

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Why I Want to Go to Heaven

Every person on the face of this earth has a soul that will exist eternally. God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27). Therefore, man is far different from the rest of the creation in that he has a spirit that will survive the death of his body. The body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26). Yet one's soul continues to exist apart from his body. Solomon wrote: ***"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it"*** (Ecc.12:7). Each one of us should contemplate: Where will my soul be 100 years, 1000 years, 10,000 years from now? Every soul shall exist eternally in one of two places: heaven, or hell (Matthew 25:46). We decide in this life where we will be in the next life. Our destiny is determined by the road which we are traveling (Matthew 7:13-14).

(Those in Heaven) Think of the great people of the Bible who will be there. Abraham, a great man of God will be there (Hebrew 11:10-16). One now can only read and study about this great man of faith but in heaven there will be a much closer fellowship to be enjoyed. Think of the bible prophets Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Amos. Think of the apostles, who suffered immensely for the cause of Christ (Acts 5:41; 12:4). All of the faithful throughout all the ages will be there. More importantly, however, think of the close fellowship one will enjoy with God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and with the Holy Spirit. Contrariwise, in hell one will not enjoy the precious fellowship with such as mentioned above. In hell one's fellowship will be with the immoral and the defiled of all the ages. Read carefully 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, Revelation 21:8 and see the ones who will populate hell.

(Land of Paradise) Revelation 21 and 22 picture heaven as a most beautiful place to behold. Not only a beautiful place, but it is a place with no more earthly woes. ***"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away"*** (Revelation 21:4) Here is a picture of a loving father who wipes away the tears of His precious child. Also, there is no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain in this fair land. If we knew of such a place as this on earth, all would have the same zip-code! Yet, such a place can truly be ours in heaven if we want it! In hell, however, there will be great pain. Here disobedient souls will be tormented forever, and shall have no rest day or night (Revelation 14:11; II Thessalonians 1:7-9)

(God Wants Me to Go to Heaven) One should never think that God does not want him in heaven. He does! He has demonstrated this fact in that He created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27), gave His only Begotten Son (John 3:16); and gave the Bible as our spiritual road map to heaven (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Remember, however, God will not take anyone to heaven contrary to his will (2 Peter 3:9). Also, since sin cannot dwell with God, one must obtain forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

(I Want My Family There) Perhaps the reader of these lines is not a member of the Lord's church, or has become an unfaithful child of God. Realize that you are teaching your loved ones by your example. No doubt you want your children and loved ones to go to heaven when they leave this life. What are you teaching your children now? Are you teaching them that being a Christian is not important? Are you teaching them that jobs and recreation come before the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)? Children deserve Christian parents who will teach them the ways of God. God required parents in the Old Testament era to do so (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). He likewise commands fathers to do the same in the Christian age (Ephesians 6:4). How sad it is for precious children to grow up and be lost because the very ones who should have loved them the most, neglected their responsibilities to teach them (by word and example) the Word of God! Do you desire to go to heaven? You can know that you are saved. ***"For we know that if our earthly***

house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).

Do you have this assurance? If not, why not believe in Christ (John 8:24), repent of your sins (Luke 13:3), confess your faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Acts 8:37), and then be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38). Upon doing so, the Lord will add you to His church (Acts 2:47). If you are an erring child of God, why not come back to God today by repentance and confession of your sins (1 John 1:8-10). Will heaven be the home of your soul? Jesus said: *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”* (Matthew 16:26).

—Billy Bland

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Ruby Davis**. Ruby passed away Tuesday, February 14th at Scharbauer Manor Cottages. Her funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 20th, at Eisenhower. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Ruby was 93 years old.

Placed Membership

Last Sunday **Sabrena Cunningham** indicated that she was returning to Eisenhower and wants to be considered a member here and work under the leadership of our elders. Welcome back Sabrena.

Taylor Holmsley also placed her membership with us here at Eisenhower last Sunday, February 19th. Let us give Taylor a warm welcome.

Prayer Requests

Hattie Gilmore is in Medical Center Hospital due to a fall last Sunday. She has undergone some X-rays. Hattie may have a broken ankle. She is in Room #454.

Ora McAfee has the flu and will probably be confined to home for a few days.

Brody Dubosé (young grandson of Joni Bates) was taken to the hospital last week with a kidney infection.

Marie Bundick (grandmother of Lindsey Wells and Tracie Halbert) was taken to a hospital in Dallas last weekend. Need an update.

Janice Laminack was in the hospital about three weeks ago due to a light stroke and an aneurysm in her head. Her left side of the body was affected but not severe. She was given blood.

LaDonna Chism is requesting prayers for (an acquaintance of her close friend). Her name is **Melissa**. Melissa works for the Police Department and is undergoing test. If positive, she will have surgery; if not, she will have 12 weeks of chemo.

Concerns Update

Sonny and Linda Coggins were able to be in worship on the 19th. They are still waiting on test results. Keep both of them 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; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; 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; Cheyenne Lozano's baby; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Paula Wyatt; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question... Who said, "What is truth?" **Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...** Japheth was the father of Canaan

Thank You

I am just letting you know that I have left the nursing home. I am now in an apartment. I really enjoyed the visits I had in the nursing home and all of the cards. I would enjoy visits by anyone at my apartment. I really want to thank Jack Wood, Laney, Mary Anchondo, Janis May and Betty Branson. It has helped me thru my health problems and my brother's death. I thank all of you and God for all he has blessed me with. I am at Key West Senior Village Unit 3903, 711 S. County Road, West, Odessa, TX 79763

In Christian Love,
Lillie Charlene Harris

Events

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

Mailing Address: Ann Wilson, Sonesta Suites, Room 612, 6990 Dodge St., Omaha, NE 68132-2752. For those who would like to send Ann an encouragement card. It is also posted on BB.

February 26, 2017

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Denny Wilson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Craig Wesson
Josh Wells
Scot Straw

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Tony Marrs
Larry May
Cody Wesson

Lord's Supper

West...

Bill Tolbert
Scot Straw
Trinidad Wood

John Wood
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Dex Dennard
Cody Wesson
Richard Siler

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit:* Tom Sorenson 631-2518 *Table:* John Wood 413-7444 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Collections:* John Wood & Tom Sorenson

Sunday AM

"Greatest Needs"
(Romans 3:9-20)

Sunday PM

"Idle Hands"
(Matthew 12:36-37)

Our Records

Bible Class... 73
*Morning Worship...*120
*Evening Worship...*67
*Wednesday...*86
Contribution...\$5,140.00