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# THE MESSENGER

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5*

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### WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Sunday

Bible Class.....10 a.m.

Worship .....11 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

#### Prayer Meeting

(Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

**HEAR**

Rom. 1:16;  
10:17

**BELIEVE**

John 8:24

**REPENT**

Luke 13:3  
Acts 3:19;

**CONFESS**

Rom 10:9-10  
Matt. 10:32

**BE BAPTIZED**

Acts 2:38;  
22:16

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Every time you go swimming in the ocean, someone inevitable warns: “Watch out for sharks!” Of course, I always did, but I’ve rarely seen one. I’ve never heard the “bom – bom- bom” music that plays in the background when sharks come near. And it’s a good thing, because once you hear the music, it’s probably too late.

We’ve been warned to watch out for sharks, but no one has ever said to me, “Watch out for the jelly fish.” The fact is, jelly fish are far more dangerous. Each year they kill more people than sharks do.

Do you ever take a walk in the park? Has anyone said, “Watch out for the bees?” Did you know that **bees kill more people each year than sharks and jelly fish combined.** We tend to spend our lives worrying about the sharks (whether we ever go near the water or not), because sharks are big and scary. And we tend to ignore real threats because, by themselves, they’re not all that intimidating. Don’t let the little things in life fool you. You ignore them at your own peril. Every good marriage .... Every good employee .... Every good business succeeds because they’ve learned to **pay attention to the little things.**

Jesus told a story about a servant who was given some money to manage, and because he managed it well, he was rewarded by his master. The master said .... “*You have been faithful in handling a small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities*” (Matthew 25:21).

Our greatest wins and losses in life result from our ability to master the seemingly minor details of life.

For example:

- Reading a few verses of Scripture and spending some time in prayer each day may not seem significant to some, but its long-term effect is revolutionary.
- Making the effort to bite your tongue may not seem that important, but in the long run, it could save a relationship.
- Giving a customer a little extra attention, might not seem like such a big deal, but it could pave the way to our next promotion.

Don’t give the sharks more attention than they deserve – especially at the cost of ignoring the jelly fish. It’s the little things that hold us back, and the little things that move us forward.

They’re our greatest danger and our most powerful weapon.

Mike Riley, *Morningside Drive Church of Christ, Alice, Texas*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to **silence** your cell phones.

Last Wednesday Night, we started a new booklet called *Toward Spiritual Maturity*.

We have electronic copies of our flyers for the Family and Friends day. Please see Sis. Anglea Williams for more info. Our aim is to have approximately 100 people in worship.

See Sis. Lydia Chaff about what food items you’d like to bring to the picnic.

Members, if you did not receive a text or email regarding the contribution, please let Sis. Angela Williams know.

**For Prayer:** Bro. Julian Rice and Kristen Coleman as they travel each Sunday from Wisconsin to be with us. Also Erika Dockens Nadia Hawks, Robert Davis, Ursula Ware. Rob Hardy’s son Paul. Serena Webster left last Sunday evening for military boot camp.

## Our College Students

Paris Mickles: SIU

Darren Jackson: SIU

Bria Gamble: Illinois State

## 2019 School Graduates

Deneé Webster: University of Illinois

Serena Webster: Homewood Flossmoor High

## Anniversaries

July 29 - Juan and Brandi Bell (13 years)

July 29 - Whitney and E.J. Taylor (2 years)

## Birthdays

July 30 - Della White



Please remember to submit your announcements to Brother Webster by **Thursday night.**

## Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

Lord’s Supper

Offering

Song

Closing Prayer

## Last Week’s Record



Sun. AM Class	26
Sun. AM Worship	50
Wed. Bible Class	16