



# *Chalmette Church of Christ*

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## THE DANGER OF NOT KNOWING THE BIBLE

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God through His prophet in the Old Testament said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). The inspired apostle teaches us, "Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

### ELDERS

It is absolutely essential that elders be men of the Book. Paul says they must be "apt to teach" (I Tim. 3:2) and "be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Titus 1:9). Without a working knowledge of the Bible, this would be impossible.

### DEACONS

An often-overlooked qualification of deacons is the fact that they must be familiar with Bible teaching. Of deacons Paul says, "holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (I Tim. 3:9). "The faith" here is the Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9; Jude 3).  
You can't hold to something you don't know.

### TEACHERS

The Hebrew writer says, "When for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:12-14). James states the principle of the higher degree of responsibility that teachers have when he says, "Be not many of you teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment" (James 3:1, ASV).

### PREACHERS

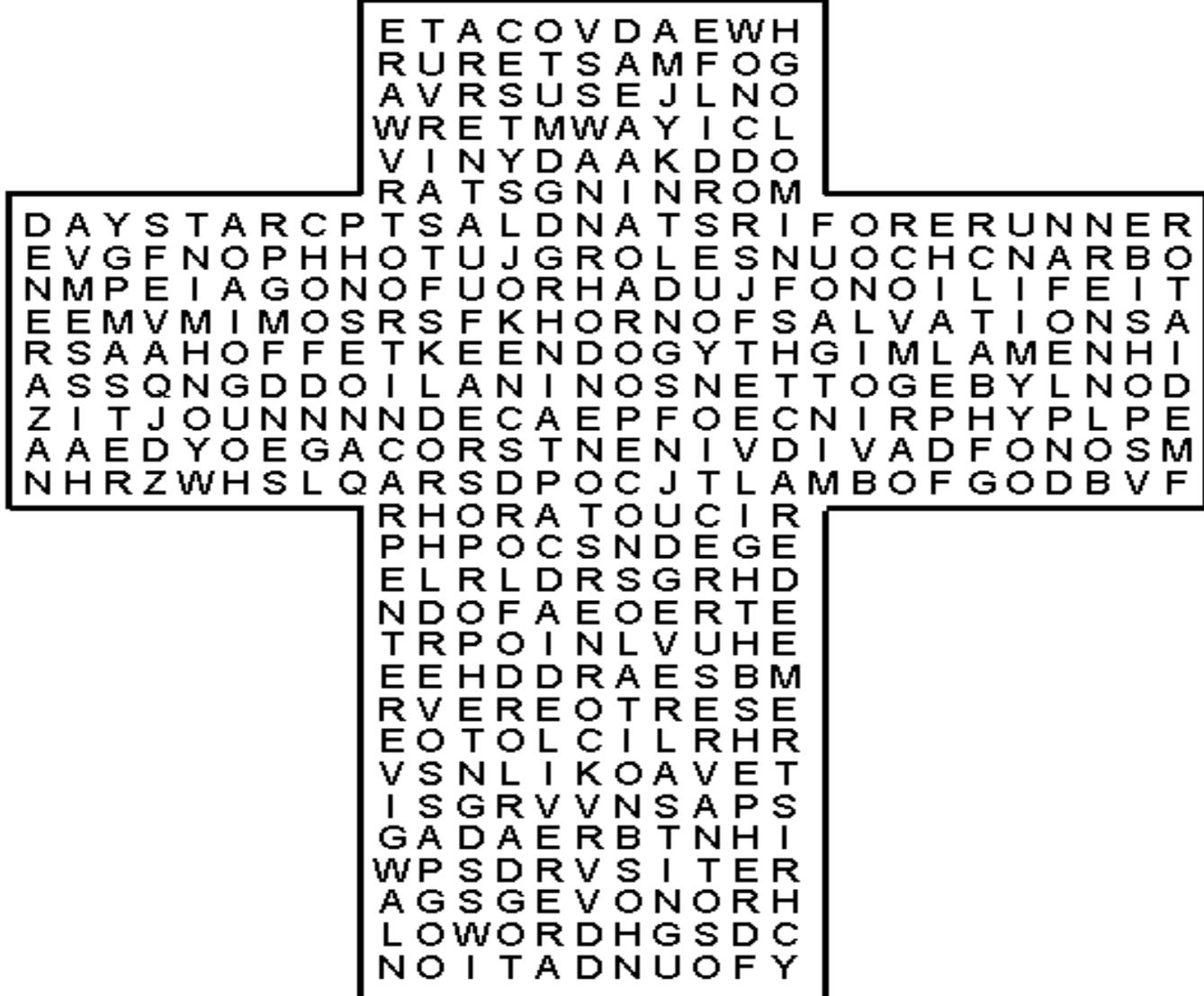
It seems several times recently that I have had comments made to me by older Christians that they do not hear today from the pulpit the Bible-centered lessons that they used to in years gone by. This is a sad commentary on preachers today in the Lord's church. Of course the only way a preacher is going to qualify himself to preach the Bible is to take the time necessary to study the Bible. To preachers, Paul would say, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine...Sound speech that cannot be condemned...These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority...hold fast the form of sound words...give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine...take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine...preach the word" (Titus 2:1,8,15; II Tim. 1:13; I Tim. 4:13,16; II Tim. 4:2).

