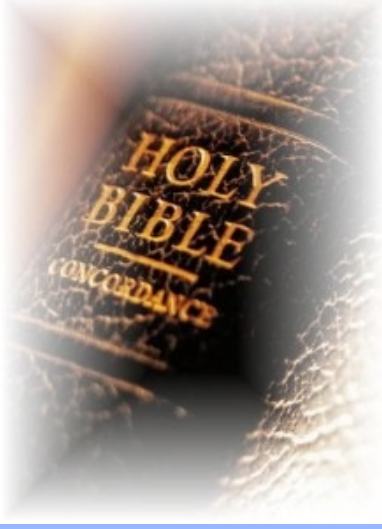


# The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX



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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

#### WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional

## “THINGS THAT SAVE”

Few accomplishments can be wholly attributed to a single factor. A combination of elements are responsible for success. What makes any great athlete a success? Was it speed? Coordination? Power? Determination or Timing? All of these are factors. Speed alone can't be the answer. Can't catch a ball without coordination. Can't hit home runs without power, but you must time the swing with the pitch.

One of these qualities may be more obvious and exciting than the others, and greater attention may be directed to one, but no one says any of the attributes mentioned are non-essential. And to say that an athlete has to have speed is not to say you believe power or coordination are non-essential.

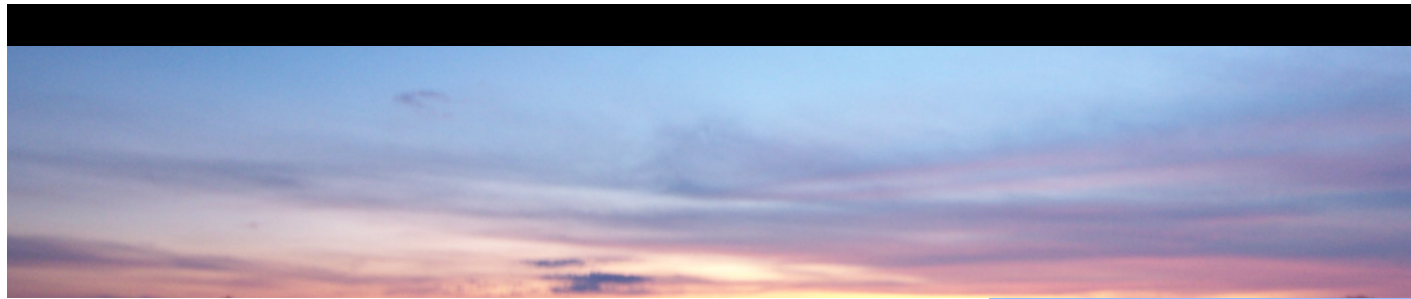
Why is it, then, that when Scripture attributes salvation to several factors, men become so impressed with just one of those factors as to deny the need of another? The Bible mentions: 1) Grace in Eph. 2:5-8; 2) Mercy in Titus 3:5; 3) Blood in I John 1:7; 4) the gospel in Rom. 1:16; 5) truth in John 8:32; 6) faith in Rom. 3:28; 7) repentance in 2 Cor. 7:10; 8) baptism in I Peter 3:21. Also obedience, works, hope and Christ are spoken of in the Scriptures as contributing to salvation.

The harmony and necessity of each of these factors can be seen when we look at the total picture of salvation. God condemns sin, and tells us the sinner is worthy of death, and that all have sinned. No person is good enough to deserve to be saved. We need God's grace and mercy to have any hope. God's mercy and grace are extended to us in the life and death of Jesus. His blood was shed to cover our sins. All these things contribute to our salvation.

But so do the gospel, our faith, repentance and baptism. All of them "save" in that each plays a vital part without which there can be no salvation. The gospel is the truth, and is God's revelation of both the facts that make salvation possible and the exact means by which man may benefit from God's grace. Faith believes the facts and trusts God's arrangement as being reliable. When God commands repentance and baptism, faith believes them to be necessary, else it ceases to be "faith."

God's plan of salvation is at once simple and marvelous. If we will but have the uncommonly good sense to accept all that God says about salvation we will have no trouble understanding it. And if we will have the humility and trust to do what God says, we will have the salvation itself. "Save yourself from this untoward generation."

Condensed from an article by Jere Frost



## Morning Lesson

"Freedom"  
Jack Smith

## Evening Lesson

"The Church; God's Family"  
Jack Smith

## News and Notes:

Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitch, and Don Hurd.**

We had a few out Wed. night with various "minor" illnesses. Zara and Kale were both not feeling well. Also missed Sharon Alexander and Barbara McDonald. I expect them to be "healed" by today. Sure hope so.

Many out of town today. Summer camp begins. Most of our young folks will be gone, as well as the Martin family, Clantons, Gomes, Greg and Mechelle, and the Garretts. Hope we have a bunch of visitors. Hope all our people have a great time and a safe return.

New classes seem to be going well. Thanks so much to Jesse for organizing them and the many volunteers who teach. Also to Alex for taking care of the graded classes.

Hopefully work can begin on the baptistery soon. We had a small leak, plus the thermostat needs replacing.

## How Many Workers?

If someone should ask you how many members there are in the congregation, you'd not find it difficult to give the approximate number. But if someone asked you, "How many workers have you?", what would be the answer? Is there any church that has the same number of workers as members?

One preacher put it this way, "One church member plus good intentions, minus action, figures zero with nothing to carry, according to my calculations."

Do you count for something in the work of the church, or are you just a cipher?

***"Technology can help us do many things, but it cannot tell us what things ought to be done."***

**"History is simply a record of man's intelligence or lack of it."**

**"Most people find that running a business is really easy - as long as it belongs to someone else."**

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles  
Hymn Director - R. McDonald  
Scripture Reading - Col 2:8-15  
Scripture Reader - D. Haley  
Opening Prayer - S. Clanton  
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - M. Robinson  
Opening Prayer - R. Renz  
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### Elders

Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith