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# Reminder

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

## Are You the King or the Slave Girl?

In 2 Kings 1, Ahaziah, king of Israel, takes a tumble through the roof and is seriously injured. In his pain, he sends messengers to Philistia to ask their god Baal-zebub if he will recover. They never make it. Instead, they run into Elijah, who has this question for the king: **“Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub?”** Furthermore, Elijah saves Baal-zebub the trouble and gives Ahaziah his answer: he will surely die. The king, naturally, is upset and sends two companies of men to capture Elijah. Both are destroyed by fire from heaven until the third commander finally gets the picture and humbles himself before the prophet.

**Think first about the world around you:** Where do people go when things go wrong in their lives? Usually, the primary solution for people’s problems is something other than God. It may be something sinful and harmful--such as drugs or alcohol. More often it is something less harmful physically, but still neglectful of the True Source of help. It seems like people try all sorts of things- books, doctors, habits, friends, and so on. "Is it because there is no God in Israel?"

**Now think about yourself:** What do I do when I have a problem? Specifically, who is the first person I talk to when something is wrong? I imagine that if any of us was struck with a life-threatening injury or disease, we would be very quick to go to God for help. But what about in the “smaller”, day to day difficulties? Who do I go to about it? My friends, my parents, my spouse, my preacher? Is it because there is no God in Israel?

If we continue reading, we see an amazing contrast to King Ahaziah's lack of faith. In 2 Kings 5, we read that Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, has leprosy. You can imagine all the different things a pagan leader might try to cure this terrible disease. But fortunately for him, his little servant girl speaks up and says, **“Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Israel! He would cure him!”** Unlike King Ahaziah, this slave girl knew where True Healing came from, and was quick to recommend the Source to someone in need.

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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

**“This is my comfort  
in my affliction, that  
your word has  
revived me.”  
Psalm 119:50**

## SERVICE

Welcome – A. Morolez  
 Hymn Director – M. Kruger  
 Opening Prayer– L. Williams  
 Morning Lesson – S. Garrett  
 Announcements – M. Mann  
 Closing Prayer – T. Walker

## EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell  
 Steve Garrett

## ELDERS

Brian Haley  
 Mark Mann  
 Mike Pharris

## DEACONS

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

## BIBLE CLASSES

How to Study the Bible

- Jesse Knapp

Kings

- Michael Krueger
- Justin Seale

Graded classes for children

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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**Think again about yourself:** What if I was more like this little girl? I interact with people in the world all the time who are sick with sorrow and sin, and are dying from it! Furthermore, I know Who can cure them! Do I recommend the Great Physician to them, or do I let them continue to try all the solutions that I know will never work. I need to be telling everyone I know, "Would that you were with the Prophet in Israel! He would cure you!"

King Ahaziah's lack of faith led to not only his own death, but the death of 102 of his men. The lesson is that faith in the gods of this world is destructive. On the other hand, the slave girl's faith in chapter 5 saved Naaman's life, because trust in God saves us from death. Naaman was washed clean in the waters of the Jordan, once again confirming the words of the Holy Spirit, that **"The righteous shall live by their faith."**

By: Daniel Broadwell

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

Laura Claburn fell this past Wednesday and is bruised, scraped and broke a toe. Let's keep her in our prayers.

Patricia Butler has been diagnosed with lymphoma. She began her chemotherapy last Thursday, and it will continue for several weeks.

Please continue to pray for Terri Sams, who is visiting from Birmingham, Alabama, she received news that her cancer has gotten worse and the stem cell treatment is on hold while they put her on a trial drug.

Johnny Martinez had successful surgery, but is suffering from shingles. Keep him in your prayers.

## CALENDAR ITEMS

Next Sunday, October 2, we will have our monthly afternoon singing.

Gospel Meeting October 7-9 with Wayne Moody. Invite your friends!