

Our Spiritual “Hearing Aid”

By Mike Riley

Joshua, a precocious 2-year-old, watched his mother baking cookies. “Please, may I have one?” he asked hopefully. “Not before supper,” his mother replied. Joshua ran tearfully to his room, then reappeared with this message: “Jesus just told me it’s okay to have a cookie now.” “Jesus didn’t tell me!” his mother retorted, to which Joshua replied, “You must not have been listening!” Joshua’s motivation was wrong, but he was absolutely right about two things:

- 1) God longs to speak to us!
- 2) We need to listen!

In 1 Samuel 3:9, another young boy learned those same ageless principles. When Samuel followed Eli’s counsel and prayed, “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears,” he was open to receiving God’s powerful message. Like Samuel, we long to hear God speaking to us but often fail to discern His voice.

God spoke audibly to Samuel. Today, He speaks to us by His Spirit through the Scriptures (Romans 16:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Gal. 1:11-12; Ephesians 1:9; Ephesians 3:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17), other people, and our circumstances. But due to neglect and nonstop activity, some of us have become “hard of hearing”. We need a “spiritual hearing aid”. There is one in Samuel’s prayer: “Speak, for your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:10). This humble attitude is a real help for the spiritually hard of hearing.

We need to “adjust” our spiritual hearing aid by:

- 1) Setting a specific time to read God’s Word daily (Psalm 63:1,6; Psalm 119:148).
- 2) Meditating on what we have read (Psalm 1:2).
- 3) Make prayer a priority throughout the day (Psalm 55:17).

God speaks to us through His Word — take time to listen! (Matthew 11:15; Matthew 13:9,43; Matthew 13:10-17; Revelation 2:7) — for we will be judged by His Word (John 12:48).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer**- Lyle Russell
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer**- Tyrese McFarland
Sermon- Don Delukie

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Announcements

—Prayer Request & information Group Message: Our member group message is now being organized by Kathy Manning. If you would like to begin receiving these updates, please give your info to Kathy.

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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Please Pray For:

Betty Bradshaw, Carolyn Jones, Vinod Raje family, Danaya Ross, Louvenia Dickson, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Katherine Simmons, Larry McDonald, Roy Lesh, Brenda Joyce Williams, Larry Randolph.

Bereaved: Family of Emma Reed, Bobby Simmons, Lexi Harper, Ronnie White.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



March Birthdays

- 8 - Miriam Russell
- 18 - Debra Dehart
- 18 - Billy Granger
- 18 - Lyle Russell
- 21 - Sadie Kate Scharf
- 22 - Shannon Boyer
- 29 - Sharon Ross White
- 29 - Chellie Wells

March Anniversaries

- 9 - Tommy & Glenda Wells

