

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 25 NOVEMBER 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mark Mann** is at Encompass Health Rehabilitation of Sugar Land working hard at his recovery from the stroke he had almost four weeks ago. He is making progress, but the road is long and the family still covets our constant prayers!
- **Janice Kimbrough** continues her cancer treatment and is also dealing with some other medical issues. Pray for her healing, and for **Dan**, whose sister **Glenda Toll** is on hospice care.
- **Mike Pharris** continues to recover from his knee replacement surgery. Pray for continued relief and progress.
- **Deb Haley** found out recently that she has shingles. Please pray for her relief as she deals with this and other difficulties.
- Our dear brother **Felix Sparks** announced last Sunday that he and his wife are moving to Lufkin. He will be back from time to time, but last Sunday was his last service. When we have their new address, we will send it out.
- The new quarter of classes will begin a week from today. Make sure to consult the schedule if you are teaching or helping, and let **Alex Morolez** know if anything needs to change. For the adults, **Kerry Kendrick** and **H.E. Jenkins** will be teaching in the auditorium a class on Hosea and Amos.

****Announcements continued 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
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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 - J. Tom
Song Leader - M. Krueger
Opening Prayer - J. Moon
Communion Talk - H.E. Jenkins
Lesson - S. Garrett
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - R. McDonald
Wed. Songs - M. Krueger
Wed. Invitation - TBD
Wed. Prayer - I. Davies

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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- We likely still have folks traveling after this week's holiday. Please pray that everyone returns home safe and sound!
- Pray for **Pat Butler**, who continues to recuperate from her fall and receive therapy at home, that she could be with us soon!
- 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, Mike Flinn, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle, and Bob Stark.**
- **Sermon Title: Thank God**

The One Spirit Union, by Brian Messerli

When God instituted marriage, He declared, "the two shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24b). In the one flesh union, Adam and Eve joined their bodies together. "Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain." (Genesis 4:1a). What's more, Adam had to consider Eve in every decision. In marriage, spouses live as a unit, not as separate parties independent from the other. In fact, the Holy Spirit later revealed through Paul, "He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it." (Ephesians 5:28b-29a). Husbands and wives are so united by the one flesh union that to treat our spouse well is to treat ourselves well. To treat our spouse poorly is to treat ourselves poorly. Consider three truths about the one flesh union in marriage. **1)** Every decision we make must take our spouse into consideration. **2)** Whatever effect our decisions have on our spouse, whether good or bad, affects us too. **3)** The one flesh union brings with it the beauty, joy, excitement, and exhilaration we find in the Song of Solomon!

Now watch this. In 1 Corinthians 6, the Corinthians were fornicating with temple prostitutes, and the apostle Paul argues why that's so heinous. He says, "The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body." (v. 13). Their bodies were not their own to do with what they pleased. Their bodies belonged to God! He continues, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be!" (v. 15). They're one body with Christ! He goes on, "Do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For he says, 'the two shall become one flesh.'" (v. 16). They're in a one flesh union with Jesus, so how in the world can they go join another one flesh union with a prostitute? They're cheating on Jesus! Now, applying the "one flesh" concept to Jesus is a little weird because Jesus isn't in the flesh anymore. Even if He were, it would be sexually immoral for so many, both men and women, to have a one flesh union with Him. Paul explains in the next verse, "But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him." (v. 17).

Christians are in a one spirit union with Jesus, modeled after the one flesh union in marriage (Matthew 9:15; John 3:29; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-8). That means we don't operate independently from Jesus. **1)** Every decision we make must take Jesus into consideration. **2)** However our decisions affect Jesus ultimately affects us too. **3)** The beauty, joy, excitement, and exhilaration in the Song of Solomon finds its ultimate fulfillment in our one spirit union with the King of Kings!