

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Where the Green Grass Is

There is an old adage which says, “The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.” Most of us have heard this all of our lives, and we understand that it reflects an attitude that is common among us. To one degree or another nearly everyone is inclined to think that something someone else possesses is better or more desirable than the thing we have.

Even animals reflect this attitude in their behavior. We have all seen horses and cows straining to push their heads through a fence line to get at grass on the other side of the fence, while standing in a pasture full of perfectly good grass! A dog will drop its bone and go after the bone that another dog has, even though there is no appreciable difference in the two! The grass is greener, isn't it?

It may seem a little comical to see a cow or horse exhibiting this kind of behavior or nonsensical for a dog to drop one bone to go fight for another, but they are just dumb animals, aren't they? None of us would ever be so silly, would we?

The grass is greener attitude is the source of much of the discontent, and at least some of the evil, that characterizes our world. The grass is greener attitude will lead a man with a good job to endlessly move from company to company, searching for that perfect position, but never finding it. The grass is greener is why a man or woman will desire or pursue another, even though they have a perfectly good husband or wife at home. The grass is greener is why one will steal from another person, even though he is not personally in want. The grass is greener is why some pursue financial ruin trying to fill their homes with all the gadgets and trinkets that others possess, just to “keep up with the Joneses.” It is no wonder, then, that so many in the world are unhappy and dissatisfied.

The simple truth is that none of us will ever find true happiness until we realize where the green grass actually is. Some time ago a Christian writer put the “grass is greener” philosophy into perfect perspective. He said, “I think I've finally located the greener grass. It is in Psalm 23:2!” Psalm 23:2 says “***He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.***”

Here is the solution to the “grass is greener” problem. There is only one place where the green grass actually is and that is in God's pasture. The shepherd's psalm so perfectly declares this truth for us. It is utterly futile for us to spend ourselves and our lives in the pursuit of “something better” when the best is right before us in the care of our Father in heaven.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the people to not be anxious about their daily needs (Matthew 6:25-34). Food, drink, clothing, and the like, are not the end-all of life. They are important, of course, but God has more than demonstrated His ability and His willingness to provide these things for us. His care of the birds of the air and of the flowers of the field, which are far less important than we, proves it.

If we do as Jesus said, and “*seek first His kingdom and His righteousness*” (Matthew 6:33), God Himself will lead us to the green grass. He will provide for all our needs here in life and more importantly, He will give us a home in heaven. Where is the green grass? It is in God’s pasture. Only there will we find true contentment and the happiness that so often escapes us in life. Only there will we find the pathway to eternal life.

—Fred Dominguez

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jacob Carson in the loss of his grandmother, **Carlene Chandler**. Carlene passed from this life early Saturday morning, January 14th, in Seminole, TX. Her services were conducted there.

Prayer Request

George and Jurlean Warren are asking prayers for their daughter, **Trina Plyler**. Trina is facing a difficult and lengthy cancer surgery next month. Please keep her in your prayers that the surgery will be a total success with a shorter recovery than expected. Trina lives in Mineral Wells, TX.

Please keep **Sonny Coggins** in your prayers as he battles cancer and is now dealing with bronchitis.

Judy Wells (grandmother of Josh Wells) was taken by ambulance to MCH Saturday, January 14th with kidney issues. She was fitted with a temporary pacemaker until a permanent one is put in.

James Drake was taken to Medical Center Hospital Sunday night, January 15th. He is fighting several health issues. James is in Room #946.

Please keep **John & Sandy Cole** in your prayers as they are having some health problems at this time.

Bill Tolbert had a surgical procedure done on Tuesday, January 17th.

Shauna Edwards has asked that we keep her father (**James Stephens**) in our prayers. He was taken to the Medical Center Hospital Saturday, January 14th.

LaDonna Chism has requested prayers for **Paula Wyatt** who is a friend. Paula underwent emergency gall bladder surgery on Tuesday, January 10th and had emergency brain surgery the next day.

Concerns Update

LaDonna Chism expressed her appreciation for our prayers concerning her co-teacher who has COPD and was fighting pneumonia and also for a close friend, **Cynthia Schultz**, who was bitten by a spider. Both of these ladies’ have made great improvements.

Melida Frazier (Devida’s sister) will soon be finished with her radiation treatments. All has gone well with the exception of her being tired. Please keep Melida in your prayers.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick;

Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Glynn Chandler; Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jenny Fuls; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Jody Langford; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Lester Savoy; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; John Tessoroff; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where did the workers work for different hours but were all paid one denarius?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Delilah was the one who gave Samson his first and only haircut.

Events

Sheffield church of Christ will have a "**Gospel Meeting**" (January 22-25). David Hill from Cookeville, TN is the guest speaker. Their invitation is posted on our bulletin board.

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 back in Odessa March 7th, 2017. They are requesting **Apple Cider Vinegar and plain Vinegar**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Food for thought...

Exercise daily...walk with the Lord.

January 22, 2017

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Dex Dennard	Don Easlon
Second Prayer	Mike Roemisch	Josh Wells
Closing Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Tom Sorenson

Lord's Supper

West...

Don Easlon
John Wood
Dex Dennard

Richard Siler
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Jacob Carson
Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 362-1392 *Table:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702

Sunday AM

"Challenge to Believe"
(Romans 1:20)

Sunday PM

"Golden Rule"
(Matthew 7:12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 69
Morning Worship... 117
Evening Worship... 52
Wednesday... 79
Contribution... \$4,835.00