

Eisenhower Church of Christ

God Blesses Only the Obedient

God has always blessed those who obey Him and pronounced a curse on those who disobey Him. Humble, unquestioning, absolute and implicit obedience rendered to God by his creatures has been and always will be, pleasing to the Heavenly Father. Since it is through strict conformity to God's thought and purpose as revealed through His word that He gives spiritual blessings to men, it is therefore of the greatest importance that we learn His will and render absolute obedience in all things that pertain to our eternal salvation.

The laws of life must be obeyed if we would enjoy health. The laws of justice must be obeyed if we would enjoy the blessings of civilization, and the laws of the natural world must be obeyed if we would use its mighty forces for the general welfare of all. Is it any wonder, then, that God has set certain spiritual laws for man to obey and that He blesses man when man renders humble obedience to them?

If men will not obey and serve God, they are the servants of the devil, sin, lusts, riches, cares and pleasures of this world. In either case, the act of obedience is exercised. ***“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?”*** (Romans 6:16). Not all of life is worship, but all of life is service, and man is a creature of choice. ***“Choose you this day whom ye will serve...”*** was the farewell charge of the veteran Joshua to the tribes of Israel who gathered at Shechem (Joshua 24:15). The Israelites were at a solemn crisis, and their destiny hinged upon the choice they made. Man today is responsible for the choice he makes in life, just as Adam and Eve were responsible for the choice they made in the Garden of Eden. Sin came into the world by disobedience because man chose the opposite of obedience.

The life of Christ is our perfect example of obedience to God. He came to do the will of the Father. Jesus lived, without deviation or exception, by the words proceeding out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). He conquered by obedience. ***“Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him”*** (Hebrews 5:8-9). Yes, He bore the penalty of disobedience of the race, enabling men thereby to become partakers of the divine nature. ***“And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death even the death of the cross”*** (Philippians 2:8). This all-embracing sacrifice should challenge all that is in man and cause him to gladly render humble obedience to Christ in all things. The Savior left us an example in His suffering that we should follow in His steps (I Peter 2:21).

Our Lord said, ***“If ye love me, keep my commandments”*** (John 14:15). Paul expresses it thus; ***“Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law”*** (Romans 13:10). Love makes obedience natural and inevitable, but to the loveless heart the commands of God are irksome. Obedience is the test of sincerity and whenever man serves and worships God acceptably, love and obedience go hand in hand. ***“He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me”*** (John 14:21). The proof of love is obedience. Men need to love God more.

God does not, cannot and will not bless those who are living in disobedience. ***“Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”*** (Acts 2:38). When men refuse to be baptized for the remission of sins, they deliberately disobey a plain command of God and therefore, cannot expect the spiritual blessings promised the obedient.

There are four ways one may disobey God:

1. By adding to the Word of the Lord.
2. By taking from His Word,
3. By substitution for something God commanded and,
4. A deliberate disobedience by a refusal to hear His Word.

These different ways of disobeying God are practiced today throughout the religious world. If man would adhere strictly to the teachings of the Bible, we would not hear of so many “isms” and there would be much less confusion in the minds of people who are seeking after truth.

—W. O. Davis

Prayer Requests

James and Joyce Drake are requesting prayers for their daughter, **Kim Drake**. The doctors found tumors on one of her kidneys. She will have more tests done to determine the treatment. Kim is Loyce Driver’s niece. Keep her in your prayers.

Mirah Wilcox was down with the flu last week. We need to keep her in our prayers as she recuperates.

Melissa Moore turned the wrong way at her job and threw her back out. She has back pain now. Keep Melissa in your prayers.

Concerns Update

LaVern Couch was taken back to ORMC with heart related problems. They checked her for blockage; her arteries are clear. A shock treatment is being scheduled after she has taken a certain medicine for a few weeks. Keep LaVern in your prayers. She is in CCU #8.

Jazmine Duron was re-admitted into the hospital due to a staph infection. She was put on high potent antibiotics which was very affective on the infection. Jazmine may get to go back to the apartment on Monday if nothing changes.

Charles Simmons was moved to Encompass Health Rehabilitation Center in Midland for rehab. He was not making any improvement at Madison Health Resort.

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; Kyle Foshee; 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; Conchida Williams; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question

How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? (Genesis 25:20)

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...

Legion was the name of the demons in the Gadarene demoniac for there were many.

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

FEBRUARY ATTENDED NURSERY

2/02/20 - Terresia Weaver & Janis May
2/09/20 - Wanda Perkins & Lindsey Wells
2/16/20 - Bonnie Sorenson & Nancy Easlon
2/23/20 - Tracie Halbert & Christy Weakland

New Mailing Address and Phone Number: Please record these changes in your directory:

LaDonna Chism, P.O. Box 69393, Odessa, TX 79769
Robbie Butler's new cell phone is 232-0115.

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.

A Warning from God

"The righteous should choose their friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray" (Proverbs 12:26). *"Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good morals"* (I Corinthians 15:33). Why does God warn us about the world's influence? God indicates that a life-time of bad influence from the world can and will turn the hearts of His people. The Old Testament is filled with examples of people like Lot who let the influence of the world lead them into sin and ultimately destruction. In the New Testament there are parables, like the Prodigal Son, reflecting the consequences of such choices. We notice in Galatians that Peter, an apostle, fell prey to influence from some that he associated with. Scripture shows Peter to be of strong will and mind yet he made mistakes because of wrong influence. We have an obligation to preach the gospel to everyone that we come into contact with, that includes the whole world. But in order to follow Jesus, toward God's rewards, we must be wise enough to listen to God's warnings. It is easy to deceive ourselves into thinking that we will never fail under pressure but e warnings are clear. A life of faithful service is difficult at best, in the world. We must be careful not to increase our own burden by foolish choices. Never under estimate the world's ability to influence us.

—Charles Willis

February 2, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Don Easlon	Rudy Ochoa
Second Prayer	Tommy Garcia	Scot Straw
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Richard Siler
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Jacob Carson</u>	
West...	Gary Loving	Josh Wells
	Miguel Lozano	Communion
	Jr. Munoz	(In Library)

East

Jackie Perkins
Tom Sorenson
Joshua Weakland

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Pulpit*: John Wood 413-7444 —
Table: Josh Wells 770-6753— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Doug Guynn 260-0440 — *Collections*:
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Sunday AM

“Foundation of the Family”
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Sunday PM

“Turning People Off to Christianity”
(1 Peter 3:15)

Our Records

Bible Class... 69
Morning Worship...94
Evening Worship...66
Wednesday...80
Contribution...\$4,693.00