

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Finding Peace in Times of Turmoil

Never in modern times has the Lord's church seen the turmoil evidenced everywhere today. The church shut down for months on end. Like the prophecy of Jeremiah at the end of the Divided Kingdom the cry goes up for the healing of "the daughter of my people." The weeping prophet wrote, "For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11). The vain attempt of profane prophets of Jeremiah's day to appease the people as they faced the looming destruction from Babylon by saying, "peace, peace," when in reality there was no peace constituted an empty promise. "The daughter of my people" is a phrase Jeremiah used repeatedly in Jeremiah and Lamentations meaning the potentially innocent descendants of a once great people. (Jeremiah 4:11; 8:19, 21-22; 9:1,7; Lamentations 2:11; 3:48; 4:3,6, 10). In his sadness Jeremiah wrote:

The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? (Jeremiah 8:20-22).

Will the church come back? Are those lost over the long darkness without the church gone forever? Will the absent fellowship for the fallen, erring members and babes in Christ mean their spiritual destruction?

As the night is darkest before the dawn, Christians, confident in the salvation of God, are "finding peace in times of turmoil." Through the teaching peace in times of turmoil; Through the teaching Christ gave the apostles which they delivered to the world, heavenly assurance is given, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The Meaning of the Word "Peace"

The word "peace" describes in general a sense of well-being and tranquility. Prior to Jeremiah, Isaiah had spoken of the coming Messiah as "the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6-7). The search for the peace promised in the Messiah (Old Testament word for "anointed one") is found in Christ. (New Testament word for "anointed one" —John 1:41) and in His church. Named "the Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9:6, the next verse binds His peace within the church of Christ in these words, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Acts 2:29-36 establishes that Christ is "by the right hand of God exalted" from that moment forever, the king on his throne and head over his church (cf. Daniel 2:44; Acts 7:55-56; Hebrews 1:3, 8-9, 13; 6:20; 9:12; 12:2 and Revelation 3:21).

The Old Testament linguist, Gerhard von Rad, observed, "Seldom do we find in the OT a word which, to the same degree as [Shalom—peace] can bear a common use and yet can also be filled with a concentrated religious content far above the level of the average conception" (TDNT, Vol. II, p. 402). It involves such concepts as material well-being for one's self and others, bodily well-being, a nation enjoying prosperity, stability of relationship and a relationship of friendly alliance individually and nationally. That condition exists between God and those in a relationship with Him through His covenant. As Isaiah 54:10 implies, "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."

—Gary McDade

Prayer Request

Glenna Callendar was taken to Odessa Regional Medical Center last Tuesday. She tested positive for Covid. Hopefully, she will be able to get through this. Glenna is scheduled for a consultation on

Wednesday, February 2nd for the oblation procedure in Lubbock.

Mary Brown is having a problem with sciatic nerve pain on her right leg. She is in need of prayers.

Lon Howard (former member) suffered a stroke on Monday, January 24th. He had 99% blockage in one Carotid artery and 85% blockage in the other one. Lon will have a surgical procedure done in Austin. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jurlean Warren was diagnosed with the Covid virus last week. She was having a rough time breathing.

Saya Benavides, Cesar and Rosalinda's daughter, was diagnosed with Covid last week. She is recuperating at home.

Both Cathy and Daniel Eastwood tested positive for Covid. They are in quarantine at home.

Bill & Vickie Ryan were being treated for bronchitis last week. They are doing a little better.

David Ryan was sick with a sinus infection last week.

Charles Wood is still having some breathing problems from bronchitis. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Jackie Rex underwent foot surgery last Saturday, but is still in renal failure. She needs prayers.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; David Alaniz; Rudy Alaniz; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Ray Cone; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Hugo Grijalva; Doug Guynn; Rosanna Herrera; Tiffany Horton; Elaine Huntington; Alex Martinez; Ora McAfee; Glenna (Callendar) McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Cain Pilgrim; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chasidy Rayos; Jackie Rex; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; Lisa Salas; Benny & Lajanna Simms; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins - Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna McCarty; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw Youth Bible

Bible Quiz Question ... (Question) How long did it take Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem's wall? (Nehemiah 6:15)

Last Week's Quiz Answer... (Multiple Choice) The Old Testament event that foretold Jesus' crucifixion on the cross was (b) Moses' lifting up the serpent in the wilderness. In the wilderness, when the Israelites were dying from poisonous snake bites, God provided deliverance by means of a brass serpent lifted high on a pole where all who looked on it were safe (Numbers 21:6-9). In Christ, God provides deliverance from sin for all who look in faith upon His sacrifice on the cross.

Events

Watch "In Search of the Lord's Way" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the card and prayers. It meant a great deal to me. Mike McKnight

Office News

Today is our “**Fifth Sunday Service.**” We will have a potluck luncheon after our morning service followed by our evening service. Everyone is invited especially our visitors.

What Will You Take With You?

Your home is flooding because the river near you has burst its banks. A small rescue boat is waiting outside while you gather a few precious belongings. What will you take with you?

A forest fire rages and races towards your home in a hot, dry area; you have 10 minutes to grab whatever you can and safely get out of the danger zone. What will you choose to take with you; what would you latch onto; family photos; important documents; or money under the mattress? These would be good and logical choices. You would be wise to save all the valuables that you could for later.

However, when the Lord returns, we will not have time to grab anything, fix anything or change anything as it will all happen in the twinkling of an eye (1 Corinthians 15:52). We will also not take anything with us (1st Timothy 6:7). In the past, we have said that we will take our record of life with us, but in reality, God holds those records. (Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10) So what is the point of this lesson? Be faithful every day. Be prepared to leave this world every day.

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January 30, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	John Wood	Jackie Perkins
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Larry May
Closing Prayer	Charles Wood	Bill Brown
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Larry May</u> Oliver Hernandez Kirk McFarland Gary Loving	Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: Elder: Jeff Wesson 556-5547 — Deacon: John Wood 413-7444 -Pulpit: Bill Ryan 352- 4871 —Table: David Ryan 512-924-0983 —Song Leaders: Larry May 638-3990—Recording Sermons: Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — Collections: T. Garcia & D. Ryan

Sunday AM

“*Rise Up, O Men of God*” (Part 2)
(Judges 5:1-2)

Sunday PM

“Struggling Against Impulses”
(Proverbs 25:28)

Our Records

Bible Class... 44
Contribution....\$3,485.35