

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 14 OCTOBER 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bill and Anna Lee Mann** were married on this past Tuesday! They are still traveling, but we rejoice with them and look forward to having them join us as a family when they return!
- **Mark and Kim Mann** (and others, I believe) are still traveling after the wedding, so pray for everyone's safety getting home.
- **Janice Kimbrough** has been admitted to the hospital (St. Luke's - Sugar Land, Rm. 517) to be treated for her pneumonia and for running other tests. Please pray for **Janice** and for **Dan** as well, whose sister **Glenda Toll** is now on hospice.
- **Pat Butler** continues to recover from her fall. She is doing physical therapy at home several days a week and is able to get around a little bit using a walker, but with much pain.
- The **Broadwells** are hosting a **Bible Reading Night** this coming **Saturday, October 20** at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!
- The monthly **Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, October 27** at Skeeter's Mesquite Grill (Weslayan & Bissonnet)
- Keep **Muffy Garrett's** family in prayer as her mom (**Beverley**) battles cancer and her nephew (**Truman**) has recently finished radiation treatments.
- Pray for others with chronic health concerns: **Laura Claburn, Jan & Richard Cooper, Mike Flinn, Deb Haley, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle, Bob Stark.**
- **Sermon Title: How a Christian Views Difficult Times**

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. Krueger
Song Leader - G. Williams
Opening Prayer - R. Black
Communion Talk - J. Seale
Lesson - S. Garrett
Announcements - M. Pharris
Closing Prayer - S. Camp
Wed. Songs - D. Broadwell
Wed. Invitation - M. Pharris
Wed. Prayer - M. Mann

BIBLE CLASSES

New Songs/Thessalonians

- Steve Garrett
- Auditorium

Middle - High School

- Daniel Broadwell
- Upstairs

Classes for All Ages

- God's Mighty Hand
- Back Classrooms

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An Old Man's Prayer, by Mike Benson

As I have entered my senior years, it is inevitable that as I look back on my life, I have some regrets or at best, some things that I would do better given my knowledge and experience. My prayer might be as follows:

Dear Lord,

I praise your name and your glory and honor. I thank you for creation, but especially the gift of Your Son, and everything He means to us. I thank you for your grace and mercy. Especially I want to ask your forgiveness:

- For massive amounts of time that I wasted on worldly pursuits that seemed so important at the time, but now I can see were diversions from things that should have been more important to me. **(Colossians 3:1-2)**
- For times that I could have studied your word more and with more purpose. **(2 Timothy 2:15)**
- For thinking that somehow my identity was enhanced by my recreation, my choice of sports and sports teams, my choice of popular music, my choice of movies and TV shows. **(Phil. 2:15)**
- For the time, effort and finances that I robbed from my family in pursuit of my own desires at their expense. Forgive me for my justification of such pursuits. **(2 Timothy 3:2-4)**
- For thinking I could make deals with You for advancing my financial position in exchange for giving more to the contribution. **(2 Corinthians 9:7)**
- For petty jealousies that separated me from fellow Christians and hindered Your work. **(1 Peter 2:1)**
- For thinking that I knew more than those who were older, more mature and more experienced. Forgive me for ignoring or challenging their counsel. **(1 Timothy 5:1)**
- For not understanding how important my attendance was in setting an example for my family. **(Hebrews 10:24-25)**
- For not understanding how my example could influence many people of which I wasn't aware of until years later. **(1 Timothy 4:12)**
- For thinking that my job and career was critically important and that their demands of exorbitant amounts of time and energy were more important than anything else in my life. **(Luke 16:13)**
- For not actively seeking how I could help (financially or time and attention) my fellow Christians. **(John 13:34)**
- For not being more diligent about pursuing and teaching the lost. **(Luke 19:10)**
- For not being an active spiritual leader of my family. I could have been more active in teaching my children and other people's children. **(Ephesians 6:4)**
- For setting an example of hospitality that only included our good friends who enjoyed similar pursuits rather than considering "the least of these." **(Matthew 25:40)**
- For allowing my children to be involved in so many interests, that we pursued those activities to the detriment of our family's spiritual wellbeing. **(Psalm 101:3)**

Lord, You have been merciful to me, and I hope to pursue efforts and outcomes that will allow me to do what you would have me to do with the remainder of my time on this earth.

I regret that the opportunities which I have missed can never be rejoined but help me to determine how I can teach younger Christians effectively to avoid my errors and immature pursuits. Let me help them realize that they can profit from my mistakes and do a better job in Your service.

Amen, Mike Benson