

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Abounding in the Work of the Lord

Paul wrote, ***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”*** (I Corinthians 15:58). Each of us who are Christians must abound in the Lord’s work. There is “labor” to be done for the Lord. “Labor” has to do with hard work. We know that our “labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Society is filled with many who wish to live without working and laboring. Sadly this attitude of trying to do the minimum is also seen in the church. What lessons can we learn from I Corinthians 15:58?

The work that is to be done is to be done by all the brethren. ***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”*** (I Corinthians 15:58). These words were spoken to “the church of God which is at Corinth” (I Corinthians 1:2). The work that is to be done for Christ is to be done by His children. God’s children are those who have been baptized into Christ. “...For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). The work that is to be done for Christ must be done by the brethren. The work of the Lord cannot be done by some government organization or by the denominations of the world. If one is not “in Christ” their labor is in vain. The message is clear, “Except the Lord built the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

The work that is to be done is the work of the Lord. The work of the Lord includes evangelism, edification and benevolence. It is a wonderful thing for Christians to spend time in the work of the Lord. The work of the Lord is for Christians to be evangelistic. Jesus said, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16). The work of the Lord is for Christians to edify and build others up. Paul wrote, “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16). The work of the Lord is for Christians to be involved in benevolence. “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). Christians should study, pray, worship and work to the glory of God. We must be faithful in this matter because it is “the work of the Lord.” Remembering that your work with the Lord and for the Lord helps you stay faithful! Let us be like “Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord.” Let us be like, “the beloved Persis, which labored much in the Lord” (Romans 16:12).

The work of the Lord is to be done by brethren with strong, spiritual character. God expects each Christian to be steadfast and to be involved in the Lord’s work. Each member of the church must be faithful and busy in the Lord’s work. God’s children must be “unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. When Jesus gave Himself for our sins, He died in order to purchase a people “zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14). These faithful brethren must always abound in the work of the Lord. We must not and cannot be “on and off” in the Lord’s work. We must do the Lord’s work daily. It was said of the early disciples “daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ” (Acts 5:42). We must never forget what God promises us, “Your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:58).

Do you need to become a Christian today? If you believe in Jesus and want to receive the remission of your sins, repent and be baptized to “wash away thy sins” (Acts 22:16). There is urgency in your Gospel obedience. “For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). After you become a Christian here is what you must do. ***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”*** (I Corinthians 15:58). In Jesus Christ we have victory!

—Charles Box

## **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Winford Hambright and his family in the loss of his brother, **Kenneth Hambright**, who passed away on Monday, January 1st in Abilene, TX. Services were scheduled for Thursday, January 4th. Kenneth was 83 years old.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Bill Butler** was taken back to ORMC Monday, January 1st with congestive heart failure. He also had low oxygen levels and HBP. Bill was given Lasix to help with the fluid buildup around his heart. He is in Room #415; however, he was not anticipating a long hospital stay. Continue to keep Bill in your prayers.

Bill Tolbert has requested that we continue to keep his wife, **Velma**, in our prayers. She is having lots of pain from her chemo treatments.

## **Prayer List**

Mary Anchondo; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

## **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

Roberta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

How did Paul escape from Damascus?

### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...**

Aaron, Miriam & Moses (brothers & sister)

## **Events**

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the *"Speaking the Truth in Love"* program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

## **Office News...**

The *"New Mexico Children's Home"* will be in Odessa for a food drive pickup on February 27th, 2018. They are requesting **(Juices (all kinds))**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

*Who are We?*

Many seem to be confused as to what it means to be a member of the church of Christ. The following observations will be helpful in clearing their minds.

(1) We are a band of imperfect followers of Jesus. We have been saved, not because of our goodness or merit, but by the wonderful grace of God. (Titus 2:11). We are people who truly believe that Jesus is God's only begotten Son (John 3:16), that He actually came down from Heaven as our Savior and put our lives in His hands.

(2) We have been baptized by immersion into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19), for the remission of our sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). We have

not attained perfection nor do we know and understand all things in God's Word, but we ever strive to please the Master (Philippians 3:12-14) and search the Scriptures daily to determine what He wills for our lives (Acts 17:11).

(3) We are pilgrims on a life-long journey in search of a heavenly city whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). Since Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18) and since His word will judge us in the last day (John 12:48), we are content to follow the New Testament of Christ as our only rule of faith and worship.

(4) Our goal is to be a church of Christ just like those we read of in the New Testament and to whom Paul referred in (Romans 16:16).

(5) We are content to worship in the simple and sincere way set forth in Scripture. We attend church services, not to be entertained but to honor and adore our Creator. We need no pageantry or professional performers to stir us to worship and adoration (John 4:24).

(6) We are a people who care for each other. We bear one another's burdens as we fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). In our worship we honor the Father and Son. In our work we seek to save those who are lost by teaching them about Christ. (Luke 19:10; Mk 16:15-16) We labor that God's will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

—Bulletin Digest

<b>January 7th, 2018</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Bill Tolbert	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	Scot Straw	Bill Brown
Closing Prayer	Craig Wesson	John Wood
Lord's Supper		
West...	Charles Wood Dex Dennard Gary Loving	Craig Wesson Communion (In Library)
East...	Jr. Munoz Bill Ryan Tommy Garcia	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit*: Richard Siler 556-2150 *Table*: Craig Wesson 934-4633; *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

### **Sunday AM**

*"Here Am I"*  
(1 Samuel 3:1-10)

### **Sunday PM**

*"Christ Living in Me!"*  
(Galatians 2:20)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 38*  
*Morning Worship...67*