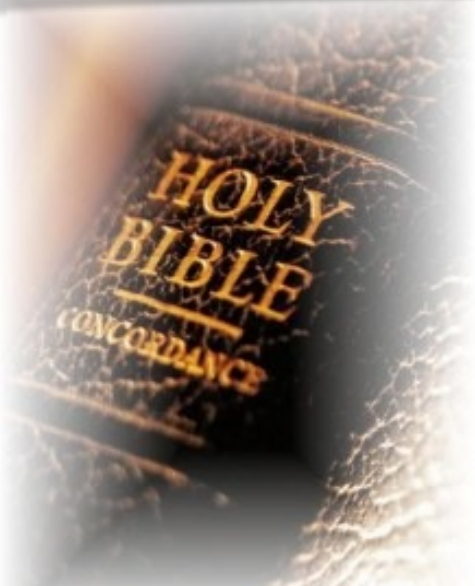


# The Reminder

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



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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.**

## **“Be Diligent”**

2 Timothy 2:15 "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman

Paul's words to the young preacher are hopeful and helpful. They are layered with three main thoughts.

First, be diligent. That word simply means, "get to it." Don't put it on the back burner. Don't delay in these things. Don't say, "when I get a round to it." Jump on it now. Make this priority one. Drop all things and get about it. This is what Paul is saying to Timothy and to us.

Second, present yourself approved. Approved. Passing the test. God can be pleased. Well done, is what the five talent man was told. He was approved by the master. Gained approval is the statement used of the heroes in Hebrews 11. They all gained approval with God. We can know what God wants. We can be approved by God. This is how we are to present ourselves, each day, every day. We must be diligent about that. It's time to get rid of the lazy bones and the lame excuses, and ask ourselves, "Why am I not approved by God?" Why does my attendance stink? Why do I not know the word of God? Why am I not praying very much? Why am I not letting my light shine? Why am I watching inappropriate movies, listening to trashy songs? Why am I not an encourager, like my friend was? Present yourself approved. Do what God wants you to do.

Third, as a workman who does not need to be ashamed. What a great and simple illustration the apostle gives to us. A workman works to get paid. That's the goal of what he does. A guy who works hard and works well, has nothing to be ashamed of. It doesn't matter whether he digs a ditch, fixes teeth, preaches a sermon, drives a school bus, or is a principal. Work hard at your job. Do it well. We understand that concept. The guy who is playing computer games all day or is texting more than he is working ought to turn in his paycheck. This working in such a way as not to be ashamed, is not connected to our jobs, but in how we are diligent to be approved to God. Do what God says, in the way that God says it, with all that you can, and you have nothing to be ashamed of. Stop just giving it a 'lick and a promise,' as my grandma would say. Get about doing what you ought to do.

Unashamed workman. A person that is giving it his best. This comes from the inside out. This comes from a heart that wants to please the Lord. This comes from one who sees what is really important.

Be diligent. Present yourself approved to God. Like an unashamed workman.

JumpStarts Daily - edited



## “Some Things to Ponder”

### Morning Lesson

“The Kingdom Inversion”  
Steve Garrett

### Evening Lesson

“A Woman's Devotion”  
Jack Smith

### 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.

Eliza seems to be doing a little better. So sorry an infant has to go thru these problems. It also impacts family, maybe worse than her. Continue to pray. So good to see Curby in services last Sunday. Hope he continues to gain strength.

We rejoice in the baptism of Cindy Wheeler last week. Be sure to meet her. (contact info here).

Several out of town, as always. Weston has finished his summer classes and is back home till school begins in a month or so. Welcome home to Kruegers. Seems like a great trip. Maybe we should all go. Victoria and Chloe should be back today also.

Youth Devo and Women's class both meet tonight.

1. Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car’s windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it: they will not last forever. If going wrong, don’t worry; they can’t last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don’t forget the gold! To hold a diamond, you need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, “Relax, it’s just a bend, not the end!
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities.
8. A blind person asked “St. Anthony”; “Can there be anything worse than losing your eye sight?” He replied: “Yes, losing your vision!”
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles; it takes away today’s peace. Life is a coin you can spend it anyway yo wish, but you can only spend it once.

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## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Mann  
Hymn Director - M. Krueger  
Opening Prayer - D. Gorski  
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - S. Garrett  
Opening Prayer - D. Kimbrough  
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

### 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.