

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 26 FEBRUARY 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This Wednesday, March 1, we will begin our next quarter of classes. The new adult bible classes will be as follows:
 - Old Testament Survey (Brian Haley) in the auditorium.
 - Gospel of Mark (Daniel Broadwell) in the back classroom.
- Next **Sunday, March 5**, we will have our monthly singing and prayer service at 1:30. Please make plans to attend and bring requests!
- Don't forget! Our Spring Gospel Meeting is coming up, March 24-26.
- Please continue to pray for **Pat Butler** as she continues her cancer treatments, and pray for **the Clantons** as they care for Pat.
- **Fran Spencer** had her fourth treatment this week for lymphoma. Everything has gone well so far, so gives thanks and keep praying!
- **Sharon Alexander** continues to travel to be with her daughter Holly Ann while she receives her chemo. Pray for both ladies.
- Please continue to pray for **Terry Kornfeld's Dad** as he struggles with his health. Pray for Terry as well.
- 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: Who Do You Trust?**

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
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EVANGELISTS

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - H. Banks
Song Leader - R. McDonald
Opening Prayer - J. Seale
Lesson - S. Garrett
Communion Talk - B. Foy
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - J. Tom

BIBLE CLASSES

Wisdom Literature

- Daniel Broadwell

Sermon on the Mount

- Harrison Banks
- Robert McDonald

Classes for children

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We Can Truly Change

By: Gary Henry (*wordpress.com, February 23*)

“. . . that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22-24)

FEW THINGS ARE MORE UNIVERSAL THAN THE HUMAN DESIRE TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. The sheer size of the self-help section in any bookstore is a fair indication of how desperate we are to conquer the problems that beset us and increase the quality of our lives. Virtually every person would like, in some significant way, to improve the “self?” that he or she presently is.

How ironic it is that, despite our deep desire for change and the lavish attention that publishers pay to our personal improvement, many people still hold to the deterministic idea that real change is not possible for a human being. This viewpoint says we are so conditioned by heredity and environment that we can't change in any radical way. Whatever we “are,” that is what we'll always be. And our culture has no shortage of psychologically correct labels to define what we are. Once labeled, a person cannot un-label himself. The most he can hope for is to keep from externally acting out what the label says he'll always be on the inside.

Christianity, however, makes a deeper change possible. After listing certain groups who practiced notorious sin, Paul said to the church in Corinth, “And such were some of you” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). These were people who'd actually changed, and the change was not just behavioral. In his letter to the church in Rome, Paul wrote: “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3,4).

What Jesus Christ offers the groaning human soul is not superficial pain relief but radical surgery. The drastic rehabilitation He envisions is certainly not the work of one day. But just because we require more than a quick fix, that doesn't mean we're forever locked into our mistakes. “Beware of succumbing to failure as inevitable” (Oswald Chambers).

“Change, indeed, is painful, yet ever needful; and if memory has its force and worth, so also has hope” (Thomas Carlyle)