

# The Reminder

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



## SUNDAY

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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

## “OVERLOOKING THE OBVIOUS”

Why is it that more often than not the easiest and most obvious things are overlooked? It happens all the time. In spiritual matters just as well as it does in the physical. It is a constant source of amazement that so many "Bible scholars" miss something so openly obvious as the need for one to be baptized for the remission of sins. Years upon years are spent involved in study of the Scriptures. After which they are able to recite the genealogy of Jesus backward and forward. They may speak Greek, Latin and Hebrew. They can tell how many women are in the Bible, and in which book they are found.

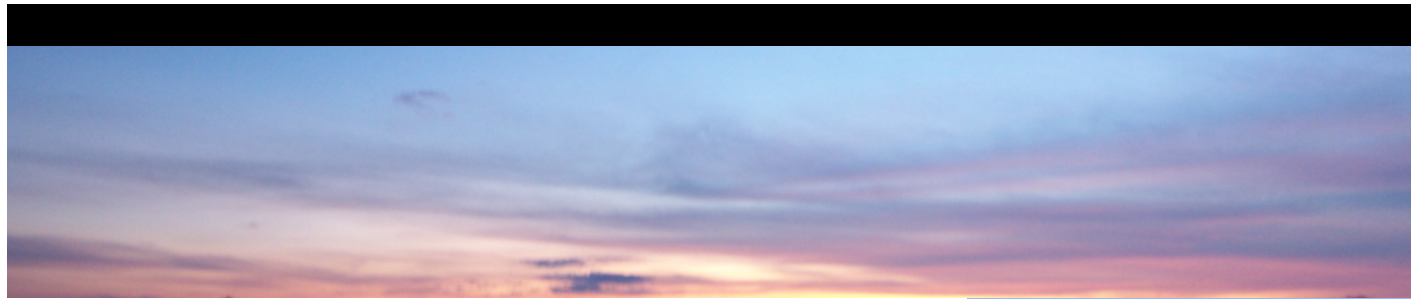
In time these same "Bible scholars" will write book upon book about the Bible and social reform. Using the Bible as their theoretical backdrop, provided it suit their respective need of the moment, will champion any number of current cultural causes. They can regurgitate answers to a myriad of questions, but since they overlooked the obvious they can't answer at least one question truthfully: "What must we do to be saved?"

In the eyes of the Jewish leaders, Peter and John were viewed as "uneducated and untrained men" (Acts 4:13), but when Peter was asked the question of "what shall we do to be saved?", he had a ready answer. "*Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...*" (Acts 2:23).

The answer Peter gave on the day of Pentecost didn't change, even years later as noted in his first epistle, I Pet. 3:21, "*And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you; not the removal of filth from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*" Paul as well provided the same answer as did Peter and both harmonize with the rest of the New Testament. It is really quite obvious (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:1-8).

Naaman in 2 Kings 5 was given specific instructions what to do in order to be cured of his leprosy. He willingly overlooked the obvious in hopes of something different than the prophets instructions. In doing so, he also remained with his leprosy. His servants came and reasoned with him, pointing out, "*My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'*" Upon compliance with God's simple instructions, he was cleansed.

Didn't you love open book tests when you were in school? The answers were right there, you just had to be careful not to overlook the obvious. The same is true with the Word of God.



### Morning Lesson

"Men After God's Heart"  
Jack Smith

### Evening Lesson

Steve Garrett

### 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.**

Keep the Knapp family in your prayers. Baby Dietrich was to have surgery on Thursday. Hope his recovery is swift and complete. No other news about health issues.

Welcome home to the kids (and adults) who have been away at camp. Hope you realize how much we missed you.

I don't usually announce birthdays in the bulletin, but there will be a celebration next Sunday at Dee Boyd's house. She will be 98. That's something worth the mention.

This is the third Sunday of the month. The Youth devotion is tonight at the Smith house. Ryan is the speaker. The Gomez family has refreshments.

### How Would You Describe Jesus?

John the Baptist - "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Nathaniel: "The Son of God!...the King of Israel" (John 1:49).

Nicodemus: "A Teacher come from God" (John 3:2).  
The five thousand: "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world" (John 6:14).

Peter: "Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:69).

Paul: "The blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords" (I Tim. 6:15).

John: "Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth" (Rev. 1:5).

**"True piety means letting God bend your will - not just your knees."**

**"Don't let criticism discourage you. No one has ever put up a statue to a critic."**

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles  
Hymn Director - M. Krueger  
Scripture Reading - 1 Thess 4:14  
Scripture Reader - M. Howell  
Opening Prayer - A. Morolez  
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - S. Garrett  
Opening Prayer - D. Gorski  
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### Elders

Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith