

# THE REMINDER

**BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 29 JULY 2018**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### • Upcoming in August:

- Our **monthly Singing and Prayer service** is coming up next Sunday, August 5. Join us and bring prayer requests!
- We will be having a **congregational potluck** on Sunday, August 12 at the Bellaire Community Center. Join us!
- **Jeremy Tom's father, Darren Tom**, was tragically killed in an accident last weekend. Please pray for **Jeremy and Kristie** during this very difficult time.
- **Dan Kimbrough's sister, Glenda Toll**, has been diagnosed with stage four cancer. Please pray for **Glenda**, and the family.
- Remember those currently traveling, including **Jan and Richard Cooper**. **Daniel and Beth Broadwell** are in New York City for a gospel meeting.
- **Beverley Berthold, Muffy Garrett's mother**, is receiving her third round of chemo on Monday, and will be learning more information about her biopsy and scan on Friday.
- **Muffy's nephew, Truman Berthold**, will be starting six weeks of radiation at St. Jude's (in Memphis). Please pray for effective treatment and comfort and strength for the family.
- Keep praying for those with on-going health concerns: **Pat Butler, Laura Claburn, Jan and Richard Cooper, Mike Flinn, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Johnny Martinez, Anna Mickle, Bob Stark.**
- **Sermon Title: Being Grateful: The Story of Abigail**

## 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

Daniel Broadwell  
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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

## SERVICE

**Welcome** - TBD  
**Song Leader** - Greg Williams  
**Opening Prayer** - J. Seale  
**Communion Talk** - H.E. Jenkins  
**Lesson** - S. Garrett  
**Announcements** - M. Pharris  
**Closing Prayer** - K. Kendrick  
**Wed. Songs** - L. Williams  
**Wed. Invitation** - TBD  
**Wed. Prayer** - Bob Stark

## BIBLE CLASSES

### Evangelism

- Daniel Broadwell
- Auditorium

### Middle - High School

- Mark Mann
- Harrison Banks

### Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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## **Blessed are the Gentle, For They Shall Inherit the Earth by: Roger Polanco**

*Editor's Note: I am preaching a meeting this weekend for a bilingual congregation that meets on the west side of Harlem, in New York City. We are staying with Roger and Cassie Polanco and their three boys. Roger is one of the evangelists here, a good friend, and a tremendous worker in God's kingdom, especially in the Spanish-speaking community. I hope you enjoy and learn from his article on one of the Beatitudes.*

Blessed are the gentle (or meek or humble depending on the translation that you use) describes an essential attitude in the life of a christian. But what is meekness? And how can we obtain this essential attitude? When you cross-reference Matthew 5:5 you notice that this beatitude finds its roots in Psalm 37:11 where David says that "the humble will inherit the land and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity". Psalm 37 describes the meek or gentle person as a person who is not fearful during trials (V1,7,8) but rather, one who trusts the Lord while doing good (V3,5). A meek person understand that God is in control, and therefore they "rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7).

A story is told of a a little girl on a a very turbulent flight; all the passengers around her were afraid and nervous, and noticing her calm demeanor, the passenger next to her asked why she was so calm. She answered, "because my dad is the pilot". A meek person understands that God is the pilot of his life, and therefore is restful during trials. Paul in Philippians 4:5 exhorts us to "let your gentle spirit be known to all men". Are we in control during trials? Are we showing the world that God is in control by exhibiting a self-controlled attitude during them? Are we anxious during trials or restful during them? A meek person who understands that God is in control will be in control of himself during hard times.

Another aspect of meekness is acceptance of God's will in our lives. We see these two ideas connected in Matthew 11:28-30. In these verses Jesus invites "all who are weary and heavy-laden" to come, and the promise for those that come is that they will find rest. When Jesus invites us to come to him, it is also an invitation to take his yoke upon us and to learn from him. Its an invitation to work; that is what the imagery of the yoke implies. It's an invitation to accept his will for our lives. Notice what he says about his yoke in verse 30, "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." We might find that confusing and even contradicting. How can Jesus say that his yoke is easy and his burden is light? Easy and light are the last words that i would have used to describe God's will. So how did Jesus find doing God's will to be easy, light, and not burdensome when we find it to be so hard and difficult? Verse 29 is the answer, "for I am gentle and humble in heart". For those who are proud, the commandments of God are felt as burdensome and restrictive. But for meek people, God's will is an invitation to rest in God Himself, and therefore they not only accept it, but embrace it with joy.