


# The Reminder

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

## “Remember”



In his final epistle, written as he was nearing the end of his life, the apostle Peter said, "For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you" (2 Pet. 1:12-13).

Often it is good for us to be reminded of some basic things in relation to our spiritual life. These things are very fundamental. All who are Christians know them. Yet, it is good to be reminded of them from time to time so that we might always remember them.

### Remember Who You Are

The apostle John wrote, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:1-2).

It is good for Christians to remember at all times that they are children of God. Christianity is not something that is donned on Sundays or when around other Christians. It is who we are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our conduct should reflect that fact. In John 8:44, Jesus told the Jews of His day that they were children of the devil because it was his will they desired to do. Conversely, if we are going to be children of God, we must desire to do His will in our lives. It is something we need to remember.

### Remember Why You Are Here

Sometimes, even though we might have the best of intentions, we get caught up in the ideas of the world around us and worldly things seem important to us. We give priority to our education, our job, our possessions, etc., instead of remembering what life is really about. No better statement of the purpose of life can be found than that which Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all." Let us never lose sight of the purpose of our existence. Let us not be distracted by the world and its enticements. Let us be firmly resolved to remember that "our all" is to live lives that honor and glorify our God.

### Remember Why You Worship

Jesus reminded the Samaritan woman at the well that, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." We should always remind ourselves that worship is directed to God. Sometimes, some who claim to be Christians are dissatisfied with worship or even stay away because it was not done in the way in which they desired or by whom they wanted. (continued on back)

**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



## “Remember”

### Morning Lesson

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Jack Smith

### Evening Lesson

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Steve Garrett

### 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.

Somehow some of us have gotten the idea that for worship to be what it should be that it has to be done to please us. In reality, is that not worship of self rather than worship of God?

Self is never to be the focus of worship. [Hebrews 10:24-25](#) says we assemble to worship God and to "...consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another..." As we worship, we should be thinking of God and others, not of self. Remember the purpose of worship.

Gene Taylor (edited)  
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**A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.**

When it comes to talking out conflicts, it's easy to lose our cool in the heat of discussion. If we aren't careful we'll end up ranting and venting and letting the whole world know why we're the victim. Scripture condemns this as foolish, and calls us to reign in our emotions. If we're going to conduct ourselves wisely in these situations, then we'll need to keep our emotions in check. We might be angry, even justifiably so, but we cannot allow our anger to make matters worse and beget more sin (Eph. 4:26). "Command your temper, lest it command you."

Jason Garcia

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements -  
Hymn Director -  
Scripture Reader -  
Acts 2: 22-24:36  
Opening Prayer -  
Closing Prayer -

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director -  
Opening Prayer -  
Closing Prayer -

### 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