

# THE REMINDER

**BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 04 NOVEMBER 2018**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Join us today at 1:30 for our **Singing and Prayer** service!
- **Mark Mann** is still in the ICU (2nd floor) at Houston Methodist-Sugar Land following his major stroke ten days ago. He has good days and difficult days, but the main issue is figuring out the right medication to control his blood pressure. Please pray that this will be sorted out soon so that **Mark** can be moved out of ICU.
- **Janice Kimbrough** will be starting chemotherapy on Wednesday of this week. Please pray for **Janice's** health and healing as well as for **Dan**, whose sister **Glenda Toll** is currently on hospice care.
- **Pat Butler** received some good news from the orthopedic doctor this week. All four fractures she suffered from her fall six weeks ago are healing, and the next six weeks should be easier. Please continue to pray for quick recovery!
- I forgot to include it in last week's bulletin, but we have a new member: **Hayden Mock**. Make sure to meet and welcome him!
- Please continue to pray for **Beverley Berthold**, **Muffy Garrett's** mom, who is in another round of chemotherapy.
- Pray for others with chronic health concerns: **Laura Claburn**, **Jan & Richard Cooper**, **Mike Flinn**, **Deb Haley**, **Johnny Martinez**, **Anna Mickle**, **Bob Stark**.
- **Sermon Title: Technology and Social Media (pt.2)**

## 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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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

## SERVICE

**Welcome** - J. Seale  
**Song Leader** - L. Williams  
**Opening Prayer** - J. Martin  
**Communion Talk** - J. Knapp  
**Lesson** - D. Broadwell  
**Announcements** - B. Haley  
**Closing Prayer** - M. Gomez  
**Wed. Songs** - C. Harrel  
**Wed. Invitation** - D. Boyls  
**Wed. Prayer** - B. Haley

## 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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## What Does God Want from Me?

by: Paul Earnhart

In his little book, *Jesus Rediscovered*, Malcolm Muggeridge confided that his earliest memory was of walking down the road wearing someone else's hat and wondering who he was. In a real sense, the whole of humanity is walking down that same road, tormented by the same question. The question is built in; the answer is not.

In order to be whole we need to know who we are and what is expected of us, but only God knows that. Human beings, being creatures, cannot answer such questions. American poet Theodore Roethke expresses in haunting words this profound human yearning:

"I close my eyes to see,  
I bleed my bones their marrow to bestow  
Upon that God who knows what I would know."

Denying the existence of God not only solves nothing but reduces us to utter meaninglessness. Accepting by faith that God exists and wants us to seek Him (Hebrews 11:6), and that God has spoken to us in His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2) opens up all kinds of blessed possibilities. It is wisdom to listen reverently and learn our duty well.

It is evident from the Bible's beginning that man, created in the image of God, was expected to honor his Creator with due reverence and worship Him in a divinely prescribed way. Cain could tell you about that (Genesis 4:3-5). Not everything goes. The foundation of worship had to be faith and the proper expression of faith was obedience (Hebrews 11:4). King Saul learned that lesson when he presumed to worship God in a way that violated His will. Samuel's rebuke tells the story: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice..." (1 Samuel 15:22).

The Old Testament prophets speak to our question often. When Israel sought to placate God with the multitude of their sacrifices, Micah told them straight out that God wanted more - "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:6-8). To the hypocritical shallowness of their worship Isaiah and Amos and Jeremiah say the same (Isa. 1:10-17; Amos 5:21-24; Jeremiah 7:21-23). Jesus echoes the prophets by His frequent quoting of Hosea: "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings" (Hosea 6:6; Matt. 9:13; 12:7). What Jesus and the prophets were saying was not that the sacrificial offerings of the law (Leviticus) were unnecessary but that God's desire was for far more than that.

What is the lesson here? Do not try to turn God away from getting what He wants from us by offering the part for the whole -- even actions that God has clearly required -- frequent attendance at church assemblies (Hebrews 10:24,25), regular eating of the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; Acts 2:42), communal prayers and spiritual singing (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19,20) et. al. All these are to lead to a higher purpose -- our transformation into the image of God's Son (Rom. 8:29). What God wants is you and me, that which is expressed in the first and greatest commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:28-29). In short, God wants all there is of us, given gladly and freely in the same measure that He has poured Himself out on us.