

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 08 JULY 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Calendar Items for July:

- **The Ladies' Class** will meet this coming **Saturday, July 14th** at Barbara McDonald's home (106 Allendale) at 10:00 a.m.
- Our monthly **Singing and Prayer** service will be this coming **Sunday, July 15**, at 1:30 here in the auditorium.
- **The Men's Breakfast** will be **Saturday, July 21st** at the Egg & I (4938 Beechnut) at 8:30 a.m.
- **Rose Elizabeth Haley** was born last Sunday, July 1, at 1:30 a.m. She is healthy and is sleeping well for Josie and David!
- **Linda Pharris** is doing better, but still recovering from hip replacement surgery. Please pray for her and check on her!
- **Terry Walker** is continuing to get stronger and feel better with each day. It's been great to see him back with us!
- Remember those traveling this time of year, including **Jan and Richard Cooper**, who will be gone until mid-August.
- **Beverley Berthold**, **Muffy Garrett's** mother, continues her cancer treatment and has a scan soon. Pray for good results!
- 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.**
- **Sermon Title: Life of David: The Small Things**

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 - R. McDonald
Song Leader - M. Krueger
Opening Prayer - F. Sparks
Communion Talk - R. Black
Lesson - S. Garrett
Announcements - M. Pharris
Closing Prayer - H. Banks
Wed. Songs - M. Mann
Wed. Invitation - B. Haley
Wed. Prayer - L. Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

Evidences (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Middle - High School

- Alex Morolez
- Justin Seale

Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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The Challenge of Abundance by: Gary Henry (wordpoints.com)

*“I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need”
(Philippians 4:12)*

WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE IN A LAND OF ABUNDANCE OR ONE OF SCARCITY? Would you rather have most of what you want in life or little of what you want? To a worldly person, the question would be simply ridiculous, but think twice before you answer, and try to be honest about what your priorities really are.

Maybe we could start by totaling up the disadvantages on both sides. The disadvantages of having little are obvious — perhaps painfully so — but the disadvantages of having much are just as real, even if they aren’t so obvious. Having all, or even most, of what we want can destroy us spiritually if we don’t face frankly the principal problem that goes along with satisfied circumstances: the fact that it is much harder to keep God in the right place in our hearts.

Most people assume that being poor is hard and being rich is easy, but Paul said that he had to learn how “both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.” Probably more people have been hurt by satisfaction than by dissatisfaction, but neither scenario is easy or automatic — both take learning and discipline before we can handle them and not be harmed spiritually.

Now you may say that if you had to choose between the problems of being full and those of being empty, there would be no contest: you’d choose the challenge of abundance. And truthfully, most of us would. That’s why we have so little patience with successful people who complain about the disadvantages of their success — for example, celebrities who whine about not having any privacy. We just want to say, “As problems go, that one compares pretty favorably to some others. Why don’t you just grow up and get used to the difficulties of having gotten what you wanted?”

But what about us? If God would let us have the kind of life that we want, all of our problems would be over, wouldn’t they? No, they wouldn’t. If we ever got what we wanted in this life, we would soon find ourselves faced with challenges we never knew existed before. In this broken world, having what we want is not easy. So if you find yourself “abounding,” watch out.

“The problems of victory are more agreeable than those of defeat,
but they are no less difficult” (Winston Churchill)