

# 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 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 (Rom 16:25-26; 1 Cor 15:1-2; Gal. 1:11-12; Eph 1:9; Eph 3:3; 2 Tim 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 Sam 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** (Ps 63:1,6; Ps 119:148).

**2) Meditating on what we have read** (Ps 1:2).

**3) Make prayer a priority throughout the day** (Ps 55:17).

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



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Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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## 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-** John Chisley    **Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald  
**Communion-** Rick Cook        **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller  
**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

### June 16th

**Announcements-** Lyle Russell    **Opening prayer-** David Reppond  
**Communion-** Wayne Fowler       **Closing Prayer-** Rick Cook  
**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

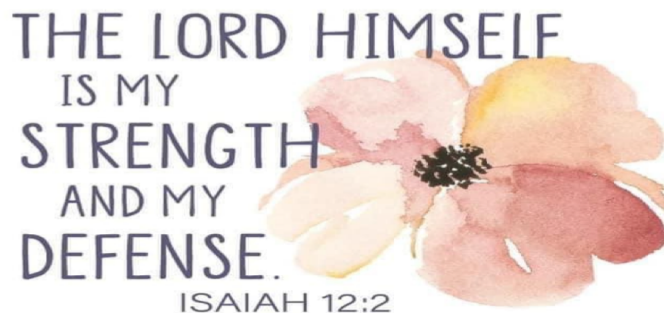
## Announcements

—**Gospel Meetings:** Check the bulletin board in the foyer for several upcoming Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

—**Fish Fry:** Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th at 4 PM. Save the date! More details to come.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are accumulated. 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.



## Please Pray For:

Robert Chisley, Ruth Parks, Michael Grenfell, Junior Looney, Jeanie Hollis Taylor, Carolyn Jones, Tommy Franklin, Phillip Simmons, Ed Haltom, Roger Love, Louvenia Dickson, Shaquita Anderson, Joyce Moses, Brenda Fricke, Walt Henson, Judy Smith.

**Bereaved:** Families of Nancy Marsh, Trisha Muse, Julie Williams, Ken Green, Marcille Matheny, Wallace Graves, Peggy Brantley, Dwain Flowers.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### June birthdays

10 -Sharon Harris	20 -Debbie Grice
12 -Rachel Rogers	21 -Ashton Richardson
15 -Jesse Sewell	22 -Kara Freeman
16 -Victor Binford	22 -Damien Miller
16 -Janice Hayes	25 -Don Delukie

### June Anniversaries

17 -Brandon & Sydney Rogers
28 -Arthur & Cybil Binford

