

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 08 APRIL 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pray earnestly for **Brian and Deb Haley**, who tragically lost their grandson, **Isaac Mattson**, last week. The funeral was held on Friday evening, and **Brian and Deb** are still in Tennessee. **David and Josie Haley** returned yesterday; please pray for the entire family, especially the parents, **Art and Jenn Mattson**. If you would like to send them a card, their address is *160 Southern Woods Court, Cookeville, TN 38506*.
- **April Calendar Items:**
 - **Today is our monthly singing and prayer service!** Join us back in the auditorium at **1:30!**
 - The monthly **Ladies Class** will be this coming **Saturday, April 14**, at the home of Barbara McDonald at **10 a.m.**
 - Our **Spring Meeting** with **Kevin Clark** is coming up, April 21-22! There will be two lessons on Saturday morning (10 & 11) and three lessons on Sunday (9:30, 11, & 2:30).
- We announced last week that **Craig and Anne Harrel** have placed membership with us. Welcome them if you haven't yet!
- Keep praying for **Bob Stark** as he continues recovery from his heart transplant and travels back and forth to work in Dallas.
- **Muffy Garrett's** mother, **Beverly Berthold**, continues with her cancer treatments. Please pray for her and the whole family.

****Announcements continued on back****

WHO ARE WE?

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

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Mike Pharris

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Haley
Mitchell Howell
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
John Moon
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell
Steve Garrett

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SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - S. Garrett
Song Leader - L. Williams
Opening Prayer - J. Knapp
Communion Talk - M. Krueger
Lesson - D. Broadwell
Announcements - M. Pharris
Closing Prayer - T. Walker
Wed. Songs - L. Williams
Wed. Invitation - J. Mitchell
Wed. Prayer - D. Kimbrough

BIBLE CLASSES

Isaiah

- Daniel Broadwell
- Auditorium

Middle - High School

- Steve Garrett
- Upstairs

Classes for All Ages

- Back Classrooms

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- Remember the **Haleys and Starks**, who are still displaced from the flood and are in the early stages of reconstruction.
- Remember our one expectant mother, **Josie Haley**.
- Keep praying for those with on-going health concerns: **Pat Butler, Laura Claburn, Jan and Richard Cooper, Mike Flinn, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Johnny Martinez, Anna Miekle, Bob Stark, and Curby Stech**.
- **Sermon Title: Made Well**

What to Do When Listening to Religious Teaching by: Phillip Mullins

It is not just the teacher or preacher who has an important responsibility when God's word is taught, each listener does also. Whether you are listening to a religious teacher in person, on the television, or over the radio, you have some serious obligations.

Listen with a searching attitude. The Bereans in Acts 17:11 serve as a great model as to the kind of listeners we all should be. When they heard Paul preach, the Bible says, "they received the word with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." They were eager and open-minded. They believed the Scriptures to be from God and they examined them to see if Paul's message was in harmony with it. They were not lazy listeners, but active ones. It is possible their search took place even outside the time of the synagogue assembly. Like them, we should search the Bible carefully as we examine what we hear. The public message should even prompt us to continue to study the Scriptures on our own.

Test what you are hearing. The Bereans did not assume Paul's message was from God. They proved it with the Scriptures. Neither should we take the word of a religious teacher without first testing it. 1 John 4:1 teaches us to do this and why: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." False teachers have always existed. The way to separate the false teachers from the true ones is to test their message with the Bible. Galatians 1:8 teaches, "But if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." Don't be deceived by external kindness (Matthew 7:15). Test the message always with God's word.

Listen with a willingness to do. There are some who listen to God's word and appreciate hearing it. Yet, the word has no impact on their lives. To them, listening to the teaching of the Bible is like a spectator sport in which they find some amusement. Yet, no change is made to align their lives with what is taught. James 1:22 teaches, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." The word of God is a living message (Hebrews 4:12). It is not merely a philosophy to intellectually embrace. It is a life-changing message that is to invade every facet of a person's life. Your marriage, family, and job are to be governed by it (Ephesians 5:22-6:9).

The next time you hear religious teaching, remember your responsibilities. Your response to Christ's word will determine your eternal destiny (John 12:47-48).