

The Bellville Proclaimer

Bellville Church of Christ

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THE LOCAL CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Richard Kirkland

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24,25).

Are you a faithful Christian? Do you expect to go to heaven when you die? Are you a faithful member of the local congregation where you attend? Do you attend the worship services regularly? All of them? Does your faithfulness stir up others to love and good works? Or, does your unfaithfulness tempt others to also forsake the assembling of the saints together?

Just "going to church," sitting through a service without a genuine spiritual participation and fellowship with other Christians is admittedly insufficient. But to willfully forsake the assembly of the local church is a direct violation of the command of God.

Some Christians want to be "Christians at large." They never identify with a local congregation and give it their support and encouragement. They "float about" from one place to another without ever becoming anchored anywhere. They never make a significant investment of their time or energy to any one congregation. They do not contribute to the overall strength of the church.

Every Christian needs to recognize that the church exists universally only because it exists locally. Every Christian must be a part of a local congregation and owes that congregation his loyalty and support. He should do his best to attend every service (including Wednesdays) of the local church. His faithful attendance demonstrates his love for the local church and his submission to her elders. His absence should be rare indeed! In fact, the entirety of the Christian's life should be arranged to

accommodate, as much as is possible, the work of God that is being done through the local church.

No Christian can truly be a faithful Christian who does not make a commitment to the local church of which he is a part. You cannot be a faithful Christian, one who expects to go to heaven, if you do not do your best to support the local church. It is the local church that needs your prayers, your encouragement, your service, your godly influence, your presence, your support and your contributions. And you need the local church!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our nation; Our outreach programs; BICA; Our country's armed forces including Matt Laas, Jon Beach, Travis Little, David Wolfskill, Matt Sweeney and Jeremy Wilson; RAIN; Wesley Drones; Hugh Anderson; Anna Mae Hartsell; Bill Pereyra; Jolie Fricks; Paula Griffith; Charlie Middlebrook; Rex Kennedy; Vicki Marshal, friend of the Bluemels; Caleb Crowe; Mark Birdwell; Wayman Bradley; Wayne & June Campbell, Kevin's parents; Patricia Hill, Elouise Harris' cousin; Hanna Boyd, the Tubbs' granddaughter; Brian Smith of Hempstead, heart problems; Madison Hyde; WBS students; Don & Melba Bentley.

ABOUT US...

Standard Time Returns Today!

★ The topic of Ladies' Bible Class study this week is *Equal Concern For One Another*.

★ Richard will be away today on behalf of BICA. In his absence, David Johnson will be presenting the lessons. Don Wilkes will be giving the lesson at the nursing home.

★ Congratulations to Laura Campbell on the birth of a granddaughter—Cecily Gayle Flores of Lubbock, 8 lbs. 1 oz., 19".

★ Congratulations also to Bobby & Beverly Husky on a new grandson—Scout Reed Husky. He weighed in at 9 lb. 1 oz. and was 20" long.

★ Betty McAlister's niece, Sally Clayton, is better. Betty wants to thank everyone for the prayers on her behalf.

★ Recent visitors: Joyce Gould of Bellville.

THOSE TO SERVE TODAY

A.M. Service

Greeters—Gladys Laas & Renea Kirkland
Announcements—Don Wilkes
Song leader—Buddy Brockett
Scripture Reading & First prayer—Kevin Campbell
Communion—Joe Bluemel, George Edwards, Pat Callahan
Closing Prayer—Bobby Husky
Anchor Man in Back—Brett Laughter
Attendance records—John Harris
Nursing Home Songs—Buddy Brockett
Nursing Home Lesson—Don Wilkes

P.M. Service

Song Leader—Dan Laas
First Prayer—Don Wilkes
Communion—Joe Bluemel
Closing Prayer—Buddy Brockett

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6th Standard Time Returns
November 13th-16th Schertz TX Lectureship See bulletin board for details
November 19th 2-7 PM Hayride at the Callahan's
December 31st Devo/Fun Mensch Home Snacks @ 4 PM Meal @ 6 PM

*Ann and I want to let everyone know how much all the cards and flowers meant to us for the passing of my sister Delores Jordan. We can never give thanks enough for the love this congregation has given us over the years. We love our Bellville church family.
Vernon & Ann*

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THE WORLD VALUES THINGS AND USES PEOPLE. AS CHRISTIANS, WE SHOULD USE THINGS AND VALUE PEOPLE!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:
BibleClass _____ 9:00 A.M.
Worship _____ 10:00 A.M.
EveningServices _____ 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening _____ 7:00 P.M.
Thursday: Ladies' Bible Class _____ 10:00 A.M.
Devotional at Briarwood Manor _____ 1st Sunday
Devotional at Colonial Belle _____ 3rd Sunday
Fellowship Meal _____ 2nd Sunday of each month
Sandwich Supper _____ Last Sunday evening of each month

LOVE IN ACTION LAST WEEK

Bible Class _____ 26
Worship _____ 39
Sunday Evening Worship _____ 25
Contribution _____ \$1888
(Weekly Budget Requirement _____ \$1804)
Wednesday Evening _____ 23
Ladies' Class _____ 8

*John and I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and flowers that were sent at the passing of my aunt. We especially thank Richard for driving the distance to be with us.
Elouise*