

# THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 5 FEBRUARY 2017

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Join us today at 1:30 for our **monthly singing and prayer service!**
- We have new members! **Dalton and Kaysie Boyls** officially joined us last week, so please welcome them! They are newly married and were formerly with the congregation at Kleinwood.
- **Pat Butler** got her PET scan results back, which showed progress, with some cancer remaining. She will continue treatment once she is ready. Thank God for progress and keep praying for Pat!
- **Fran Spencer** had her first treatment for her lymphoma, and it went well. She will receive treatments every other week.
- **David Davila** continues to recover from his heart surgery. It has been encouraging to see him with us at worship!
- **Anna Mickle** has had chest pains and will also be having shoulder surgery this month.
- **Sharon Alexander** will be traveling to Dallas today to be with her daughter **Holly**, who will have her second round of chemo this week.
- Continue praying for those with 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: God's Power Toward Us**

### 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  
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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

## SERVICE

**Welcome** - A. Morolez  
**Song Leader** - S. Garrett  
**Opening Prayer** - D. Bean  
**Lesson** - D. Broadwell  
**Communion Talk** - W. Hodge  
**Announcements** - B. Haley  
**Closing Prayer** - N. Lovinggood

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Wisdom Literature

- Daniel Broadwell

### Sermon on the Mount

- Harrison Banks
- Robert McDonald

### Classes for children

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## An Overview of Leviticus

### PURPOSE

**Leviticus is not a stand-alone book; it is a continuation.** Exodus was written to the Israelites in the wilderness to show them how God delivered them from slavery and established them as a nation with a distinct code of laws—so that he could dwell among them in the tabernacle. Leviticus goes on to describe in detail the worship that would be offered to God, the requirements for the priests that would serve in that worship, and the regulations for maintaining purity and holiness in the sight of God. The Israelites needed this book to learn how to have fellowship with Jehovah. God had saved them and come to dwell with them, and Leviticus explains how the people were to live with the Holy God in their presence.

### GENRE

**While known for its laws and regulations, Leviticus in fact a story.** The laws are laid out within the framework of a story that stretches back to Exodus and forward to Numbers. Notice that the first verse of the book sets a scene for the narrative: “God spoke to Moses from the tent of meeting.” Then, after several chapters of instruction about sacrifice, chapters 8-10 continue the story—Moses anoints the priests, and Nadab and Abihu infamously fail to live up to their priestly expectation—before the telling of the law begins again in chapter 11. The point is that the laws of God are not given in isolation, but in the historical context of what He is doing for His people.

### STRUCTURE AND SUMMARY

**The book of Leviticus moves from specific to general.** The first seven chapters are focused on one aspect of the worship of Jehovah—the sacrifices. Having prescribed *what* will be offered to God and *how* it will be offered, chapters 8-10 proceed to specify *who* will lead the worship. This short section shows Aaron and his sons being consecrated—made holy so that they can present the proper worship to the Holy God Jehovah—and ends with some negative examples of improper worship.

Thus chapter 10 also serves as a transition to the next section, chapters 11-16, which details how every person is to maintain ritual purity before God. All sorts of things are discussed (from diet to bodily functions), making this section maybe the most difficult to understand and apply. It is important to see it all in the context of the book and its purpose—God is setting apart His people as holy, so that they can be separate from the nations so that He can dwell among them and have relationship with them.

The last section of the book (chapters 17-27) is about holy conduct before God. God gives laws concerning sexual conduct, idol worship, priestly conduct, holy days, and the treatment of the fellow man. As the book closes, God lays out the blessings for those who keep and the penalties for those who disobey His law. While some of the specifics may have changed, this moral code teaches us about how God expects His people to live and interact with each other and the world, even today. The repeated phrase points us to the vision God sets for His people, and the real point of the law He gives them: **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”**