

# The REMINDER

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## HOW WOULD YOU HAVE REACTED?

Most Bible students will correctly associate the name Matthias with the man who was selected to take the place of Judas after the betrayer committed suicide. The Bible says, "And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias: and he was numbered with the eleven apostles" (Acts 1:26).

But what about Barsabas, the other potential apostle? The disciples "appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias" (Acts 1:23). Both met the stated qualifications for apostleship. But only one replacement was needed, consequently they prayed that God would make known His selection (Acts 12:24-25). God chose Matthias.

Actually we're not told what happened to Joseph, or even what his attitude toward the selection of Matthias over him was. If it was like some today, perhaps he would have quit the church, or at least begun worshipping with some other congregation! Their attitude would have been "all or nothing." If they could not be an apostle, they wouldn't be anything. Or, if they did not quit the church, they would have hovered around Matthias like buzzards, waiting for him to make his first inevitable mistake, then pounced on him to vindicate themselves.

But I hope Joseph had a better attitude than that. I hope the years with Jesus had ennobled him and cleansed him of worldly faults, and instead of bitterness he would rejoice in the honoring of his brother. Instead of resentment, I hope he humbly accepted the Lord's infinite wisdom. I hope he went right on faithfully living to serve Christ in whatever capacity he might later fulfill, and rejoiced in the Lord's love.

But what about us? How would we have reacted? Our best way of knowing is by examining how we are already reacting to our present station in life, whatever it may be. The only honor that really matters is hearing the "Well done, good and faithful servant" announced by the Lord.

David Watts

# Bulletin Board

**Sermon Notes:**

AM Lesson - Jack - "A Distinct People (part 2)"  
 PM Lesson - Steve - "Building Marriages That Last"

ease keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee oyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitsch and Don Hurd.**

**EWS AND NOTES:** We give thanks for the success of the treatment for Megan's difficulty. Hope all the expectant moms have a joyful term. Caleb Owen is home Pensacola. He will have treatment for a year or so, with occasional visits to MD Anderson for evaluation.

nita and I had a great trip, and are so glad to be home. nita leaves next Sunday for a trip to Dallas, but I'm home for "a while." Several are planning to be out of town this weekend. Dan and family are gone. Connie is in Pensacola visiting family. Rona is out of town, and David leaves this week for a while. Robert is on vacation for a week or two. There are others whose plans I can't remember. Pray for a safe journey.

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*When both the speaker and the audience are unfused, some refer to the lesson as 'deep'."*

*All some people do as they age is grow Old."*

*A person with a reservoir of knowledge is not well educated unless he knows when to turn the spigot on and off."*

## Assignments for today

Sunday, July 21, 2013

### Morning Service

Announcements.....Jesse Knapp  
 Hymn Director.....Lee Williams  
 Scripture Reading.....Rev. 12:7-12  
 Scripture Reader....David Haley  
 Opening Prayer.....John Moon  
 Closing Prayer.....Jesse Knapp

### Evening Service

Hymn Director.....Steve Garrett  
 Opening Prayer.....Chad Smith  
 Closing Prayer.....Jesse Knapp

## Just A Reminder...

It's easy to criticize and complain. In fact it takes no special ability or intellect at all to be a first class malcontent. And, so it is easy to chastize brethren, deride decisions, and generally be disagreeable and troublesome. But, I tell you, in contradistinction to that, there is a lot of good in the church of Christ. I unashamedly believe that the church is composed of the best people on God's earth. What could be better than scores of men and women devoted and dedicated to doing right? And, even in this day of unbridled luxury and indulgence, what could be more pleasant to find than multitudes of Christians ready to make any sacrifice, whether of time, money or effort in order that the Lord might be proclaimed and glorified and His brethren in the local church edified?

It is refreshing to see Christians who live life with exuberance; who look at life from the highest of perspectives because they "have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). And, too, it is a pleasure to find brethren everywhere who speak good things of both the Lord and their brethren, and who share with unknown multitudes of other faithful Christians the very real hope of inheriting a Home with God. Indeed, there is much good in the church. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to remind you.  
 Don Truex

*"Has anyone ever heard of an idle rumor remaining idle?"*

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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  
**Minister and editor**  
 Jack Smith and Steve Garrett

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