

# THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 11 NOVEMBER 2018

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mark Mann** is still in Houston Methodist Sugar Land recovering from his stroke. Thankfully, they were able to get his blood pressure under control, so he has been moved out of ICU and is now in a regular room (524). This is good news, they've been anxious for this to happen for two weeks. Please continue to pray for **Mark, Kim**, and the family.
- **Mike Pharris** had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday. The surgery went well, and he has been progressing little by little over the last few days. He's been able to walk some, but it will be several weeks of recovery. Pray for quick recuperation!
- **Janice Kimbrough** started chemotherapy this week for the cancer that was found recently. She will receive a treatment once every few weeks. Pray for her strength, for healing, and for **Dan**, whose sister **Glenda Toll** is currently on hospice care.
- **Mike Flinn** was taken to Houston Methodist Thursday after he couldn't catch his breath. He's been told that the lung issue he has is related to congestive heart failure. They will keep him there through the weekend. Please pray for **Mike** and **Denise**.
- **Pat Butler** is still at home recuperating from her fall and is receiving therapy at home several days a week. Pray she continues to progress and be out with us very soon!

**\*\*Announcements continue on 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** - F. Sparks  
**Song Leader** - R. McDonald  
**Opening Prayer** - M. Howell  
**Communion Talk** - R. Black  
**Lesson** - S. Garrett  
**Announcements** - B. Haley  
**Closing Prayer** - D. Haley  
**Wed. Songs** - D. Broadwell  
**Wed. Invitation** - I. Davies  
**Wed. Prayer** - S. Garrett

## 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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- **Daniel and Beth Broadwell** are in Atlanta spending time with family. Pray for their safety and others who may be traveling.
- Pray for **Beverley Berthold, Muffy Garrett's** mom, who continues to receive treatment for her cancer. Pray for strength and total healing!
- Pray for others with chronic health concerns: **Laura Claburn, Jan & Richard Cooper, Deb Haley, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle, Bob Stark.**
- **Sermon Title: Little Things are Important**

## The Value of Quiet Benevolence by: Warren Berkley

An irritable brother who always kept some grievance or issue loaded, called a meeting with the preacher and the four elders of the local church.

He leapt right into his complaint, arguing that all five brethren made a good living, drove late model cars and lived in nice homes, yet, he argued: "You don't ever share your good fortune." His audience listened patiently and then after the outburst, one of the elders said: "How do you know we do not share?" There was no answer. Apparently the agitated brother assumed they didn't, or wanted to believe they were miserly. The elder calmly explained, putting an end to the event: "God does not expect us to prove to you or to anyone the extent of our benevolence. In fact, the larger amount of one's benevolence will not be known on earth." In support of this, he read Matthew 6:1-4, and the meeting ended.

The story illustrates, among other things, a common misunderstanding of individual benevolence. The purpose is not to satisfy witnesses, elicit the applause of men, or prove anything to detractors. One's sharing ought to be so private and unpublicized, when the right hand gives, the left hand has no idea. It should be as Harriet Beecher Stowe once wrote of someone she believed had the spirit of Jesus. She said of this person, that "He had a habit of quiet benevolence," doing more good silently than was common of most people in their public charity. [Life and Letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1897]

I read a few years ago of a mystery unfolding in the world of college fund-raising. "During the past few weeks, at least nine universities have received gifts totaling more than \$45 million, and the schools had to promise not to try to find out the giver's identity," (AP, April 16, 2009). I have no idea how this story developed; it was not, to my knowledge, followed up with additional reporting (except perhaps to the IRS). It may turn out that some individual or group of individuals are engaged in quiet benevolence, determined to avoid the typical praise of public, ostentatious giving.

Are you a quiet giver? There is rich spiritual value in this kind of giving. Value for you and the recipient, having this truth connection: "with such sacrifices, God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:16, see also Matthew 6:1-4)