

# THE REMINDER

**BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 26 AUGUST 2018**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### • Calendar Updates:

- Our new **Bible class quarter** will begin a week from today, **Sunday, September 2**. Steve Garrett will be teaching the adult class on new praise songs in the auditorium.
- Our monthly **singing and prayer service** will be next **Sunday, September 2** as well. We will start at 1:30, join us!!
- The **Fall Gospel Meeting** for this year (originally scheduled for October 12-14) has been **cancelled** due to scheduling conflicts.
- We have new members! **Matt LaGrone** and **Hannah Roy**, who are engaged to be married in September, have moved to Houston and joined our number. Welcome them!
- Don't forget to pray for **Jeremy Tom** and **Drew Bean**, who are mourning and dealing with the recent loss of their father and mother, respectively.
- **Mike and Linda Pharris** are out of town this weekend.
- Keep **Beverley Berthold**, **Muffy Garrett's** mother, in your prayers as she receives cancer treatment. **Muffy** has gone to Kentucky for the week to be with her.
- 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: Growing Strong in God's Grace and Truth**

## 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** - H. Banks  
**Song Leader** - C. Harrel  
**Opening Prayer** - J. Knapp  
**Communion Talk** - N. Loving..  
**Lesson** - S. Garrett  
**Announcements** - B. Haley  
**Closing Prayer** - H.E. Jenkins  
**Wed. Songs** - A. Morolez  
**Wed. Invitation** - J. Mitchell  
**Wed. Prayer** - D. Broadwell

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Evangelism

- Daniel Broadwell
- Auditorium

### Middle - High School

- Mark Mann
- Harrison Banks

### Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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## More Fully Occupying Our Own Houses by: Gary Henry ([wordpoints.com](http://wordpoints.com))

*“And say to Archippus, ‘Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it’” (Colossians 4:17).*

**EACH OF US IS A PACKAGE OF PARTICULAR HUMAN ATTRIBUTES.** Some of these are birth-gifts from God, while others are specifics we have brought into being by using (and sometimes misusing) the raw materials that were available to us. A human life is “a mixed bag,” a curious assortment of things good and not-so-good. And the challenge is to take our own individual specifics, which are always less than perfect, and get all the good out of them that we can in the time allotted to our stewardship.

In the text above, Paul wanted the Colossian Christians to relay an interesting message to a brother named Archippus: “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.” We don’t know what Archippus’s particulars were, but whatever they were, God wanted him to understand the importance of doing the work that he, Archippus, had been given to do. In the end, the only person’s work we will be held accountable for is our own. But what an accounting that will be!

In another of his letters, Paul described Christians as the Lord’s “body,” and he asked these searching questions: “If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,’ is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,’ is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?” (1 Corinthians 12:15-17). God intended the body to be as it is.

Wishing we had someone else’s circumstances (a tendency many of us have) seems all the more childish when we recognize how much room for expansion and growth there is within our own circumstances. Few of us have ever done more than explore the edges of our own territory. All of our individual regrets and hindrances notwithstanding, we each have gifts we’ve never used. And while we are busy wishing we could serve God within the framework of someone else’s ministry, He is no doubt saying to every one of us: “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”

“Men resemble great deserted palaces: the owner occupies only a few rooms and has closed off wings where he never ventures” (François Mauriac).