

# The Reminder

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

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## Heed The Warning

How many of us are guilty of refusing to give credence to the various warning signs we face every day? Why have we become so cavalier? After all they have been put in place for our well being. A few days back I witnessed a prime example of just how people simply ignore signs. A man was walking with what I assumed was his wife along the street and ran headlong into a support piece for a scaffold. There was a huge sign posted, *Men at Work, Watch Your Head!* He didn't pay that sign a moments notice. On the plus side, it brought peals of laughter to his wife as she watched him dancing around holding his bruised head (and ego). I must admit, being a fan of the Three Stooges, it was a classic moment.

In our society many warning signs are silly. "Don't use this hairdryer while still in shower!" But some are serious and essential. Paying attention to warnings is good sense, especially in spiritual matters. Throughout the pages of God's Word we find warning after warning. Each one striving to admonish us to walk with care and be mindful of the danger that lies ahead. "Careless soul, oh heed the warning..." is a line in a song we sometimes sing. But even as we sing, we may be turning a deaf ear to the meaning.

Paul reminded the elders from Ephesus, "therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears" (Acts 20:31). Ezekiel took heed to do what God had set forth and warned the people regarding the perils of departure from God. "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require on your hand. Yet if you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself" (Ezek. 3:18-19).

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## Who Are We

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

## Morning Lesson

"Walking In His Will"

Jack Smith

## Assignments

### Morning Service

Opening Prayer - B. Haley  
Hymn Director - M. Krueger  
Announcements - M. Pharris  
Closing Prayer - R. Black

## Bible Classes

Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians  
- Steve Garrett

### Auditorium

Children's Bible Stories Revisited -  
Lee Williams

### Room 102

Graded classes for children

## Heed The Warning - Continued

In this passage is a warning within a warning. One to the "wicked" and one to us as spokesmen for God. Can it be said that we have listened? Have we truly sought to warn those who are not in a right relationship with God to "consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession?" (Heb. 3:1) Let us be careful to present Jesus to the world as Savior and Guide.

Adapted from an article by Bruce Evans

### Humor

A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission?" A small girl replied: "Aren't those the sins we should have committed, but didn't?"

### Blind Men of Hindustan

Most are conversant with the famous poem concerning the blind men of Hindustan who went to "see" an elephant. Since each was sightless and stationed at a different vantage point surrounding the huge creature, the six men came away with vastly different concepts regarding the elephant.

The first said, "An elephant is like a rope," because he had felt the tail. Another, stationed at the ear, concluded it was like a fan. Another, feeling its leg, said it was like a tree. Another thought an elephant was like a wall.

A partial view of the Bible is like that. Prejudice blinds many to the whole truth. Sectarian dogma, shallow teaching, emphasis on tradition or emotional persuasion contribute to spiritual blindness.

As John Saxe said of the blind men in his striking poem; *Each in his own opinion exceedingly stiff and strong, / though each was partly in the right, / and all were in the wrong!*

We must pursue "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) and desire to be fully instructed on every Bible subject. The sum of God's word is truth (Psalm 119:160). Taking all the Bible says on any doctrine forms the best commentary on the sacred Scriptures. This allows us to see the harmony and blend in God's grace and man's obedience.

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### Evangelist

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### Elders

Brian Haley  
Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

### Deacons

Scott Clanton  
David Davila  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

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### News and Notes

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

We're doing well so far. Nothing serious to report. Curby did have surgery a week ago. Hope he is healing well.

Seasonal travel has begun, though not all related to the holidays. Brian and Deb are in Dallas for a wedding. Jay and Megan are in the Dominican Republic for a wedding. Both couples should be back before long. The Coopers are in Illinois for a month or so visiting family. Steve, Muffy and girls are in Kentucky for the holiday. Steve will speak for the church there while he is "on vacation." They should be back on the 26th. Anita and I will leave on the 25th to go see family. Not sure yet when we will get home. I'll preach for the church in Cullman on Jan. 3. Many others will be going to see family.

Be careful and have a safe holiday.