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# Reminder

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

## Salty Disciples

**“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to ears to hear, let him hear.” (Luke 14:34-35)**

In this familiar analogy, Jesus compares Christians to salt, and points out that salt is supposed to be useful, and if it's not useful, it is thrown out! But notice how He says salt is used: 1) For the soil and 2) For the manure pile. In agriculture, a certain amount of salt mixed in soil can provide needed nutrients for crops to grow. What about manure? In fact, in ancient times, salt was mixed together with animal droppings as a catalyst to change the manure into a charcoal-like substance for burning, or to make it more suitable to use as fertilizer.

So what's the point? Jesus is saying that as salt we need to mix with the soil and even manure of the world in order to affect a change. In fact, the very next verse in Luke shows Jesus himself doing that: **“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.” (Luke 15:1)** Jesus was mixing with filthy people in order to help them change and grow, and He's telling us to do the same!

But notice what Jesus said about the salt: It has to have flavor to be good for soil or manure. What flavor disciples should we be? He tells us in the verse before: **“So therefore, anyone of you that does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33)** We must be “all in” to serving God, with no reservations. If we are “all in” disciples, people around us will notice and we will make a difference in the world. If we are reluctant, half-hearted Christians, we will not stand out and no one will be convicted to change. We will be good for nothing and will be thrown out by God. Different people make a difference!

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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

**“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.”**

**Colossians 3:2**

## SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks  
Hymn Director – R. McDonald  
Opening Prayer– J. Knapp  
Morning Lesson – S. Garrett  
Announcements – B. Haley  
Closing Prayer – G. Williams

## 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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## SPECIAL EVENTS!

**Today is our monthly singing! We will meet back here in the auditorium at 1:45 to direct our hearts and voices to God in worship. Please join us!**

**The Weekend of Worship begins this Friday, October 7 at 7:30. We will have a singing on Saturday at 6:00 and a lesson at 7:00. Wayne Moody will be hear to speak for us all weekend. Invite your friends, there are flyers on the back table.**

**On Sunday, October 9, we will have a potluck while Wayne Moody is here with us. We will gather after bible class at the Bellaire Rec Center.**

## 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.

Patricia Butler went to the hospital this week due to some blood pressure issues, but they adjusted her medicine and she went home on Friday. Continue to pray for Pat as she battles her cancer.

Terri Sams, who is visiting from Birmingham, Alabama, was released from the hospital Tuesday. Please continue to pray for and encourage her and her husband Lenny.

Jeff Kornfeld found out he had an ulcer that has been bleeding and is in the hospital, please pray for him and Terry.

Johnny Martinez continues to suffer from shingles, continue to pray for him.