

## Substitute Teachers Needed:

Please see the sign-up sheet in the announcement area.

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
- Repent (Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Acts 8:36-37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)



*"The 1<sup>st</sup> Century church, serving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"*

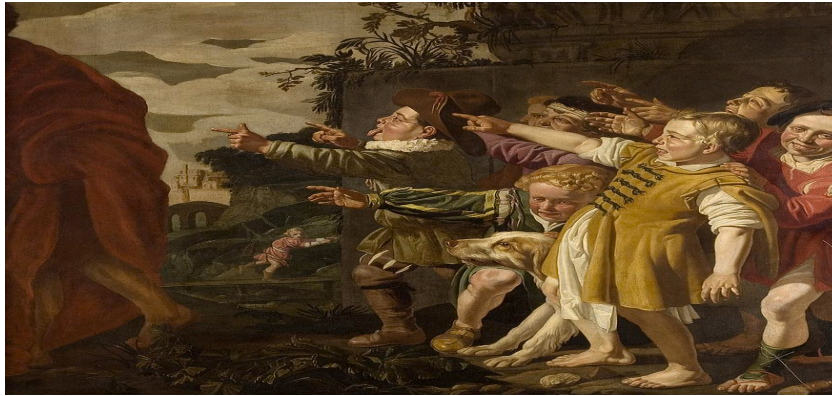
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October 18, 2020



## **1 BALD PROPHET, 42 YOUTHS AND 2 BEARS**

By Scott Thrasher

*“Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, “Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!” So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.” (II Kings 2:23-24)*

The **1** bald prophet was named Elisha. He was traveling from Jericho to Bethel. He was disrespectfully treated and eventually cursed the jeering youths.

The **42** youths were most likely young adults. They surrounded, followed and mocked the prophet. They expressed their disdain for God and His prophet. As with most young adults, they had probably learned such behavior at home. God could have wanted to teach both parents and the youths a lesson.

The **2** bears were instruments of God’s punishment. The prophet had cursed the youths *“in the name of the Lord”*. God sent the bears to teach a lesson.

We must read and remember...God is not to be mocked!

## **PRAYERS PLEASE**

### **Jim & Cheryl Schoen**

Please continue to pray for them both. Jim has experienced a series of mini-strokes.

### **Patty Hartwigen**

Please continue to pray for strength for both Raymond and Patty.

### **Twila Robbins**

Sick with Covid-19

### **Tom & Martha Gregg**

Sick with Covid-19. Please pray for their recovery.

### **Jackie Harris**

Jackie (and his wife Janice) are members of the Eastside church of Christ in Monett. He is battling cancer and is in severe pain. Please pray for them both.

### **Roger Allen**

Knee Surgery

### **Gail Wolf**

Please pray for Gail’s pending back surgery and the decisions involved.

### **Ronnie Downs Family**

Passing of Ronnie’s wife

### **Meadows Family**

June Meadow’s son was struck and killed while riding a bike.

### **Gary & Sue Fulp**

Needs encouragement – missing church family.

### **SUNDAY**

9:30 AM Bible Study  
10:30 AM Morning Worship  
6:00 PM Evening Worship

### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM Bible Study

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COMMUNION PREP**

### **GREETERS**

**BIBLE CLASS:** 81  
**ATTENDANCE AM:** 93  
**ATTENDANCE PM:** 57  
**WEDNESDAY PM:** 66