

# 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

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## **UPCOMING MEETING:**

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Ralph Walker  
October 23-26

## **“Choices”**

Shortly before his death, “Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem” and gave what has been called his “farewell address” (Josh 24:1). Included in his remarks are these words as are recorded in Joshua 24:15: “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

The Israelites were thus called upon to make a choice, a choice between “the gods” of human invention, or the Lord God who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, Who both preserved and delivered His people. They were faced with a choice.

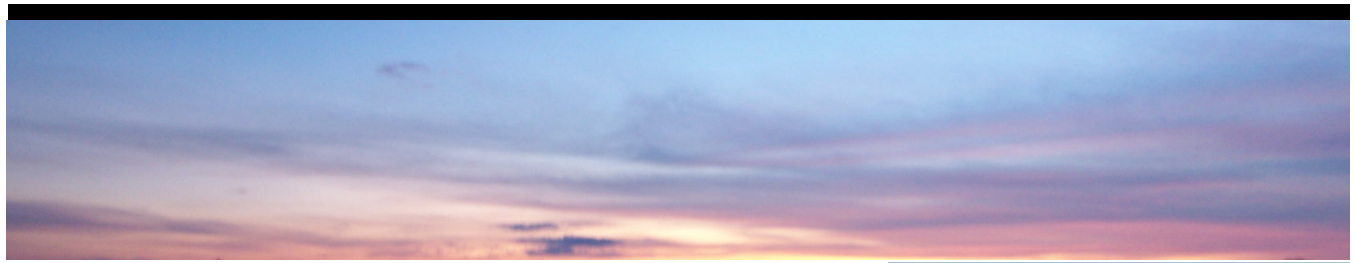
We, too, must make choices. Choices are a part of life in the flesh; we have to make choices every day. Generally speaking, the major choices we face in life “boils down to two choices - a choice between that which is right or that which is wrong. And, for good or evil, choices have consequences!

Jesus said “enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who find it” (Matt. 7:13,14). Yes, one “way is “broad”, and the other is “narrow”.

One road is difficult to enter and to follow, the other is broad and easy; one road leads to “life,” and the other “leads to destruction.” Multitudes long for “life,” but they are traveling the road that leads to “destruction”! If you prefer eternal life over eternal misery, then choose to “enter by the narrow gate,” and follow that “difficult” way which leads to life.” You can not go to heaven if you follow the way that leads to hell.

Life is filled with choices. In the hereafter no soul agonizing in hell can justifiably blame God; he can only blame himself for the bad choices he made in life. God is “not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet 3:9). He loved us so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross on our behalf (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8,10). Through the death burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15: 1-4), the “gospel” (the real good news) became a reality and the gospel serves as “the power of God unto salvation” (Rom 1:16). However, when the Lord returns “in flaming fire,” vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel” (2 Thes. 1:7-9). One can choose to obey the gospel, or choose to be “faithful unto death” (Rev 2:10). In either event, for good or bad, one’s destiny is determined by one’s own choices!

Bobby Witherington - edited



## Morning Lesson

"The Call to Leadership"  
Jack Smith

## Evening Lesson

"The Curse of Laziness"  
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.**

Add Janice Kimbrough to the prayer list. She is dealing with a problem similar to the one Jan Cooper has. Waiting for surgery and test results. Baby Levi was mentioned in announcements last week. He is doing fine. All test results were good. Give Thanks for positive results.

We begin a new quarter on Sept. 3. John Moon will teach **Genesis**. Steve will work with David Haley on **Gospel of John**. Jack will teach **Prayer and Providence**.

Take note on the front page of bulletin for dates of the next gospel meeting and singing. October 23-26.

## Psalm 143:8

Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; for I trust in You; teach me the way in which I should walk; for to You I lift up my soul (Psalm 143:8).

How does one hear the lovingkindness of the Lord in the morning? Paul tells us, "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy" and again, "His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made (Acts 14:7; Rom. 1:20).

Scripture is telling us to look at creation, and reflect on what He has done for us. His kindness can be seen and heard in these things. What better way is there to start your day than to think on these things in the morning and worship God? Let's begin every day by lifting up our souls to our Heavenly Father and entrust ourselves to Him. - Jason Garcia

There can not be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full. - Henry Kissinger

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. - C. S. Lewis

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Pharris  
Hymn Director - M. Robinson  
Scripture Reader - C. Smith  
Opening Prayer - J. Knapp  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - G. Williams  
Opening Prayer - L. Williams  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

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### BIBLE CLASSES

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