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# Reminder

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

## “Edify One Another”

At the close of Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he exhorted them to "edify one another" (1 Thes. 5:11). The word "edify" comes from the Greek word *oikodomeo*. This word occurs thirty-nine times in the original text, and all except eight times it is translated as "build" or "built." Our Lord chose to use this word in Matthew 7:24 when He spoke of the wise man who "built his house on the rock."

The idea Paul had in mind was that Christians should "build" one another up in the faith. After defining the word, Thayer comments that it is "the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christians wisdom, piety, holiness, happiness" (*Greek-English Lexicon Of The New Testament*, p. 440). W. E. Vine said the word is "used metaphorically, in the sense of 'edifying,' promoting the spiritual growth and development of character of believers, by teaching or by example, suggesting such spiritual progress as the result of patient labor." (*Expository Dictionary Of Biblical Words*, p. 194).

One of the highest duties that a Christian has is to encourage others. In a world filled with pessimism, violence and despair, our need for encouragement is great. It is all too easy to let the "ways of the wicked" become our ways. The happy man is the one who refuses to "stand in the path of sinners" or "sit in the seat of the scornful" (Psa. 1:1).

After a week of listening to the gripes and complaints of this sin-sick world, Christians should look forward to an isle of retreat on the Lord's day. A place where the name of God is blessed, not cursed.

A place where we can enjoy the "seasons of refreshing" which only God can provide (Acts 3:19). The Hebrew writer bids us to "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). After the command, he tells us how it is to be accomplished, i.e., "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25).

In the days of Haggai, the people of God grew discouraged while the working to rebuild the temple. God commanded them to get back to work, then gave them comfort by saying, "I am with you, says the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:4). Consider what it meant for those Jews to whom Haggai spoke to know the Lord was with them. Surely they could remember the stories of how Jehovah had been with their fathers as they passed through the Red Sea. They knew that God had "led them by the hand" through the wilderness on their way to Canaan. In view of God's goodness, how could they doubt Him now?

In a similar vain, Jesus has promised to be "in the midst" of His disciples when they assemble (Matt. 18:20). What a thought! The Son of God in our midst every Lord's day. He has also promised to be with us as we carry out the great commission (Matt. 28:20). Do you desire to be in the presence of the Lord and His people? As we run our race toward eternal glory, let us continually encourage each other and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1,2).

- David Padfield

## About Us

### Bellaire

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### Who Are We?

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

**Wednesday:**  
7:30 PM Bible Study



**MORNING LESSON**

“Other Aspects of Worship”

Jack Smith

**SERVICE**

Welcome – H. Banks  
 Hymn Director - W. Hodge  
 Opening Prayer – B. Haley  
 Morning Lesson – J. Smith  
 Lord’s Supper Lesson- S. Garrett  
 Announcements – J. Smith  
 Closing Prayer - N. Lovinggood

**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**

Galatians, Ephesians and  
 Philippians - Steve Garrett

**Auditorium**

Children’s Bible Stories Revisited  
 - Lee Williams

**Room 102**

Graded classes for children

**Directory Updates**

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**“The ABC’s Of Christianity”**

The following is a list of the “ABC’s” of Christianity. If we will faithfully incorporate the practical thoughts presented in this list into our daily lives, we will see dramatic results in our Christian walk.

- “A”sk — Matthew 7:7
- “B”lessed — Matthew 5:6
- “C”ome — Matthew 25:34
- “D”epart — Psalm 34:14
- “E”vil — 1 Corinthians 15:33
- “F”ear — Ecclesiastes 12:13
- “G”o — Mark 16:16
- “H”e — Mark 16:16
- “I”Am — Rev. 1:8
- “J”udge — Matthew 7:1
- “K”eep — Proverbs 4:23; Ezra 7:10
- “L”ook — Isaiah 45:22
- “M”ark — Romans 16:17
- “N”ot — Matthew 25:9
- “O”we — Romans 13:8
- “P”reach — 2 Timothy 4:2
- “Q”uench — 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- “R”ender — Romans 13:7
- “S”eek — Isaiah 55:6; Matthew 6:33
- “T”ake — Matthew 6:1
- “U”phold — Psalm 119:116
- “V”engeance — Romans 13:19
- “W”alk — Colossians 4:5; 1 John 1:7
- “X”amine — 1 Corinthians 11:28
- “Y”e Are — 1 Peter 2:9
- “Z”eal — Romans 10:2

- Mike Riley



**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 is a little better. It's a difficult time for them, so continue to pray that he goes home soon. As I write this he is still in St. Luke's. Katie had her tonsils out last week. Hope she heals quickly. Mitchell will need the relief taking care of their family. No news yet on Josie. Our thoughts are with the family that all goes well with the delivery.

There have been some wonderful pictures of Greg and Mechelle on Facebook. Looks like a great vacation. They are due back soon, maybe by today. Anita is in Alabama. Should be home tomorrow. Eloise was gone the last part of the week to a conference. She may be back by today.

This is the day of our first Sunday singing. Hope you've made plans to join with us. It shouldn't interfere with your Super Bowl plans.