

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Everybody is an Important Somebody”

“Christ proclaimed, by word and by deed, the sacredness and the priceless-ness of every human being. That is why Jesus never met an unimportant person. Why? For Him everybody is an important somebody.” said A. C. Reid.

Jesus did see everybody as an important somebody. He would stop for a blind man and give him sight; for a lame man; enable him to walk; for a grieving mother; restore life to her son; for a demon possessed man; restore him to sanity; for a woman with an issue of blood; heal her; for a servant who was near death; provide health; and the story goes on and on. The message is clear: “Everybody is an important somebody.” In the eyes of Jesus there are no no-bodies!

When we remember the real origin of man, it is easy for us to add our ‘amen’ to every man’s importance. We must not forget that God said, **“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”** That is not said of any other thing God made. Man is different from all of the rest of creation. He bears the image of the divine.

Every life is important and most people seem to understand that. Look at the hundreds who turn out after a tornado, flood, or mudslide to search for those who may be trapped or injured, or those who have lost their lives. Man himself knows “everybody is an important somebody”.

Jesus saw man’s soul as more valuable than the whole world. While attending to physical concerns of those around him, he knew there was a deeper need. Above everything else, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He considered a soul is so valuable he warns against those who would cause others to sin. Here’s the way He expressed it. **“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”** Jesus was mindful of everybody, and the early church followed in his footsteps: **“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 5:42 NIV).**

May God grant us the same insight Jesus and the early church had in loving one’s neighbor and in sharing the good news of salvation.

With God there are no little people. I wonder, is that the way I view my neighbor?

—John Gipson
Little Rock, AR

Why Be Faithful

Paul had five reasons for being faithful to the Lord in spite of persecutions and troubles. First he remembered his reward for being faithful. Second he remembered that he would be raised from the dead. The third reason for being faithful is found in 2 Corinthians 5:10-11. **“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.”** The certainty of judgment is a powerful incentive for us to remain faithful. We will give an account to God for the things done in our lifetime. This is why **“God commands all men, everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30-31).** A great

reward awaits the righteous who are faithful but a terrible expectation is reserved for the unfaithful and wicked. This knowledge motivated Paul to continue to “persuade men” (to preach the gospel) even when he had to suffer for being faithful to the Lord. Judgment is certain but only the faithful will receive the reward in the resurrection. BE FAITHFUL!

—Alton Norman
Owingsville Church of Christ
Owingsville, KY

Prayer Request

Winford Hambright had a CT scan on his stomach Monday afternoon, January 12th. He has another doctor’s appointment on the 22nd.

Please keep **Linda Horton** in your prayers. She has been undergoing radiation treatments for cancer since November. Linda is to have Chemo following the radiation, but she has not made that decision yet. Linda and Steve are former members of Eisenhower.

Wyatt Kody, an OHS student, who had suffered a heart attack was taken to Lubbock Memorial, but has since been brought back to a hospital here in Odessa for further treatment and further evaluation.

Don and Nancy Easlon are requesting prayers for **Allison and Nathan Moyers**. They live in the middle of all of the terrorist attacks going on in Paris, France. Pray that God will watch over them and keep them safe. Allison is their daughter.

Jerry Anderson, a good friend of Susan Simmons, has brain and lung cancer. He is going through treatment for both. His condition is critical. Susan is requesting prayers on his behalf.

Concerns Update

Dayton Dennard was scheduled for surgery at Cooks Children’s Hospital, Thursday, January 8th, to have a blood clot removed from around the area of his port. The surgery was cancelled because of the risk. Dayton was put on blood thinners for two weeks instead. Please keep him in your daily prayers.

Loy Mitchell, who had colon cancer surgery a few weeks ago, underwent more surgery to remove part of a cancer from his brain which was located near the surface. More surgery is expected with the use of a gamma knife to remove the deeper cancer. Chemo will be used on the other cancerous areas. Keep Loy in your prayers.

Bré elle Watts, the three year old who has been diagnosed with Leukemia is currently taken chemo and will have to continue the treatments for three years. Bré elle lives in Artesia, NM.

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; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Ben Ellison; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Burt & Anna Groves; Jean Hambright; Lon Howard; Wyatt Kody; Susan Lee; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; George & Jurlean Warren; 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...

The Temptation of Jesus...What Book and Chapter?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

There was 14 generations from Abraham to David. (Matthew 1:17)

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 21st – Rudy Ochoa

January 28th—Bill Butler

February 4th—Denny Wilson

February 11th—Josh Wells

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.

Note: Ladies if you have not had a chance to sign up to be a "Food Coordinator" there are still empty spots to be filled in for this year. See what you can do.

The Gospel According to You

There's a Gospel according to Matthew;
To Mark and to Luke and John, too.
There's another that many are reading-
The Gospel according to you.
All teachings we find in the Bible
Are but facts we believe to be true:
You must live them to make them the Gospel-
The Gospel according to you.
Many read not the words of the bible;
I will tell you what some of them do-
They are reading the book you are writing-
The Gospel according to you.
There's power in the minister's preaching;
So you say, I believe this is true;
But the thing that may tell most on others
Is the Gospel according to you.
God help you to Christ to be faithful,
And to live all his teachings so true,
So that all may be seeing his spirit
In the Gospel according to you.

January 18, 2015

Announcements
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture
 Second Prayer
 Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
 Clint Titlow
 Allen Weakland
 Allen Weakland
 Tom Sorenson
 Jr. Munoz
 Tony Marrs

P.M.

Allen Weakland
 Jacob Carson
 Allen Weakland
 Allen Weakland
 Isaiah Armendarez
 Denny Wilson
 Bill Brown

Lord's Supper

West...

Bill Brown
 Trinidad Wood
 Rudy Ochoa

Bill Butler
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Don Easlon
 Bill Ryan
 John Carroll

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"

"Beware"

(1 John 2:18:27)

Sunday PM

Cleansing of the Leper"

(Mark 1:40-45)

Our Records

*Bible Class...*74

*Morning Worship...*131

*Evening Worship...*65

*Wednesday...*71

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