing for Bob but overall he is doing well!
- **Class Update:** A new adult class has started in the back, Mark Mann and Harrison Banks are teaching a class on 1&2 Peter!
- There is a **Men's retreat** this coming weekend, **January 26-27** (see Alex Morolez) and a **Ladies' Retreat on Saturday, February 10th** (see Shannon Morolez or Linda Pharris).
- **Steve and Muffy Garrett** are out of town this weekend, and I'm sure there are others. Pray for safe travels.
- We still have several members with the flu or seasonal sickness. Pray for everyone's health and check on people!
- Add **Josie Haley** to the list of expectant mothers, along with **Bethany Moon** and (former member) **Lauren Underwood**.
- Don't forget those rebuilding and recovering from Harvey: **Banks, Benthalls, Haleys, Starks, Stechs, and Washington**.
- Keep praying for those with on-going health concerns: **Pat Butler, Laura Claburn, Jan and Richard Cooper, Mike Flinn, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle, Bob Stark, and Curby Stech**.
- **Sermon Title: Sin and Redemption in the Life of David**

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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DIRECTORY UPDATES

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - M. Mann
Song Leader - G. Williams
Opening Prayer - J. Tom
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Communion Talk - D. Boyls
Announcements - M. Pharris
Closing Prayer - R. McDonald

BIBLE CLASSES

Isaiah (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell

1&2 Peter/Jude (Back)

- Mark Mann
- Harrison Banks

Classes for children

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Eight Suggestions to Make Us Better by: Dee Bowman

Here are some things we can all do this year—and every year for that matter—that will help us be better and less vulnerable to the attractive things out in the world:

1. ***Stand up straight.*** To put on the armor of God, you have to stand up straight. To stand straight calls for spiritual concentration. It takes effort. Spiritual slouchiness makes us vulnerable to attack. It doesn't take much energy to slouch. Stand up and be counted. Even if it's hard. Read [Ephesians 6:10-18](#).
2. ***Watch where you're going.*** To determine where you're going you have to determine where you are. That's hard. Once you honestly determined where you are, you can then set a goal and press on toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Read [Psalm 119: 1-2](#); [Hebrews 12:1](#); [Philippians 4:13-15](#).
3. ***Be careful what you let in.*** Life is all about thinking. And what you thin, what you allow residency in our mind— what you allow to come in—determines the choices you make, how you live. Worldly thinking produces a worldly life. Worldly thinking brings carnal living. Spiritual thinking is the predicate for a spiritual life—one that points toward God. Read [Philippians 4:6-8](#); [I John 2:15-17](#).
4. ***Guard carefully what you say.*** Tongue -control is hard business. It calls for great care and considerable patience. It's amazing just how many of our difficulties in life have to do with improper use of the tongue. We have to be careful that we say the right things at the right time, who we say what to, and—perhaps the hardest of all—when to say nothing at all. Read [Proverbs 12:23](#); [Colossians 4:6](#); [James 3:1-11](#).
5. ***Be cautious about what you decide.*** The year ahead will necessitate new decisions—some seemingly large, some only relatively significant. Be careful about how you decide. One way is to ask the question, “How will this decision affect my relationship with God?” And it's good to “be wise small,” even regarding the seemingly insignificant decisions you have to make. To be wise about the small stuff is a good habit to form because the habit tends to affect the big stuff when it comes. Read [II Corinthians 10:3-6](#).
6. ***Know why.*** It is very important to know why you decide what you intend to do—the cause. God's word is emphatic about the ideal motive for our actions: love. Jesus taught it as being the basis for all relationships—with God or with our fellows. It is imperative that we make sure we know why we're doing what we're doing. It affects our relationship to God, to the church, and to our neighbors. It takes an honest heart of love to determine to go in a right way. Read [Matthew 22:37-39](#); [I Corinthians 13](#); [Colossians 3:12-14](#).
7. ***Take out the trash.*** Talk to God about your junk. Repent of sin. Implore Him for forgiveness. Don't let garbage accumulate in your mind—it will rot and become worse and worse. Take out evil thoughts. Take out illicit and immoral desires. Don't let bad germs grow in good soil. Remember—when you sow to the flesh you reap corruption. Take out the trash! Read [Colossians 3:1-10](#).
8. ***Start Today.*** How do I do it? One day at a time! Start. Right now. Procrastination robs us of our diligence, stops our progress, diminishes our effectiveness. Intentions are not enough—you have to get on with it. How about you? When will you start? Read [Hebrews 3:12-13](#).

Conclusion: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts" is what the new year—and every year—is all about. Make the new year a good one. Maybe this little piece will help a little.