

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 10 JUNE 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Terry Walker** is still in Seven Acres Senior Care facility (6200 N. Braeswood, Room 419) rehabilitating from surgery on a broken leg. He goes to therapy in the morning, so afternoon is the best time for visiting. He has been progressing very well!
- Several of our young people will be at a camp in Louisiana this week, where **Steve and Muffy Garrett** also work as counselors. Please pray for safety and an encouraging week!
- The next **Ladies class** will be Saturday morning, **June 23rd** at the home of the home of the Moons.
- Remember those who have recently had surgeries, including **Martin Gomez, Beth Broadwell, and Denise Flinn.**
- **Beverley Berthold, Muffy Garrett's** mother, will start a 21-day round of cancer treatment tomorrow. Please continue to pray for complete healing!
- Don't forget the folks still rebuilding from Harvey: the **Starks and Haleys** continue to rebuild, and others are still working in their homes: **Guzman, Benthall, Banks, Hurd, Washington.**
- Remember our one expectant mother, **Josie Haley.**
- Keep in mind those among us with on-going health concerns: **Pat Butler, Laura Claburn, Jan and Richard Cooper, Mike Flinn, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Johnny Martinez, Anna Mickle, and Bob Stark.**
- **Sermon: Saul's Conversion**

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 Haley
Mitchell Howell
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
John Moon
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

EVANGELISTS

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - J. Moon
Song Leader - N. Lovinggood
Opening Prayer - M. Krueger
Communion Talk - J. Seale
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Announcements - M. Mann
Closing Prayer - J. Knapp
Wed. Songs - A. Morolez
Wed. Invitation - D. Boyls
Wed. Prayer - N. Lovinqgood

BIBLE CLASSES

Evidences (Auditorium)

- Daniel Broadwell
- Michael Krueger

Middle - High School

- Alex Morolez
- Justin Seale

Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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Bible Study Toolbox: Meditation **by: Brian Messerli (www.psd.church/articles)**

While it helps to discuss Bible dictionaries, concordances, and commentaries, Bible study must never be strictly academic. There are libraries written about the Bible by scholars who don't believe the Bible's message. I took a class at the University of South Florida called "The Bible as Literature." The Bible is the most brilliant piece of literature in the world and it makes for a fascinating study, but to many that's all it is. Let's remember what we're reading. "For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe" (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

It's God's Word. Living, active, and designed to perform God's work in us. But in order for it to perform its work, we'll need to meditate on the Word, not just study it. "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night" (Joshua 1:8). "I will meditate on all Your work, and muse on Your deeds" (Psalm 77:12). "My eyes anticipate the night watches, that I may meditate on Your word" (Psalm 119:148). "Make me understand the way of Your precepts, so I will meditate on Your wonders" (Psalm 119:27). "Whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8). To meditate means to muse, ponder, and consider. It's not like eastern meditation which is all about clearing the mind. Biblical meditation is about filling the mind.

It means filling our minds with righteous thoughts from the Scriptures and pondering, chewing, and thinking deeply about them over and over again. In the movie "The Fellowship of the Ring," after Gandalf saw the cursed ring again for the first time in years, he sat pensively at the fireplace, rocking back and forth in Frodo's old wicker chair, staring off into the distance as if looking through the fire to something on the other side. "Riddles in the dark..." he muttered under his breath. Gandalf was mulling over the disturbing history of the ring.

After reading a section of Scripture, let's not slam our Bibles shut and get back to our day. Let sit for a while and think about the power of what we read and why it's so meaningful. "Jesus was in agony for me..." "God's creation is so amazing..." "I can't believe how deep God's love is..." "Which heart am I in the parable of the sower?..." "If God asked me to sacrifice my son the way He asked Abraham, would I do it? God did it..." "I really want to go to Heaven..." Let God's Word consume your thoughts. Let it consume your heart. Let it consume your life.