

Eisenhower Church of Christ

It All Starts With a Seed That Is Sown

God could have taken us on to heaven at the moment we were saved. But he left us on this earth for a purpose. We are to be salt and light and we are to tell others about Him.

When farmers sow seeds they know a crop will be produced. When Christians plant seeds, they, too, will produce a crop. Many times we are just watering a seed that someone else has planted. Paul said, ***“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”*** (2 Corinthians 9:6).

The analogy Paul used works in any area of life. If you are a student, studying is sowing. Don't expect to reap a good grade if you don't sow, if you don't study. In whatever job you do, don't expect to get a promotion or a raise if you are not a hard worker. That's sowing and reaping. If you are married, don't expect to have a good marriage if you are not kind, humble, forgiving, and willing to work through situations.

Many Christians would love to win souls. ***“He who wins souls is wise.”*** (Proverbs 11:30). Winning souls is the reaping part, but you won't reap anything if you fail to sow something, or if you sow sparingly you will reap sparingly. If you sow bountifully you will also reap bountifully.

There are some simple laws about sowing and reaping. Number one, you reap what you sow. ***“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”*** (Galatians 6:7). Every farmer knows if you sow corn you will reap corn, not wheat or some other crop. If you plant the gospel, you are going to reap souls. You reap what you sow. If you sow kindness you are likely to reap kindness. If you sow forgiveness you are likely to reap forgiveness. The principle works in all areas of life.

Point number two, you reap after you sow. Can you imagine a farmer waiting for a crop to come up without having planted any seeds? You have to plant before you harvest. Nearly every Christian wants to win people to Christ, but many never plant anything. We won't reap a harvest if we don't plant anything.

Let me ask you a question straight out: How much do you plant? Is everyone you meet a potential member of God's kingdom?

Number three, you reap more than you sow. If you plant an apple seed, you don't get back an apple seed. You get a tree that produces many apples. You always get back more than you sow.

Our job is to plant the seed and water it, but God gives the increase. People have a free will and they can reject Christ or accept Him. If we plant the seed, share the gospel, that's all we can do. God does the rest.

We really don't know how many people will be saved down the road when we plant one seed. That person may become a Christian and influence someone else to become a Christian who wins thousands to the Lord. But it all starts with one seed that is sown.

—Danny Tunnell

Sympathy

Sam Keeney (Cynthia Chappell's father) passed away on Friday, January 10th in San Angelo. His visitation was held on Monday, January 13th with his services on Tuesday. Sam was laid to rest in the El Dorado Cemetery in San Angelo. Please keep Cynthia and her family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Kyle Foshee (a friend of Hannah Weakland) has been diagnosed with stage 2 brain cancer. He will start chemo treatments immediately. Also Kyle's mother had two strokes recently and is hospitalized. Hannah is requesting prayers for this family that they receive the best treatments for their health issues.

Sylvia Campos had her first cataract eye surgery on January 9th and is scheduled to have her other eye done on Wednesday, January 22nd. Continue to keep Sylvia in your prayers that this surgery will also be successful and her vision will be perfect.

Jazmine Duron (Linda Tate's granddaughter) was sick with the flu last week and is scheduled to have breast cancer surgery tomorrow in Austin. Jazz needs our prayers that everything will go well and that she has a full and speedy recovery.

Christy Weakland was home with the flu last week and was on medication. Keep her in your prayers that she has a speedy recovery.

Concerns Update

LaVern Couch was able to go home from the hospital on Thursday, January 9th. She will have an in home caregiver for about two weeks to monitor her vitals. We need to continue to keep LaVern in our prayers.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Lavern Couch; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed

Martin; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. Munoz; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Bill & Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

Youth

Bible Quiz Question (Multiple Choice)

When Saul (Paul) first came to Jerusalem, the disciples thought that he was not a real believer and were afraid of him. Who demonstrated boldness and brought Paul to the apostles (a) Simon (b) Apollos or (c) Barnabas?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Office News

JANUARY ATTENDED NURSERY

01/19/20 Sonia & Ashley

01/26/20 Linda T. & Devida

New Mailing Address: (until further notice)

LaDonna Chism, P.O. Box 69393, Odessa, TX 79769

The "***New Mexico Children's Home***" will be here on March 4th, 2020. They are requesting ***Cake Mix and Muffin Mix***. Monetary donations also accepted.

Evangelism: Our Part

"I planted the seed; Apollos watered it, but God made it grow" (I Corinthians 3:6).

The problem with community refrigerators such as found in a break-room at work or in a church kitchen is that everyone is in charge and no one is in charge. Food gets left and gets gross. But no one wants to step on anyone else's toes and throw something out that doesn't belong to him or her.

Evangelism is like a community garden. The plot of land is open for anyone in the church to plant, water, weed, hoe, fertilize, etc., but since everyone is in charge, no one is in charge.

Usually a few dedicated individuals will take on the bulk of the work—when they have spare moments and the end result is an overgrown jungle with a small yield. The wise duty to win souls is up to the whole church; each has talents to bring to the task. Perhaps a renewed and better organized effort is needed on all our parts to bring the lost to Christ.

How does your garden? —Doug Kashorek

January 19, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Richard Siler	Bill Ryan
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Doug Guynn
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Josh Weakland</u>	
West...	Craig Wesson	Tom Sorenson
	Jackie Perkins	Communion
	Josh Wells	(In Library)
East	Clint Titlow	
	Gary Loving	
	Rudy Ochoa	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder*: Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon*: Jr. Munoz 363-1309 — *Pulpit*: Scot Straw 288-4533—*Table*: Tom Sorenson 638-9447— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702 — *Collections*: Scot Straw 288-4533

Sunday AM

"Tenderness of Christ"
(Hebrews 4:14-16)

Sunday PM

"What to Do When We Disagree"
(James 4:1)

Our Records

Bible Class... 71
Morning Worship...107
Evening Worship...66
Wednesday...98
Contribution...\$4,643.75