

## Announcements – Bulletin News January 29th, 2017

### *From the Minister's Desk*

#### **The “Itching Ear” Syndrome**

We are living in a “politically correct” world today. Unfortunately, much of this “political correctness” has found its way into the Lord’s church. Many people are no longer asking if a practice “is right or wrong” but we are asking “is it new?” Paul warns the young Evangelist Timothy by saying that people will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned to **fables**” (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Paul was able to look down the telescope of time and see this would affect the of being instructed in the word of God, but to entertained. During the time of the Prophets, there were many who did not to hear God’s truth then, and, sadly, many do not want to hear today. These individuals are those who are suffering from the “Itching Ear” Syndrome. They want the preacher to preach on subjects that do not adversely affect them or their lifestyle. However, this is not new! God says through the prophet Isaiah 30:9-10, “This is a rebellious people, lying children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say... do not prophesy to us right things; **speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.**”

The “Itching Ear” Syndrome is dangerous because it affects one’s ability to hear, see and understand the word of God. In Matthew 13:10 Jesus said “For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.” If man rejects the word of God, he rejects only power God has to save him (Rom. 1:16). It is possible for one to go through the motions of serving God, and yet not be accepted in his sight. In Matthew 14:8 Jesus said “This people draweth nigh unto their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.” Many in the church do not want to hear what the Bible says about hell, adultery, unforgiveness, lying, denominationalism, homosexuality, or any of the other sinful practices that are going to cause many to be lost. Preachers and teachers must preach and teach the word of God with love and without compromise, or face God in the Judgment (John 12:48). Paul encouraged Timothy to...” Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (2 Tim. 4:2). My friends, because the souls of mankind are at stake, the church cannot afford to become infected with the... “Itching Ear” Syndrome. **Barry L Gainey, Minister**

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### **Up Coming Events**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship and International Dinner today after morning worship.**

There will be no evening service today.

Ladies' Committees



**The Ladies Coordinator for 2017 & 2018;** Sis. Billye Hamilton / Co-Coordinator Sis. Beulah Daniels  
Sign-up sheets for the different committees are on the table in the foyer.



**Married Couples Valentine Brunch;** Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. Arrival time 12:30-1:00pm at the Scotch and Sirloin Restaurant. There is information and a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

#### **Carpenter Place Ladies Brunch**

Daughters of the King. Saturday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12:30pm. Seating is limited, and the tickets are \$20.00. Register 316-942-3221 or [www.carpenteplace.org/events](http://www.carpenteplace.org/events).

#### **Madison Ave. Church of Christ**

Black History Program “Standing Up, Standing Together, Standing Strong.” February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm.

#### **Women Walking With God**

April 21-22, 2017, early registration before Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> is \$63.00, after is \$68.00. Registration fee includes lunch. Hartman

Arena. Register at [www.WomenWalkingWithGod.org](http://www.WomenWalkingWithGod.org)



**Sis. Sue Adams;** I want to thank the church for the cards, calls and especially your prayers; please continue to keep me in your prayers as I recover.

**Sis. Johnnie Morgan,** Thank you all for the prayers and flowers that you sent me.

#### **January Schedule**

**Ladies Baptism:** Stephanie Johnson, Hope Foster

**Bereavement:** LaDonna & Brittany Dozier

**Medical Staff:** Shawna Wooden  
**Brothers;** the Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays after 3pm @

[www.chisholmtrailcofc.org](http://www.chisholmtrailcofc.org)

**Open Pantry,** Thurs. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm.

#### **Blood Pressure Check**

Next Sunday after morning worship

#### **Membership 2017**

Baptized / Placed Membership