

The Reminder

Bellaire Church of Christ, 1 January 2017

Announcements:

- **Pat Butler** has been having heart-related symptoms, so she will go to the cardiologist Tuesday. Please pray that she will be cleared to continue her chemotherapy treatment.
- **David Davila** is at home recovering from heart surgery.
- Continue to pray for **Lennie Sams**, as he and his family mourn the loss of Terri. Their Alabama address is posted on the back bulletin board.
- We have several members traveling for the holidays, please keep them in your prayers as they travel to and from their destinations.
- Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Don Hurd, Fran Spencer, and Johnny Martinez.**
- **Sermon Title Today:** New Years Resolution
- **Reminder:** Next Sunday, January 8th, we will have our monthly singing and prayer service at 1:30 PM. Make plans to attend!

Who Are We?

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

Elders

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Mike Pharris

Deacons

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

Evangelists

Daniel Broadwell
Steve Garrett

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Directory Updates

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - D. Broadwell
Song Leader - L. Williams
Opening Prayer- B.Haley
Lesson - S. Garrett
Communion Talk - J. Seale
Announcements - M. Pharris
Closing Prayer - S. Clanton

BIBLE CLASSES

Wisdom Literature

- Daniel Broadwell

Sermon on the Mount

- Harrison Banks
- Robert McDonald

Graded classes for children

Something More

By: Gary Henry

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
And your labor for that which does not satisfy?
(Isaiah 55:2 RSV)

THE GREAT TRAGEDY OF HUMAN LIFE IS THAT WE DO NOT SEE HOW MUCH MORE WE NEED. God has made us such that we have an inescapable need for perfect, unmitigated, consummate fellowship with Him. That need cannot be filled in this life, even in Christ, and our tragedy is that we do not see how much more we need.

Foolishly, we spend great amounts of time, money, and energy pursuing satisfactions that, while good in themselves, having been created by God, were never meant to satisfy our deepest longings perfectly. We drink deeply of the creation and suppose that our thirst for the Creator has been satisfied. But it hasn't.

If we're honest, we see that we have longings that are not only not being filled in this world, but cannot be, even in the fullness of fellowship with God, as sweet as that may be. And those longings are perhaps our greatest clue to the existence of something more. C. S. Lewis said it well: "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." That being true, contentment with what is ours right now is the absolute worst thing that could happen to us. We were made for nothing less than what Adam and Eve had in Eden, and we'd better never forget it.

So let there not be a day during our sojourn that we do not reach forward. Not even the blessed joys of home and family should be wholly satisfying to us. Not even the treasures of membership in the Lord's church should satisfy our hunger and thirst. This world is irreparably broken, and not even the Lord Himself could be anything other than a Man of Sorrows while He lived here. We were made for a joy that simply cannot be experienced in our present environment. So may we never delude ourselves into thinking that what we have right now, even in Christ, is all that our hearts need. God has for His people something much, much more. We dare not, we cannot, we simply must not forget that true fact.

Whatever you love,
Whatever you give,
Whatever you think you need to live,
There's something more than this.
(Julie Flanders & Emil Adler)