

## Editorial Thought...

### LISTENING TO, AND HEARING, GOD'S VOICE...

*"Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."* (John 8:47 - ESV)



Daniel Seay

Is it possible to hear God's voice? Since God is a person, who desires intimacy with those whom He calls His friends, then of course it is possible. God wants us to listen to His voice - He created us for that very purpose. In fact, I believe everybody can hear God speaking. The real question is - is it possible to learn to reliably recognize God's voice when we are listening for it?

The answer is most definitely **YES!**

God is not human - God is Spirit. So we would expect that listening to God might be a bit different from listening to another person. But it is not *that* much different, because humans are also spiritual beings, made in the image of God, and created for communion with Him, and therefore for communication with Him. God has built numerous ways into the creation by which we hear Him speak. Some of these are:

**Human conscience**

**Awe of His created world**

**The fact that our spirit can respond to His Spirit**

**He can 'speak' thoughts into our mind**

**The witness of the Holy Spirit - e.g. inner peace**

**He speaks through other people**

**Dreams and visions**

**His written word, the Bible**

**And the primary revelation of God - His Son Jesus Christ**

In addition, God has provided ways for us to test and confirm whether what we are hearing is accurate and if we are really listening to God speak. This is because His is not the only voice we might hear. We can, of course, listen to our own thoughts, but it is also possible to hear the thoughts of others and of those representing the spirit world.

There are a number of effective ways for people to sharpen their spiritual hearing and discernment. For example, did you know that the human imagination is not just intended for us to make things up? Or, did you know that human memory not only recalls information from our past, but it is crucial to our ability to imagine the future? God will always move in the lives of those who are anxious to hear His voice. To those, He will be heard and He will make known His Will.

## News And Notes

### Our Prayer List

Rob Harris, Susie Moore, Mike Clark, Gwen Gann, LouAnn Gann, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Diana Nordin, Peggy Tucker's granddaughter Ashley Kiister, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin, Our Elected Officials and all World Leaders.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."*  
[James 5:16b]

### Statistics

For The Week Of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Sun3ay Class	12
Sunday AM	20
Sunday PM	dnm
Wednesday PM	nc
Contribution	\$287.00
YTD Budget (14 x \$735)	\$10,290.00
Difference Year-To-Date	-\$1711.00
Savings Account Balance	\$2,027.69

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:12 - 'Your generosity is doing great things'

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:** Elise Guyot (2), Vicki McCallie (11)

**Anniversaries:** None

### COMING EVENTS

**April Fellowship – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**- At Noon - After AM Worship -**

**Let's Restock Our Pantry**

**- We Are Empty Since Thursday's Pickup -**

**Facility Insurance Note Due**

**Our Insurance Is Due By The End Of April  
Please Be Generous And Help Meet This  
Need. We Can Do This With God's Help!**

### APPRECIATION EXTENDED

*I want to thank Wade and Chase and the other men who helped carry on the service in my absence. As well, I want to thank all of the congregation for their calls of concern and for all of your prayers on our behalf. –Dan & Jan*

Be still and know  
that  
I am God

## Agenda For Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Theme:**

### **LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE**

**Today's Topic:**

### **"The Sword And The Source"**

AM Class: *Christian Responsibility*

Teacher: Chase Harris / *In The Blue Room*

10:30 am: **Listening For God To Speak**

Text: John 8:47, 10:27-28 / Romans 10:17 / Revelation 3:20

1 pm: - **No Service**

- Read -1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19

Wed. 7pm: *Class Study "BELIEVE"*

Wade McCallie, Teaching

### Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

June Brant	Gwen Gann
Jeannette Pope	Alice Jones
Diana Nordin	Allen Sullivan
Billye Werner	Tim & Chandra Stebbins
Janice Seay	Earline Henson
Chris Folster	Roy Bays
Mike Clark	Rozalyn Boggs
Willie Whitaker	Jozie Thompson
Josh Werner	Jeanie McDonald
Susie Moore	Jimmy Golden

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue your fervent prayers for **Jozie and Christina Thompson, Seth Evans and his mother Brenda, CJ Watkins** (son-in-law of Janice Seay), **Mike Clark** (brother of Peggy Tucker), **Rozalyn Boggs**, and **Jimmy Golden** (friend of the Collins who lives in CA).

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

*Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.*

- Psalm 25:4-5 (ESV) -