

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Unity on the Bible

The Lord wants us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. If we will follow what the Bible says we can have the kind of unity the Lord wants us to maintain. Division is not over what the Bible says, it is over speculation about what the Bible does not say. For example, we read in Exodus 3 that God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. All who believe and accept the Bible would agree with this statement. However, if you ask what kind of “bush” it was as to pine, cypress, or the like you will get all kinds of speculative answers. The Bible of course does not tell us what kind of bush it was.

When the Bible tells us something, we should take what it says and not add anything to it or take anything away. Deuteronomy 29:29 says, ***“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever that we may do all the words of this law.”*** Paul wrote to Timothy that he was to “preach the word” (2 Timothy 4:2). We should just preach the Bible, nothing more or less. Revelation 22:18-19 says: ***“If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book.”***

In 2 Corinthians 12 we learn that Paul had a “thorn in the flesh.” Now the fact is clear enough that he had a thorn in the flesh to buffet him lest he be exalted above measure. It is not stated in the text what this thorn in the flesh was. Speculation says it was eye trouble, or some kind of recurring fever or the like. Of course the text does not state what it was. We can be united on the fact that he had a thorn in the flesh but in the area of guesses about the thorn in the flesh there would be differences.

The way of unity then is to simply go by what the Bible actually says without addition or subtraction.

The Bible plainly says that ***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”*** (Mark 16:16). We can see and agree that Jesus said if we believe and are baptized we shall be saved. It is when we start speculating and injecting human doctrines that we have differences.

Ephesians 5:19 says: ***“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”*** We can all agree that the New Testament says we are to “sing” in our worship. Disagreement comes when people start adding something to what the Bible says. We do not have the right to change what the Bible says and add something different in worship. It is when people depart from the Bible and start adding additional things that division and discord comes.

Colossians 1:13 says: ***“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”*** The Bible says the saints at Colossae were in the kingdom. It is when people go into wild speculation that the kingdom is not here yet that

trouble comes. If we would just take the bible we would see that saints are in the kingdom and the kingdom is in existence. It is when people want to change the Bible and spin human theories that division comes. We can have unity when we just follow the bible. **“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”** (Psalm 133:1). **“And they, continuing daily with one accord”** (Acts 2:46).

—J. Noel Merideth

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Irene Hernandez, and her family, in the loss of her daughter, **Jessica**. Jessica passed from this life on Sunday, February 9th while still in the hospital in a coma. Keep Irene and her family in your prayers during this sad time.

Prayer Requests

Please keep **Juan and Estella Morolez** (former members of Eisenhower) in your daily prayers. Both have been in the hospital recently; Juan being treated for his Parkinson’s and Estella for the swelling and pain in her left arm.

Princess Tadashi (LaDonna Chism’s 1st Grader student) is scheduled to undergo brain surgery and the family has requested our prayers for Princess. Keep her in your 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; Kim Drake; 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; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Teresa Simmons; Mark Thompson; Bill & Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Bobby & Brenda Wilkerson; 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 (Multiple Choice)

Who said to Jesus, “Only speak a word and my servant will be healed”? (a) centurion (b) Jairus; or (c) the Canaanite woman.

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...

Eutychus fell out of a third story window in Troas when Paul was there preaching. (Acts 20:6-9)

Events

Watch **“In Search of the Lord’s Way”** Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

FEBRUARY ATTENDED NURSERY

2/23/20 - Bonnie Sorenson & Nancy Easlon

Directory Changes:

LaDonna Chism, P.O. Box 69393, Odessa, TX 79769 (until further notice)
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 are also accepted.

Office News

Ladies, there will be a “**Bridal Shower**” honoring Bride-to-Be, Atasi Bhavsar, to be held at Larriat McGhee’s home, 508 Cabrillo on Saturday, March 7th at 11:00 a.m. RSVP to Ashley Carson. Atasi is registered at Target & Amazon also on their wedding site: atasiandclinton.minted.us.

Food for thought...

A man who has no will to get ahead need not leave a will behind.
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and achieves the impossible.

Let Jesus Carry the Load

“Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28).

If you haven’t learned already, Christianity can be a rollercoaster ride of highs and lows. Sometimes we will be on top and things will be going good for us. At other times we could be in a rough spot maybe from a death in the family or temptations may just seem too much to handle.

Everyone will struggle at some point in their life, but Jesus says when we get weary He can provide rest for us. It is so easy to forget sometimes that Jesus is walking right there beside us and if we lean on Him, He can carry the heavy load for us. As humans we want to do things on our own and try and feel that we did things by ourselves. That may be the case for a few small things but we can easily become overwhelmed. Jesus will be there for us if we choose to lean on Him. We should also never forget that when times seem like they are easy and we are on top of our “rollercoaster” ride that we should praise God for that as well and still look for His guidance.

–Jedda Bragg

February 23, 2020

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Bill Ryan	John Wood
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Bill Brown
Closing Prayer	Scot Straw	Charles Wood

Lord’s Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Tommy Garcia

West...

Craig Wesson
Oliver Hernandez
Gary Loving

Josh Wells
Communion
(In Library)

East

David Ryan
Kevin Wilcox
Jackie Perkins

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*: Doug Guynn 260-0440

Sunday AM

“Not Willing That Any Should Perish”
(II Peter 3:9)

Sunday PM

“Putting Away Sin”
(Hebrews 9:26)

Our Records

Bible Class... 76
Morning Worship...110
Evening Worship...58
Wednesday...—
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