

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 18 JUNE 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our brother **Drew Bean** is having some heart tests on Tuesday to potentially determine the cause of some persistent chest pain that he has been having. Please pray that the tests provide clarity and a clean bill of health. Drew is back home today for Father's Day.
- **Anna Mickle** continues to struggle with her health and is very ill. She is scheduled to see a doctor in July. Please pray for her.
- Continue to pray that **Pat Butler** remains healthy and strong and that all reports from the doctors are good from this point forward.
- **Holly Ann Villanueva, Sharon Alexander's daughter**, received tremendous news that the pathology report found no cancer!! Please give thanks to God and keep praying for Holly Ann. Sharon planned to travel back and be here with us this morning.
- Keep praying for on-going health concerns: **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn.**
- **Sermon Title: Walk Renewed (Ephesians 4)**
- **Calendar Items:**
 - The **Youth Devotional** that is normally on the third Sunday is cancelled today because of the holiday. Look forward to July!
 - **Ladies' Class** will be held on the first Saturday in July (July 1). Be looking for updates or talk to Shannon Morolez for more details!
 - The first Sunday in July (**July 2**) will be our **singing and prayer service**. Make plans to come back to the building at 1:30.

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 - H. Banks
Song Leader - S. Garrett
Opening Prayer - B. Ward
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Communion Talk - F. Sparks
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - D. Haley

BIBLE CLASSES

Psalms (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Classes for children

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Fatherliness

by: Gary Henry (wordpoints.com/fatherliness-june-15/)

“Becoming a father is easy enough, but being one can be rough” (Wilhelm Busch)

JUST AS IT’S POSSIBLE TO BE A MOTHER WITHOUT BEING MOTHERLY, IT’S POSSIBLE TO BE A FATHER WITHOUT BEING FATHERLY. Fatherliness is a set of attitudes and actions that most men find themselves inclined toward, but this inclination has to be accepted, disciplined, and put to good use. Being a good father is not something that happens automatically. It’s a matter of choice.

Frankly, the present age is a tough age in which to be a father. No longer are there any social norms that tell a father what to do. Many fathers are disoriented and discouraged. And not only that, but now that it’s somewhat easier for a mother to survive economically without the assistance of a husband, the role of the father in a family is coming to be thought of as unessential, if not altogether undesirable.

But if it’s a difficult time, that doesn’t mean it’s a time for complaining. When the going gets tough, the tough get going. We need to accept responsibility for the fact that, to a large extent, we men have created the present situation by our failures in the past, and rather than resent today’s challenge, we need to rise to meet it. As painful as growth can sometimes be, whatever moves us in that direction should be seen as a good thing, not a bad one.

Words like “responsibility” and “accountability” are of key importance. In the past, we have wanted the benefits of fatherhood without the responsibilities of fatherliness. We’ve checked into and out of our families’ lives so often that it’s no wonder our children have questioned whether we loved them dependably. In our “manly” strength, we’ve spoken so thoughtlessly that any objective observer might question whether we’re familiar with the word “consequences.”

But words and deeds do have consequences, and we need to take responsibility for them. Yes, our wives and our children are often forgiving, and they’ll probably survive our carelessness. But why can’t we live so that some really positive consequences are set in motion? Why can’t we give our children the gift of honest-to-goodness fatherliness?

“What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity”

(Jean Paul Richter)