God has always wanted His people to complete the task He commanded them to do. Noah had to complete the ark, Moses had to take the children of Israel across the Red Sea, Joshua safely guided His people across the Jordan River and Solomon built the temple for the honoring of Jehovah. These individuals finished strong for the Lord and to the edification of themselves and His people.

The Lord sent Jesus with the same attitude, as a matter of fact; it’s safe to conclude the people of old got their attitude of resilience and completion from God and His promises of assurance. Jesus was born of a virgin and wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7). Our Lord had humble beginnings and still triumphed over His obstacles and hindrances. It was during His lifetime He went about doing good and fulfilling the will of His Father in Heaven by feeding the poor, healing the wounded, encouraging the downtrodden and teaching the people the will of God (Acts 10:38).

Even in the midst of this we find our Lord encouraging His disciples with wisdom to step away from the work physically for some rest and relaxation or in better terms, a time of prayer and reflection (Mark 6:31). At times, God’s leaders and laborers need time to get their minds together to return back to the work before them. This is instrumental in finishing strong for the Master and the building up of the kingdom of God. This should be our plea on a daily basis, finish strong! Work as if this is the last day on earth and you’re attempting to please your Lord like never before. Paul said it like this, “work out your salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

As things began to heat up for Jesus and the religious leader of that time, the Lord’s time was becoming shorter and shorter. He told His disciples on a few occasions that the chief priest and elders were going to kill Him and that He was going to be hanging on a tree. While our Lord was pouring out His heart to God in the Garden, the plan to come and arrest Him was in the making (Matthew 26:1ff). It was at the end of the prayer that Jesus told the Father, “not My will, but Thy will be done”. It was immediately after the prayer when Jesus saw His disciples sleeping that He told them, “Rise, let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.” (Matthew 26:46). What great strength and courage to have known that the situation you’re about to face will separate you from your Father in Heaven for a spell, that your life will be taken and that your reputation for a brief time will be tainted. BUT HE ENDURED AND GOD SUSTAINED HIM!!!

—Mike Bonner
What Disturbs You More…
* A soul lost to hell or a scratch on your new car?
* A sermon 10 minutes too long or lunch half an hour late?
* Missing worship services or missing work?
* Your Bible not opened or your newspaper not read?
* The Lord’s work neglected or your housework neglected?
* Your children absent from Bible school or absent from public school?
* To miss mid-week service or to miss a favorite television program?
* Not giving as you have been prospered or not paying a bill on time?
* To miss an hour’s sleep on Sunday morning or miss Bible study altogether?
* To prepare to spend eternity in Heaven or take a chance of spending it in Hell?
* ANSWER TRUTHFULLY!!!

Response
Theresa Vires responded to the invitation Sunday morning, January 19th. She came forward confessing and asking forgiveness of sin that she knew was not right. Please keep Theresa in your prayers that she will grow stronger in the Lord and become an example to others.

Virgie Bartee came forward Sunday evening, January 19th, desiring to be a part of the Eisenhower congregation and work under the guidance of our elders here. She also states that she needs prayers for the strength to lead her family back to the Lord. Keep Virgie in your prayers.

Sympathy
Our condolences go out to the family of Yvonne Howard. Yvonne passed from this life early Sunday morning, January 19th in Oklahoma. Both her visitation and funeral services were scheduled to be held at the Hubbard Kelly Funeral in Odessa, TX. Yvonne’s visitation is Friday, January 24th between 6-8 p.m., and funeral services Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. with burial at the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Mike Vestal was scheduled to conduct the service.

Concerns
Jessica Howard, daughter-in-law of Lon and Lana Howard, is scheduled to have surgery in two weeks to remove a tumor from her thyroid. Please keep Jessica in your daily prayers that all will go well and that she has a speedy recovery.

Jeff Wesson has requested prayers for Lindy Latch who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Keep her in your daily prayers that she will receive the proper treatment with good results for the cancer. Lindy’s husband is a co-worker and friend of Jeff.

Concerns Update
Lon Howard’s surgery on January 16th went well. He will have a checkup in two weeks. Keep him in your prayers.

Maddie Schwarz, daughter of Andrew and Darcee Schwarz, had a dental procedure done at MCH Monday, January 20th. Everything went very well and Maddie went home that day.

Cathy Mooney, who was sick with the H1N1 flu virus last week, is much better and was able to go back to work Tuesday.

Prayer List
Velma Betts; Darlene Brown; Hazel Cavanaugh; Donna Davis; James Drake; Joyce Drake; Ben Ellison; Mark Erwin; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Burt Groves; Jean Hambright; Lon Howard; Janis Laminack; Connie Lowe; Mildred Lee; Shannon McAfee; Elder McCarty; Tom Miller; Caleista Millican; Estella Morolez; Adah Ray; Nancy Slife; Lisa Wells; Charles Wood; Delora Wood;

Shut-Ins
Mildred Bell; LaVerne King; Janis Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant
FYI
Watch “In Search of the Lord’s Way” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7. This week’s lesson is entitled “Glorifying God”
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.

Events
The **Tipton Children’s Home** will be here in March, 2014 for a pickup. The items that the home needs are listed as follows: toilet tissue, paper towels, plastic utensils, trash bags, HE Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Scrubbers, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Clorox Wipes, Can Goods, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Paper Plates, Kleenex, Bleach, Liquid Cascade, 409/ Fabuloso Cleaner, Lotions, Shaving Cream, Razors, Hair Brushes & Combs. This list is also posted on our bulletin board. Anything you can contribute will be appreciated.

The truck for the **“New Mexico Christian Children’s Home”** will be in Odessa March 4th, 2014 for their food drive. The items they are requesting are “Dry Onion Soup Mix and Pam”.

Our **“Somebody Loves You”** banquet for our senior citizens (55 + years) has been scheduled for February 16th in the Annex following our morning worship service. Please make plans to attend.

Bible Quiz Question...
Where was Joseph and Mary told to flee to when they were living in Bethlehem with baby Jesus because Herod would seek to kill the child?

Last Week’s Answer...
King Saul—I Samuel 10

Thank You
Thank you my dear brothers and sisters for your prayers, love, basket and visits while Ben has been back in the hospital. You are all wonderfully kind to us. In Christian Love, Ann & Ben Ellison

Just can’t say thank you enough! Thank you so much, Joe & Bo McGlothlin, Eugene & Anita Smith.

Dear Eisenhower Church of Christ,
Thank you for making MAGI 2013 a success! We look forward to another great year.

Brandi Huddleston, at HHI

Office News
“**Meals on Wheels**” is collected the first Wednesday of each month. See Maxine Newton if you would like to donate.

**Thought to remember:**
When you are through changing—you’re through.

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Other Responsibilities:  
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Sunday AM”  
“The Parable of the Ark”  
(Genesis 7:1-18)

Sunday PM  
“Art of Peacemaking”  
(Philippians 4:1-4)

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