

Eisenhower Church of Christ

On the Right Foot

We often speak of “getting off on the right foot.” This is a way of expressing the desire to begin some new endeavor in the best possible manner. Whether it is the first day of a new school year, the first day on a new job, the decision to marry the love of one’s life, or some other serious commitment, we recognize that it is important to begin well. This is why we make preparations for these commitments. We want to make the best start possible so we will have the best opportunity for success in them.

While it is not impossible to reach a successful conclusion after a poor beginning, it is typically very difficult to overcome a stumbling start. We see this all the time in sporting events. A horse that stumbles out of the starting gate is not likely to win the race, no matter how fast or strong he may be. A football team that falls behind by a large margin in the first quarter is not likely to win the game, no matter how well they may play the final three quarters. Sometimes a bad start can be overcome, but not very often.

The principle of getting off to a good start applies in all areas of life, but is especially important in terms of our spiritual walk. The scriptures encourage us to begin our walk with the Lord early in life, because of the danger of staying so far away that we are unable to come to obedience later in life. This was the counsel of the wise men in Ecclesiastes 12:1, where he said, “*Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, ‘I have no delight in them.’*” It is not impossible to overcome a lifetime spent away from the Lord, but it is not often that such a person turns to God.

Becoming a disciple of Christ early in life is one way in which we “get off on the right foot” in spiritual matters. Whenever one obeys the gospel, however, it is just the first step in a journey that will last to the end of that person’s life. When we understand discipleship in this manner, we see that every day we must “get off on the right foot.” This is because each day takes us either closer to the goal of Heaven, or farther away from it. For this reason, we must “get off on the right foot” every day, and the beginning of a new year is a good time to begin this habit.

To “get off on the right foot” each day this year, there are at least three tangible actions that we may take in order to do so. First, we must commit ourselves to the daily study of God’s word. In Psalm 119:105 the Psalmist says, “*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*” If we want to stay on the path that leads to eternal life, we must continue in God’s word (John 8:31, 32).

Second, we must commit ourselves to regular times of prayer with our Father in Heaven. In Philippians 4:6 Paul said, “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*” If we seek God in prayer every day, we will do much better each day.

Third, we must commit ourselves to faithfully assemble with the saints to worship God each Lord’s day. Regular participation in worship helps us to keep our focus on the path ahead and the goal of eternal life. It draws us closer to God, and consequently, helps us to keep from straying from the Lord. David said, “*I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’*” (Psalm 122:1). This should be our attitude as well.

As we begin this New Year, let's all get off on the right foot by putting spiritual things first in our daily lives. If we do so, this will be our best year ever, and we'll be well on the way to a great conclusion in Heaven.

—Fred Dominguez

Response

Our hearts were made to rejoice when **Mary Anchondo** responded to the gospel invitation Sunday evening, January 4th. She made the good confession and then put her Lord on in baptism for the forgiveness of her sins. Please give Mary, our new sister in Christ, a very warm welcome into the body of Christ.

Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the family of **Jimmie Adams** who passed away Thursday, January 1st, 2015 in Abilene, TX. She was hospitalized around Thanksgiving due to a fall and just stopped eating after going home. Malnutrition was the cause of death. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, January 6th, at the Oldham Church of Christ in Abilene, TX. Jimmie was 96 years old and a former member of Eisenhower a few years back.

Prayer Request

Both **George** and **Jurlean Warren** are having some health issues at this time. George is experiencing severe pain in his leg and cannot walk on it and Jurlean has the flu and is having a hard time recuperating from it. They are in need of prayers.

Jane Seabolt was home sick and unable to attend services last Sunday.

Concerns Update

Caleista Millican is at Manor Park Health Care Facility in Midland—#306. She is going through rehab and will return to Houston for a checkup in 6–8 weeks regarding the spot on her spine. The spot does appear to be shrinking. Keep Caleista and her family in your daily prayers.

Bré elle Watts, the three year old granddaughter of Laura and Ralph Watts, was diagnosed with Leukemia at an Albuquerque, NM hospital last week after undergoing extensive testing. Laura and Ralph are good friends to Carie and Mark Basaldua. The Watts family lives in Artesia, New Mexico. Please keep Bré elle in your daily prayers.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Prayer List

Elaine Armentrout; Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Frank Bell; Mildred Bell; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Betty Branson; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettles-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Ben Ellison; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Philip & Taylor Galvan; Hattie Gilmore; Christopher Guynn; Burt & Anna Groves; Kayla Hailes; Jean Hambright; Lon Howard; Samuel King; Janice Laminack; Susan Lee; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Inez Salcido; Teresa Simmons; Sandy Singleterry; Nancy Slife; Thelma Smith; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Russell Wilson; Wilene Wright

Shut-Ins

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

How many generations are given from Abraham to David? (Matthew 1:17)

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

It was the Centurion who beseeched the Lord saying, "Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented." (Matthew 8:6)

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Take Aim**” at 6:30 each Tuesday night. Tune your radio program to the gospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS

January 14th—Jacob Carson

January 21st – Rudy Ochoa

January 28th—Bill Butler

February 4th—Denny Wilson

Thank You

Dear One and All,

Thank you so very much for all the calls, visits and food. We are truly blessed. We are not sure when we will be able to come back to services; hopefully soon. May you all have a Blessed New Year!

In Christian Love,

Elder & Glenna

Office News

Please take a look at the “**Edifier Prayer List**” and if you have a family member or a close friend that can be removed, please let the office know. We would love to keep everyone on the list, but it is getting quite lengthy for the bulletin. Thanks for your cooperation.

Food for Thought

Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is as contagious as the measles and as powerful as dynamite.

January 11, 2015

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Denny Wilson	John Carroll
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Doug Guynn	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Don Easlon
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Craig Wesson
Lord's Supper		

West...	Jr. Munoz	Bill Butler
	Cody Wesson	Communion
	Josh Weakland	(In Library)

East...	Clint Titlow
	Jacob Carson
	Isaiah Armendarez

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Richard Siler 362-1392 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: Bill Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties*: Richard Siler 362-1392 *Contributions*: Richard Siler 362-1392

Sunday AM”

*“Love Not the World”
(1 John 2:15-17)*

Sunday PM

*“Teacher with Authority”
(Mark 1:21-28)*

Our Records

*Bible Class...47
Morning Worship...93
Evening Worship...62
Wednesday...No Services
Contribution...\$3,880.00*

