


The Reminder

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

“Spending Time With God”



Our Lord Jesus Christ set the example of spending time with His Father who was in heaven (Luke 6:12). Jesus not only encouraged us to pray, but expected us to know the Scriptures (Matt. 21:42). This means we must spend some time in personal prayer, Bible study, and meditation (1 Tim. 2:1-4; 3:13,15).

Jesus spent a lot of time with His Father in prayer (Matt. 14:23; 26:36; Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 5:16; 6:12; Luke 9:18,28; John 17:1ff). On one occasion as He was praying His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1). Jesus taught His disciples to pray in a closet or private place (Matt. 6:6). He explained that our prayer life is not to be for outward show (vs. 5), nor long in the sense of much repetition thinking we will be heard for the many words (vs. 7).

We do not find examples in the gospels of Jesus taking time during His ministry to read and study the Scriptures, yet He referenced the writings of the Old Testament often. He clearly had learned God’s word growing up, and when He began His ministry at the age of 30, it would be fair to conclude He had spent those prior years coming to know intimately His Father’s will.

It is a proper conclusion that our time with God in prayer and His word is our personal choice. If you heard someone announce, “I had two hours with the Lord this morning, it was great!” – you might be happy for him but feeling personally guilty. First, keep in mind that personal time with God is a private matter. Secondly, it is good to be challenged to spend more time with our Lord!

How can we spend more time with God? Following the example and instructions of Jesus, let’s determine a time and place each day to read and pray. The apostle Paul exhorted Timothy to pray (1 Tim. 2:1,2) and to give attention to reading (4:13). We all know nothing is ever accomplished until we set the time aside to do the task. Once we have chosen the time and place, then single out the Scripture that will be read and meditated upon. We might select a daily guide or a chapter of the Bible for our reading. We can pray about what we have studied. We can talk to God about love ones and their needs. Praising God and giving Him thanks is important to our acknowledging the blessing of being able to come before the throne of God!

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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



“Trusting In God”

Morning Lesson

“Keeping The Church Sound”
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

“Faced With A Choice”
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.

Curby and Harold appear to be on their way to recovery. It's been a difficult time for them and their families. Pray for more years of service and love to God and family.

Josie seems to be better. It's been a rough couple of weeks for her and David. Keep them in your thoughts. Also, Kim's cousin Eliza, a little 2 year old, is in the hospital in Ft. Worth. She is somewhat improved.

Steve and Muffy are in LaPorte today. Michael and Joanna plan to leave tomorrow for a couple weeks in Singapore. Hope for a safe trip and a good time. Deb Haley is in Tulsa with kids and grandkids.

The Book of Proverbs has many wonderful lessons for us today. One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” But truly trusting in the LORD is easier said than done.

Consider the story that is told of a circus that came to town one day. The featured act was a tight-rope walker. Without the safety of a net, the acrobat dazzled the audience with his daredevil stunts. At one point, he even rolled a wheelbarrow back and forth on the highline wire. He then asked the audience, “How many of you believe I can walk on the tight-rope without falling?” They all raised their hands since they'd all seen him do it. Then the acrobat asked them, “How many of you believe I can roll this wheelbarrow back and forth across the tight-rope?” Again they all raised their hands. Then he asked them, “Who would like to be the first volunteer to come up and sit in the wheelbarrow?”

What would you say? Would you trust the acrobat with your life enough to volunteer? That illustrates how difficult it is for most people to truly trust God with their lives. But we are promised that if we obey His word in all things, God will direct our lives from earth to heaven. Are you truly trusting in our Heavenly Father?

Travis L. Quertermous

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles
Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Opening Prayer - J. Knapp
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - M. Krueger
Opening Prayer - C. Cecil
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.