

# 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

## UPCOMING MEETING:

Ralph Walker  
October 23-26

## “Seeking and Investing in God”

What have we done with our time because of God's love and because we want to see God's kingdom grow? For this reflection, think about the three major categories below:

Our soul's relationship with God  
"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" ([Matthew 16:26](#))

We have a temporary home in this world, but in the next life we will have an eternal home. What am I doing in this temporary home that determines my eternal home? If you cannot readily identify concrete things you are doing here and now to receive eternal life from God, then you must drop everything you are doing and begin seeking an answer to this question! No task on earth is more important than the task of seeking God through Jesus Christ. Where is our heart? Where do we spend our time and money?

Our spiritual investment in the Word of God  
"...All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the LORD endures forever..." ([1 Peter 1:24-25](#)) God has spoken and His Word is eternal. His words created the world, His Word has been given to prophets and therefore to people. God's Word has appeared in Jesus Christ, the Word-become-flesh. Do I have a knowledge of and obedience to the Word of the LORD?

Could you give a 2-3 sentence summary of the gospel message? Do you know (at least in paraphrases or rough locations) what the Bible says about major topics like God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, sin, grace, forgiveness, giving thanks, prayer, baptism, worship, rejoicing, confession, obedience, faith, hope, belief, love, repentance, salvation, etc? Do your actions line up with the biblical teaching on these concepts?

Our spiritual investment in others  
"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." ([John 15:12](#)) Every human soul has an eternal home awaiting it. What are you and I doing to help others honor God, notice God's love, and respond to God's salvation in Christ? Do we invest our money and time into our desires and wants at the expense of others coming to Christ? Even if you have not led a formal Bible study this year, what are you doing to spread God's love and Word? Our creative efforts won't always look the same (or have the same results), but we all must make the effort to sow the gospel among the world. What about our investment in fellow believers? Are we encouraging, noticing, and investing in our fellow church members? What small, practical things are we doing in the interest of other believers? If we are not seeking God, investing in His Word, and investing in other eternal souls ... then what are we doing?

-John Michael Kennedy

**Morning Lesson**  
Steve Garrett

**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.**

Several are out of town including Robert and family, Mike and Linda, and, Jack and Anita. There are probably others as well. Keep them in your prayers for a safe return.

Remember Laura in your prayers as she has started dialysis. Jan is to have surgery early in August. Ask the Lord to take good care of them.



**Delight yourself in the Lord;** and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4).

"To delight in God is as much a privilege as a duty." If we are truly seeking happiness in Him--in His love and friendship, then we can expect our hearts to be satisfied. David isn't speaking of carnal, worldly desires, for the one who delights in the Lord would not desire such things. He speaks of the real, innermost desire of one who delights in God--to be one with Him and rest in His grace. Seeking pleasure in the shallow things of the world will only yield disappointment, but the one who expects happiness from God and seeks it in Him will be wholly satisfied. Only those who desire to remove unrighteousness far from them and cease from pursuing their own pleasure will find delight and joy in the Lord (Job 22:23-26; Is. 58:13-14). Delight yourself in the Lord today. and every day.

- Jason Garcia

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**MORNING SERVICE**  
Announcements - M. Mann  
Hymn Director - M. Robinson  
Scripture Reading - Heb. 2:5-18  
Scripture Reader - T. Miles  
Opening Prayer - J. Knapp  
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

**EVENING SERVICE**  
Hymn Director - G. Williams  
Opening Prayer - J. Martin  
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

**EVANGELIST**  
Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

**ELDERS**  
Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

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**BIBLE CLASSES**

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Psalms - Room 107-109  
James & Hebrews - Room 102  
Bible Geography - Room 204  
Graded classes for children