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Reminder

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

“Blinded by Crumbs”

“If you were to take the sum total of all authoritative articles ever written by the most qualified of psychologists and psychiatrists on the subject of mental hygiene --- if you were to combine them and refine them and cleave out the excess verbiage --- if you were to take the whole of the meat and none of the parsley, and if you were to have these unadulterated bits of pure scientific knowledge concisely expressed by the most capable of living poets, you would have an awkward and incomplete summation of the Sermon on the Mount. And it would suffer immeasurably through comparison. For nearly two thousand years, the Christian world has been holding in its hands the complete answer to its restless and fruitless yearnings. Here rests the blueprint for successful human life with optimum mental health and contentment.” (From “A Few Buttons Missing”, by James C. Fisher; Lippincott and Co., New York 1951.)

Now brethren, what do you think of that? Before you become ecstatic because of the great honor given to the Master’s sermon:

1. Are your ‘restless yearnings’ no deeper than “successful human life with optimum mental health and contentment and:
2. Is this the goal of Jesus’ sermon?

Often Christians are so hungry for a crumb of praise from the table of the world that they fail to see that many such crumbs humanize and defuse the spiritual and eternal purpose of the gospel of Christ. Many so-called “good works” develop worldly admiration for our “civic-mindedness” or “social awareness”, and having nothing to do with causing people to truly “glorify God.” (Matt 5:16) God is glorified “in the church by Christ Jesus” (Eph 3:21), and our “light” and “saltiness” must have to do with bringing peoples to Christ. (Matt 5:11).

I appreciate Dr. Fisher’s estimate of the Sermon on the Mount as a major contribution to a good life here and now, but would like to point out that this is but a by-product of its true purpose. Genuine Christianity is historically accurate, psychologically sound, economically wise – but primarily, it lights the way to heaven.

About Us

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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
Jack Smith

SERVICE

Welcome – H Banks
Hymn Director – M. Krueger
Opening Prayer– T. Walker
Morning Lesson – J. Smith
Lords Supper lesson – S. Garrett
Announcements – M. Mann
Closing Prayer – B. Stark

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

Messianic Prophecies – Robert McDonald
Auditorium
I and II Samuel – Jack Smith
Room 102
Graded classes for children

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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“Eagles In A Storm”

by F.L. Booth

As I walked along life's busy highway,
I ventured aside onto a byway.
At first it seemed like a good place to be,
Then a mountain rose up in front of me.

Though I tried to find the trail going round,
The pass was quite narrow and closed I found.
I couldn't turn back, nor ahead could see,
Then a voice from above said, Follow me.

He showed me a road winding high above
That sometimes is steep, but guarded with love.
He said, You've the strength and courage to climb,
Be patient and take one step at a time.

Now I take His hand, and He leads the way.
With Him to guide me I never can stray.
Each day dawns anew much brighter by far,
While the nights are clear with a twinkling star.

His grace and His love are a mighty force
To keep me safe as I travel the course.
Gladly I'll walk in His light every day.
And humbly with hope in His care I'll stay.



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.

I write this on Friday, so I'll say, "Trust we had a great time last night at the party." When this group gets together it is always fun. I do want to express my appreciation to all for the wonderful times thru the years. It has been an honor being the preacher here. We leave behind some of the most wonderful folks we've ever known. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

The Youth devo is immediately after our gathering this morning at Barbara's house. Lee will provide the food. Anita and I will do the lesson.

The Ladies Bible study is at the bldg. at 1:30.