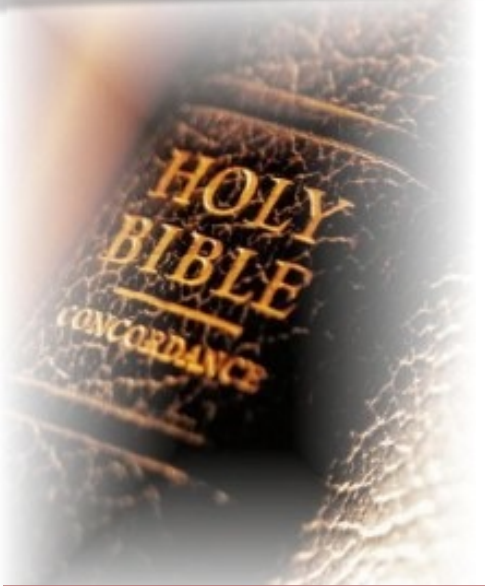


# The Reminder

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



**SUNDAY**  
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## **BELLAIRE**

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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 Bible Study

### **\* NOTE:** Sunday

August 30 will be our  
last Sunday evening  
service.

## **“Bible Study”**

It's hard to keep our thinking straight. There are so many ideas that come at us from every direction, it's no easy matter to sift through these and hold on to those ideas that are true. But spiritually speaking, it's very important that we make this effort. The devil does his work by deception, and if we're not careful, we'll be deceived and led astray to do his will, rather than God's. This does not have to happen, however. God's truth is always available to us. And in the strength of this truth, we can overcome every evil thing that stands between us and our Heavenly Father. With God's truth, we can defeat the devil's attempt to deceive us.

This week, let's be reminded of both the importance and the power of truth. Just as the devil does his work by deception, God does His work by truth. Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32).

**Monday:** John 8:44

**Key Idea:** Deception is at the very core of the devil's character.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In this verse, what did Jesus say about the kind of being the devil is? Who are those about whom Jesus said that the devil was their "father"? What activity in regard to the "whole world" is attributed to the devil in Rev. 12:9?

**Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 25:3.

**Tuesday:** Genesis 3:1-7

**Key Idea:** Deception is how the devil leads us into sin.

**Questions for Family Growth:**

Describe the chain of events that led up to Adam and Eve's disobedience to God. In 2 Cor. 11:3, what fear did Paul express concerning his brethren in Corinth?

**Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 25:4,5.

**Wednesday:** Colossians 2:4,8

**Key Idea:** We should beware of being lied to and cheated out of our salvation.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In general, what does it mean to "cheat" or "defraud" someone? In v.4, what does Paul say it is possible for us to be deceived by (compare Eph. 4:14)? How can we keep from being tricked by the devil's deception?

**Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 25:6,7.

**Thursday:** 2 Timothy 2:24-26

**Key Idea:** Repentance means that we "come to our senses" and return to the truth.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In vv. 25,26, what has the devil succeeded in doing to some individuals? In the case of such individuals, what needs to happen? Why do we need to be gentle and patient with those who have been "captured"?

**Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 25:8-10.

**Friday:** John 8:31,32

**Key Idea:** It is by truth that God sets us free from the deceptiveness of sin.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In the war between good and evil, how can the devil's captives be set free? What kind of "weapons" are to be used by the "soldiers" of Christ? What did Paul say in 2 Cor. 10:3-5?

**Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 25:11,12.

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## “You Are Who You Are For A Reason”

### Morning Lesson

“Eyes On Jesus”  
Steve Garrett

### Evening Lesson

Singing

### 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.

If all goes well, the cruise folks will return today. May be here in time for morning worship. Just have to wait and see. Look forward to being among God's family here again.

Been gone all week, so have no current news.

You are who you are for a reason.  
You're part of an intricate plan.  
You're a precious and perfect unique design,  
Called God's special woman or man.

You look like you look for a reason.  
Our God made no mistake.  
He knit you together within the womb,  
You're just what he wanted to make.

The parents you had were the ones he chose,  
And no matter how you may feel,  
They were custom designed with God's plan in mind,  
And they bear the Master's seal.

No, that trauma you faced was not easy.  
And God wept that it hurt you so;  
But it was allowed to shape your heart  
So that into his likeness you'd grow.

You are who you are for a reason,  
You've been formed by the Master's rod.  
You are who you are, beloved,  
Because there is a God!

- Russell Kelfer

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Pharris  
Hymn Director - M. Krueger  
Opening Prayer - C. Cecil  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - R. McDonald  
Opening Prayer - D. Haley  
Closing Prayer - M. Pharris

### 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

## BIBLE CLASSES

- I & II Corinthians
- Identifying, Tearing Down and Removing Idols from Our Hearts.