

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 27 MAY 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Terry Walker** has been moved to the Seven Acres Senior Care facility (6200 N. Braeswood, Room 419) for rehab following his surgery to repair a broken leg last week. He loves visitors!
- **Denise Flinn** has begun rehab after her rotator cuff surgery last week, please pray for progress and check in on her!
- **Carolina Sanchez** was hospitalized this week, but is back home. Be praying for Carolina and check with the family to see if there is anything they need.
- Continue to pray for **Beverley Berthold, Muffy Garrett's** mother, who is fighting cancer. She will be undergoing more treatment in the coming weeks.
- A sister in Christ, **Abigail Hall**, is looking for a Christian in Houston that would be willing to house her (for rent) during a 4-week rotation (July 16 to August 10). If you are interested in helping Abigail, please see Daniel or one of the elders.
- Next Sunday, June 3, will be our **monthly singing and prayer service**, which takes place at 1:30. Make plans to join us!
- A **new quarter of classes** starts next Sunday, June 3. The teaching is on the back bulletin board. There will only be one adult class, and it will be in the auditorium.
- The **Starks** and the **Haleys** continue to rebuild their houses from Harvey, and deal with other health concerns. **Don't** forget others that had damage are still working in their homes: **Guzman, Benthall, Banks, Hurd, Washington.**

Announcements continued on the back

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. Gomez
Song Leader - S. Garrett
Opening Prayer - B. Haley
Communion Talk - M. Pharris
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - D. Haley
Wed. Songs - N. Lovinggood
Wed. Invitation - D. Broadwell
Wed. Prayer - M. Howell

BIBLE CLASSES

Isaiah

- Daniel Broadwell
- Auditorium

Middle - High School

- Steve Garrett
- Upstairs

Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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- 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, Janice Kimbrough, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle**.
- **Sermon: Beware the Leaven**

The Hell That We Find in Our Mind

by: **Kenneth Chumbley** (*The Prairie Papers*, no. 174)

The poet John Donne was a brilliant man. At age ten, he was proficient in French and Latin; at age eleven, he attended a school that became part of Oxford; at age fourteen, he matriculated to Cambridge; at age seventeen, he graduated from Cambridge. In time, after being pressured by friends and the king, he became an ordained Anglican clergyman and preached to overflowing crowds at St. Paul's Cathedral. But despite all this, Donne lived under a dark cloud. In the irresponsibility of his youth, he wrote some things he later viewed as blasphemous and obscene (one was an essay in praise of suicide), and he lived in constant dread that these would become known and be his ruin (some of them did resurface after his death). "If only I had never written them!" was his constant moan.

One of life's bitterest lessons is when we learn we are capable of doing things we will come to wish we had never done. After experiencing this, the agony of guilt becomes real. John Nelson's (a stonemason who was one of John Wesley's assistants) description of how his guilt affected him rings true: "Oh the hell that I found in my mind when I was alone!" If you want to read a description of the hell you can find in your mind, read Psalm 32.3–4. If there was any way David could have undone what he did, he'd have done so. The misery that resulted from his despicable deed with Bathsheba and his unconscionable murder of Uriah was unrelenting. Paul couldn't undo the crimes he committed (Acts 8.1, 9.1, 22.4, 26.10). It's often the case that people who find themselves in David's, Paul's, or Donne's situation often spend their life tortured by guilt.

But there's no need for this. If some wrong we did can be righted, let's right it. But surely (am I wrong here?) one of the greatest aspects of heaven's mercy is found in the fact that even when a wrong can't be righted, it can be forgiven. And it's in forgiveness—and in believing in its reality—that clouds are lifted and peace returns. David learned that adultery and murder can be forgiven (Ps. 103.10–14). Paul learned that Christ Jesus came to save sinners, including those guilty of heinous crimes (1 Tim. 1.15). The only solution to "If only I'd never done it" and the resultant hell we carry inside is the forgiveness Jesus gives. So let us confess our sins and believe 1 John 1.9. And in regard to our victims, let us pray that God cleanse those we've defiled, strengthen those we've weakened, set right those we've misled, and recall to Himself those we have alienated from Him.

For Jesus' sake.