

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 11 JUNE 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Join us this afternoon for a potluck at the Bellaire Community center! It is in the second floor of the 'Aquatic Center.' Head north on Bellaire, left of Jessamine, right on 5th, right on Laurel. The plan is to have these once a quarter so that we can spend more time together as a congregation getting to know each other!
- Remember Willie and Jonothan Hurd as they mourn the passing of her husband/his father, Don. Pray for them and encourage them!
- Anna Miekle is working with an infectious disease doctor who is giving her antibiotics to fight this "super bug" that she has. She is really struggling and needs our constant prayers.
- Pat Butler is getting stronger and will meet with her doctors later this month. Pray for her complete healing!
- Holly Ann Villanueva, Sharon Alexander's daughter, had surgery this week, and it went very well. She is at home recovering and Sharon will be staying with her for a while longer. Pray for both!
- Keep praying for on-going health concerns: Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn.
- Sermon Title: Doubting Thomas
- Passing it on: Please take the time to read the article on the back. It is edited for length, but you can find it in full on the website listed. Upon reading, I thought of many here at Bellaire that are working hard to pass their faith on to their families—not just children, but grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Keep up the good work!!

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

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - D. Broadwell
Song Leader - R. McDonald
Opening Prayer - M. Krueger
Lesson - S. Garrett
Communion Talk - J. Carithers
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - D. Bean

BIBLE CLASSES

Psalms (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Classes for children

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Understanding Your Christian Obligation to the Next Generation

by: **Wes McAdams (radicallychristian.org)**

We have a tendency to think of Christianity in very individualistic ways, “If I want to be a Christian, that is between me and God; and if I don’t want to be a Christian, that is between me and God.” But the truth is, your decision to follow Jesus – or not follow Jesus – will affect far more than your own eternal life. Your decision could bless – or devastate – your descendants for countless generations.

My Heritage of Faith

In some families there is a heritage of higher education, athleticism, or military service. In my family, however, there is a heritage of faith. Both of my parents, all four of my grandparents, some of my great-grandparents, and even a few of my great-great-grandparents were Christians. From generation to generation, they passed down a knowledge of, and a love for, the gospel. That inheritance is worth far more to me than if I had been born the heir of a multi-million dollar estate. Their commitment to passing down the faith has helped to ensure that I know the Lord and will live forever with Him.

But it really isn’t about me; it’s about my children and my children’s children. My sons are receiving this heritage from my family and from my wife’s family. Nearly all of the family my boys know – their cousins, their grandparents, their aunts and their uncles – are members of the body of Christ. This is a legacy I hope and pray they do not take for granted.

It Only Takes One Generation

The faith that has been passed down to me began with one person from one generation. They probably didn’t realize it at the time, but they were beginning a legacy. And perhaps you are the first in your family to walk with the Lord. Perhaps yours will be the first generation of many to come. If you are a Christian parent, then realize your job is spectacularly important. You cannot, of course, guarantee that your children become Christians, but you can do everything within your power to show them why Jesus is worth following. There is no higher calling in this world than ensuring your children have the opportunity to hear the Good News about Jesus. As you discipline, as you instruct, as you strive not to “provoke your children to anger,” as you pick up toys and help with algebra homework – remember that you are part of something much bigger than yourself. You are helping to ensure that another generation has the opportunity to seize the baton of faith and pass it down to another generation.

And just as it only takes one generation to start a legacy, it only takes one generation to destroy a legacy. The second generation of Israelites in the Promised Land “did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10). Some of that was probably that generation’s fault and some was probably the fault of their parents’ generation. Regardless, their unfaithfulness had dire consequences for many generations to come.

Bottom Line

The point is this: we have to start thinking about Christianity generationally. We have to see the big picture. We have to take what we have heard and “entrust” it to others, “who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). This is true in the church, as well as our families. Families are not just a mom, a dad, and the kids. Families are grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and grandchildren. We want everyone to be citizens of the heavenly kingdom. We want everyone to be resurrected to life. Our “waiting for new heavens and a new earth” (2 Peter 2:13) should be a family affair.

So just remember, as Christians, we all have an obligation to the next generation.