

# The Reminder

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

## “Father’s Day Thoughts”

Today is Father's Day. A day when we show gratitude, appreciation, and thankfulness for our dads. Dads play a big role in their children's lives. Children also play a big role in dads life.

I was listening to a song on the way home from Houston last week called, "Daddy's Hands" by Holly Dunn. The young lady was singing about her dad's hands how that they were at times soft and kind when she was crying, hard as steel when she had done wrong, and Daddy's hands were not always gentle but there was always love in Daddy's hands. I thought about my two little girls and my three boys and nearly started crying. I do love them so.

What father would give his child a rock rather than a piece of bread (Luke 11:11)? What father would it be that would not instruct his sons and daughters in the ways of righteousness (Proverbs 10:1; 22:6)? What father would irritate and exasperate their sons and daughters to the point of discouraging them (Ephesians 6:4)? What father is there that would not discipline their sons and daughters when they had done wrong (Proverbs 13:24; 23:13)? What father would not love his children (Titus 2:4)?

Have you ever wandered what it would be like to be a dad? Please let me share a few words on the matter. Dads love their children very much. Dads are hard as steel on the kids at times because they want them to see the value of God's standards of truth.

At times a dad may tell his son to stop crying, straighten up, and its time to be strong. Dads will sit down with their daughters and reason with them about their clothing, makeup, and jewelry. Dads, at times, will wallop the kids when they do wrong. Dads will also hold, hug, and comfort when the child has been injured or emotionally bothered. Dads can also tell some of the best bedtime stories.

Dad's literally watch their children grow up before their eyes. When its all said and done. The child is no longer a child. The child grew into a man or a woman. It will be the dad who looks back and sees the young Bible class student, baseball player, soccer player, and so forth. It will be the dad who sits in his garage, eyes swelled up with tears of unexplainable origins, while he contemplates the lives of his children. Why is it that we secretly cry when no one is looking as we think back on the lives of our children? It is because we love them very much. Always have and always will. God has truly blessed the man who has children. Solomon wrote, " Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: They shall not be put to shame, When they speak with their enemies in the gate" (see Proverbs 127:3-5).

John C. Robertson

**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 21, 2015**

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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



## “Forgiveness”

### Morning Lesson

“What I Know About Being A  
Father...”  
Jack Smith

### Evening Lesson

“Prodigal”  
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.

We made it home later than planned on Wed. Tremendous rain, but God guided us. Others are involved also. Kaitlan Garrett is in Arkansas for another summer camp and the rain that hit us moved on up that way. Trust she is safe. The Miles' are on a cruise, so we won't see them today.

Curby is home. Pray for him to recover strength. It will be good to see them in services again. Please pray for all those with long term problems.

Women's class is tonight after services. Youth devo is also tonight at Smith's house.

Nathan Lovinggood has been visiting with us for the last month or so, and wishes to place membership. Contact info: 4100 Greenbriar Drive, Apt. 542, Houston, 77098. Phone - 972-839-2404; email - [nlovinggood91@gmail.com](mailto:nlovinggood91@gmail.com)  
Welcome to Nathan. Several here know him and/or his family.

We all know what Jesus preached/ practiced about forgiveness. He often taught His disciples the necessity of forgiving if they wanted to be forgiven (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:35, etc.). And from the cross Jesus prayed for His enemies, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Lest anyone think it was easy for Jesus to forgive, we need only remind ourselves He was in a torturous, awful situation, physically and spiritually. So, for 2,000 years Christians have known and taught that we ought to forgive, even if we have not always practiced it as well as we have preached it. But we are, in this marvelous age of research, at least catching up to the Bible in understanding why it is so important and beneficial to forgive. Turns out the forgiver benefits just as much if not more than the offender needing forgiveness! We may think we punish an offender when we refuse to forgive, but in reality we only punish ourselves. As Ann Landers said, "Hanging onto resentment is letting someone you despise live rent-free in your head" (The Washington Post, 5/19/1988). Thus, when we forgive someone we do ourselves a favor! . . . When we genuinely forgive, we set a prisoner free and then discover that the prisoner we set free was us" (quoted by Philip Yancey in What's So Amazing About Grace; pp 99-100). Modern medical research is at last catching up with what the Bible has been telling humans for thousands of years — forgiving others is not only one of the holiest things a person can ever do but also one of the healthiest. Forgive anyone who needs it from you. If you do, at least one person will be set free/healed: YOU! And perhaps the one who offended and hurt you, too. (Hebrews 12:15).

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## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles  
Hymn Director - W. Hodge  
Opening Prayer - B. Ward  
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - S. Garrett  
Opening Prayer - R. Black  
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Brian Haley  
Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

### DEACONS

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

## BIBLE CLASSES

- I & II Corinthians
- Identifying, Tearing Down and Removing Idols from Our Hearts.