


# The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

## “Joy In The Moment”



"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:23). I realize that this passage is messianic, pointing to THE day when our Lord would come; but I wonder if the writer was aware of it at the moment of composition (I Peter 1:10-12)? Each day is a gift from the Lord, and should be received as a new beginning, a world of wonder to be enjoyed. Let me share some thoughts about joy in the moment, and don't get the idea that I've accomplished this little miracle.

3. Happiness - joy - is in the outlook. We had a woman in the church some time ago that lived one moment over and over. A tragic event happened over 40 years ago. Every time I visited I heard the same story over and over. She did not speak about her son, her grandchildren, or her comforts. She had made an appointment to revisit this tragedy over and over until it dominated her entire existence. We are not promised an easy life (Matt 5:45). Some days will be dark and gloomy, yes, sad, tragic things will happen and we will have no control over them. But we can look to heaven, eternal, incorruptible. Don't be swallowed in sorrow. Each day can bring something, even something small to smile about if we look for it. Take time to see and enjoy the world, the sunrise, a call from a family member or a friend, the love of a pet, the smell of coffee or bacon, the little things that He has provided. Let us not forget, the greatest joy is Gods mercy, grace, love and our salvation.

1. This day is His gift to you. Greet the Lord with a short prayer. Enjoy the rain as you remember the drought you've endured before. Enjoy the sun as you remember the rainy, gloomy days you've seen. As you "break your fast", give thanks for the abundance He has provided. And don't forget the many who don't share our bounty. Make plans to share something today with a smile on your face, maybe food, maybe a smile, maybe the name of Jesus.
2. Life is in the details. Taking care of them helps us avoid greater complications. Pay bills so things don't get cut off. Put gas in the car; running out isn't fun, especially on the freeway. Check out the aches and pains quickly don't ignore the little warning signs. Taking care of the little things helps avoid many of the catastrophes that might develop.

4. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof" (Psalm 24:1; I Cor. 10:26) Old or New Testament, God is in charge. Trust Him. Read I Peter 1:3-5. Did you see the phrase "living hope"? Can we make it "alive" in our hearts and our days? Now that's quite a challenge.

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**SUNDAY**  
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### **Schedule of Services**

#### **SUNDAY:**

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 PM Bible Study



## “What Kind of Christian are You”

### Morning Lesson

“Way Of The Burning Heart”  
Steve Garrett

### Evening Lesson

“Characteristics Of The Kingdom”  
Jack Smith

### News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Yesterday was sad in several respects. The funeral of Doris Norman was held at Forest Park Funeral Home. Doris and Artie worshipped with us for many years, but left several years ago to move to the Baytown area. She was upbeat almost all the time though suffering from several ailments. Almost blind and on dialysis for diabetes, she was regular in attendance. Artie was wonderful in his care of her. Good folks, but a reward awaits all the faithful.

Jan Cooper spent a couple of days in the hospital last week. Keep her in your prayers.

Mike and Linda should arrive home sometime today. Hope their trip was good and relaxing. The Morolez family is gone today. Probably several others as well. Hope travels are safe.

Several new gospel meetings are posted. Check the bulletin board for details.

Some are like wheelbarrows — have to be pushed;

Some are like trailers — have to be pulled.

Some are like kites — always trying to fly away.

Some are like kittens — more contented when petted.

Some are like footballs — you can never tell which way they will bounce.

Some are like balloons — full of wind and ready to explode.

Some are like neon signs — always going from on to off.

Some are like a "dead" battery — no energy or power.

Some are like the hitchhiker — want a free ride while others foot all the expenses.

Some are like an iceberg — cold and dangerous.

Some are like a candle under a basket — useless.

Some are like salt mixed with sand — no saving power.

Some are like little children — no sense of responsibility.

Some are like falling leaves — carried away with the slightest wind of doctrine.

Thank God, some are like the Rock of Gibraltar — Firm, Unmovable.

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## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Pharris  
Hymn Director - M. Robinson  
Scripture Reader - D. Haley  
John 19:1-21  
Opening Prayer - Z. Kelsey  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - P. Selgas  
Opening Prayer - J. Carithers  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

### DEACONS

Scott Clanton  
David Davila  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

## BIBLE CLASSES

- World Religions
- John and Romans
- Graded Classes for Children