### ALL CHRISTIANS

Paul wrote to the brethren generally and said, "Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). On another occasion he wrote, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Col. 3:16). The apostle Peter also exhorts, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

If the church is going to be what it needs to be and do what it needs to do, all of us, regardless of our station, are going to have to take the time and make the sacrifice to inform ourselves concerning God's will.

## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate  
 Almighty  
 Alpha and Omega  
 Amen  
 Apostle  
 Beloved Son  
 Bishop  
 Branch  
 Bread  
 Captain  
 Carpenter  
 Chosen  
 Christ  
 Consolation  
 Cornerstone  
 Counselor  
 Day Star  
 Deliverer

Door  
 Emmanuel  
 Everlasting  
 Faithful and True  
 First and Last  
 Forerunner  
 Foundation  
 Governor  
 Head  
 High Priest  
 Holy and Just One  
 Horn of Salvation  
 I AM  
 Jesus  
 Judge  
 King  
 King of Kings  
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
 Life  
 Light  
 Lion of Judah  
 Lord  
 Lord of Lords  
 Master  
 Master  
 Mediator  
 Messiah  
 Mighty God  
 Morning Star  
 Nazarene  
 Only Begotten Son  
 Passover  
 Priest  
 Prince of Peace  
 Prophet

Redeemer  
 Resurrection  
 Rock  
 Savior  
 Servant  
 Shepherd  
 Son of David  
 Son of God  
 Son of Man  
 Vine  
 Way  
 Wonderful  
 Word

# News & Notes

- Mark will be making his annual trip to Budapest this year and will be leaving on May 21st and returning on June 8th. Keep him in your prayers during his time of travel for a safe trip there and back.
- Justin and Alex Paramore will be bringing the lessons for the A.M. and P.M. services. We are so thankful they are here!
  - Tonight is our Third Sunday Fellowship Meal. Please bring a dish and a friend!
- Please keep Glenn Darby in your prayers at this time. He is the neighbor of Claudia and Anthony. His cancer has returned.
- On April 18th, there will be a bridal shower for Chanel Long & Nicklas Smith at 1:30 at the building. All ladies are invited.
- Please keep Rebecca Snyder Roberts in your prayers at this time. She will be having surgery on Monday morning at University Hospital.
- Vacation Bible School will be on June 15-18. Brandon Britton and his crew will be coming down to help us conduct our VBS this year. This is his 3rd time helping us!
- Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be on April 5-9. Mark Reynolds will be our guest speaker! Make plans to attend each night and also invite others.
- The MSOP Lectureship will begin on March 29th. Mark and several others will be leaving on Monday, March 30th. If you would like to go, please see Mark for more details.
- Please keep Alice Riley, Margo Rodney, and Malcolm Vazquez in your prayers at this time as they are each battling different illnesses.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

22-Anthony Smith



# Prayer List



**Alice Riley  
Clifford Markum  
Sherry Towle  
Margo Rodney  
Ella Gillard  
Krisztian Montague  
Addrean Jenkins  
Gloria Smiles  
Joel James  
Ryker Amaya  
Gary Huettmann  
Carol Calix  
Marie Pennington**

**\*All of our brethren scattered across  
the United States & our troops in  
Iraq**



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Services of The Church  
Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am

AM Worship 10:00 am

PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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