

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 17 DECEMBER 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bob Stark** was released Friday after his heart transplant two weeks ago. He is doing very well, praise God! He and **Erma** are moving into an apartment in the Medical Center for a while as they continue to monitor his progress.
- **Sharon Alexander** had a second procedure last week that was successful in taking away much of the pain she has been fighting. Pray for continued recovery and relief.
- **Johnny Martinez** continues to struggle with his health and is receiving regular dialysis treatments. Pray for him and **Dora!**
- **Deb Haley** will have a permanent pain pump put in on Tuesday. Pray that the procedure goes well and that she can have full relief from pain!
- **Jan and Richard Cooper** have left for their annual winter trip to Illinois. Keep them in prayer, as well as the many others that will be traveling in the coming days and weeks.
- Remember those rebuilding from Harvey: **Banks, Benthalls, Guzmans, Haleys, Hurds, Starks, Stechs, and Washington.**
- Please continue to pray for **Bethany Moon and Lauren Underwood**, who are both expecting.
- Keep praying for on-going health concerns: **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Mike Flinn, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Anna Mickle, and Pat Butler.**
- **Sermon Title: The Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9)**

WHO ARE WE?

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

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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 - J. Carithers
Lesson - S. Garrett
Communion Talk - A. Morolez
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - J. Moon

BIBLE CLASSES

Isaiah (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell

Parables (Back Room)

- Alex Morolez
- Justin Seale

Classes for children

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The Danger of Everything Going Well

by: **Todd Mangum (taken from www.mightyisthelord.com)**

"Men are undoubtedly more in danger from prosperity than from adversity. For when matters go smoothly, they flatter themselves and are intoxicated by their success."

— John Calvin Commentary on Isaiah 32:11

If there was ever a group of people in history that needed to heed this point it is Americans today: American Christians especially.

It is a point that God warned His people about early on. It is as if God knows that people will turn to Him when they are under duress. It is "when your cities are great and splendid," "your houses are full of all good things," when the "cisterns are hewn" and fresh water abounds, when "the vineyards and olive trees" are plump with their produce, "and you shall eat and be satisfied" – that is when "you must beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" ([Deut. 6:10-12](#); cf. [Deut 8:11-14](#)).

Isaiah the prophet drives home this very point in the 8th century B.C., warning the people (my paraphrase) "YOU ARE FORGETTING! YOUR PROSPERITY IS MAKING YOU STUPID!" This prophecy is what prompts Calvin's observation in the 16th century (more than 2,000 years later). And 500 years after that, here we are, forgetful and stupid once again.

Jesus states plainly, "You cannot serve both God and materialism" ([Matt. 6:24](#)). It really does seem like many American Christians believe that if you work it right, you can. How forgetful, how stupid we are.

What would Calvin say about a country so prosperous, about a people so arrogant and proud, so comfortable and complacent? What would Isaiah say? What would Moses say? What would Jesus say? (I'm guessing the message would be similar and would be along the lines of: "Beware! You are forgetting, and your prosperity is making you stupid!")