

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2016

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Reminder

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

Who-I the What-ite?

“And David sent out the army, one third under the command of Joab, one third under the command of Abishai, and one third under *Ittai the Gittite*.” ~2 Samuel 18:2. This is one of those verses that I (and probably most of us) have maybe seen but likely never thought about. It’s nestled in a sad story about David and his loyal men having to fight against the forces of his beloved son, Absalom. This detail about the leadership of David’s army is striking because of the mention of Ittai the Gittite, who was in charge of 33.3% of the king’s army. But *who is Ittai the Gittite?*

First of all, the term “Gittite” signifies that he was a man of Gath, one of the 5 cities of the Philistines. The same people that constantly warred against the people of Israel, especially in the days of Saul and David. This means Ittai was originally a foreigner--and furthermore an enemy--of God’s people.

But if you search “Ittai the Gittite” in your smartphone bible app, you will notice that he appears a couple chapters earlier in 2 Samuel 16:18-22. This is the point in the story when David and his men are forced to flee Jerusalem for fear of Absalom, and all the men are passing by David. When he sees the Gittites led by Ittai, David asks, **“Why do you also go with us?”** Apparently, Ittai had only shown up recently, and David tells him there is no reason for him to wander around like an exile with all these men when he is not even one of them-- and he’ll be blessed to take his family home.

Ittai, however, remains loyal. **“As Jehovah lives...wherever my lord the king will be, whether for life or for death, there also will your servant be.”** Whatever the motivation, Ittai was committed to staying with David, by the name of Jehovah. Ittai was a Philistine, but he put that aside to be numbered among the men of the king of the God of Israel. Not only was he numbered among them, but he became one of David’s most trusted leaders and faithful commanders.

**God’s grace turns enemies and foreigners into soldiers and leaders in His army.
Praise God!**

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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

**“Unless the LORD
builds the house,
those who build it
labor in vain.”**

Psalm 127:1

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SERVICE

Welcome – D. Broadwell
Hymn Director – L. Williams
Opening Prayer– R. Black
Morning Lesson – W. Moody
Announcements – M. Pharris
Closing Prayer – J. Carithers

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

Adult classes will meet in the auditorium today to hear Wayne Moody.

How to Study the Bible

- Jesse Knapp

Kings

- Michael Krueger
- Justin Seale

Graded classes for children

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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SPECIAL EVENTS!

This weekend we are blessed to have Wayne and Janet Moody with us from Kansas City. Wayne has delivered encouraging bible lessons for us all weekend.

Today, after bible classes, we will have a potluck at the Bellaire Rec Center to spend some time together and with the Moodys. Please join us!

There are many other gospel meetings and singings taking place in the Houston area. Check the bulletin board in the foyer for information on those events.

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 had a great report from her doctor this week, praise God! Keep praying for her treatments to go well.

Terri Sams, who is visiting from Birmingham, Alabama, continues to battle her cancer. Say hello if you see her and keep her and Lenny in your prayers.

Deb Haley had surgery this past Wednesday and is still experiencing some pain in her leg, let's pray for her pain to go away.

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

The flower fund has diminished. Please see Barbara McDonald for donations!