

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 11 MARCH 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Keep praying for **Bob Stark** and **Deb Haley**, both of whom continue to recover from recent surgery and are trying to get back to full strength.
- **Beverly Berthold**, **Muffy Garrett's** mother, just finished her first round of chemotherapy this week for her cancer. She will have several rounds followed by radiation. Keep her in prayer!
- **E.L. and Dietta Nickerson** are in Center this weekend for the funeral of her brother-in-law, who passed away this week.
- **Daniel and Beth Broadwell** are in Oklahoma this weekend for a wedding this weekend. They will be returning Monday.
- *Harvey recovery tracker:* The **Banks, Benthalls, and Anita Washington** have moved back into their homes, with plenty of work still to be done. The **Haleys** and **Starks** are still displaced and early in the construction process. The **Stechs** are in a temporary place trying to figure out a permanent living situation. Don't forget these folks!!
- Remember our one expectant mother, **Josie Haley**.
- 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 Mickle, Bob Stark, and Curby Stech.**
- Flyers for our **Spring Meeting with Kevin Clark, April 21-22** are on the back table! Pick one up so that you can have the information and invite others as well!
- **Sermon Title: Walking Right with God**

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
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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. Pharris
Song Leader - L. Williams
Opening Prayer - C. Stech
Communion Talk - K. Kendrick
Lesson - S. Garrett
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - J. Carithers
Wed. Songs - TBD
Wed. Invitation - H.E. Jenkins
Wed. Prayer - H. Banks

BIBLE CLASSES

Isaiah

- Daniel Broadwell
- Auditorium

Middle - High School

- Steve Garrett
- Upstairs

Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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God's Work: Seen and Unseen by: Gary Henry (wordpoints.com)

“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins’ — He said to the paralytic, ‘I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house’” (Mark 2:9-11)

MOST OF US TEND TO HOLD OUR TRUST IN RESERVE UNTIL WE’VE CHECKED THINGS OUT FOR OURSELVES. When told about something that’s hard to believe, we disbelieve it until we have seen it with our own eyes. We’ve been taught not to be naive or gullible, and we know that a certain amount of skepticism is healthy.

Yet this tendency, if carried too far, can get us into trouble. While it’s good to do our own thinking and double-check before we put our trust in something, it’s not good to close our minds with a rigid I-won’t-believe-it-until-I-see-it attitude. In regard to God, many of the most important things that we need to believe lie in the realm of spiritual reality. It is not possible (at least not yet) for us to personally verify the truth of these things with our own senses, and it’s a foolish person indeed whose spiritual knowledge is limited to what he himself has seen.

When God asks us to accept unseen realities, however, He does not ask us to do so without any reason or support. If there is something in the spiritual realm that we need to accept His word for, He never asks for that acceptance without having offered a sufficient guarantee in the physical realm that His word is dependable. Jesus, for example, asked His hearers to believe that He could forgive the sins of the paralyzed man in Mark 2:1-12, a spiritual claim they certainly could not verify with their own senses. Yet He backed up that claim by physically healing the man. In effect, He was saying, “Believe that I can do the impossible in the spiritual realm, which you can’t see, based on My having done the impossible in the physical realm, which you *can* see.”

Everything that God has ever done in the physical world, from the first moment of creation until now, shouts to us powerfully concerning the kind of God that He is: almighty, wise, good, and, above all, *trustworthy*. In the Scriptures, if He asks us to take His word for certain things, it’s only after He has proven Himself to be perfectly truthful — time and time and time again.

“All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen”
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)