

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Image of the Church (Part 2)

Our Preaching

Some would change our preaching in the church of Christ. What should characterize our preaching today? What kind of preaching do we need to insure a proper public image? We need nothing more than the old Jerusalem Gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). We need nothing more modern than that because we will all be judged by that ancient standard (John 12:48). We need to study, preach and teach that ancient Gospel like never before. Its precepts must never fail to be expounded in our assemblies and classrooms. We need a simple Gospel, such as that which characterized Paul's preaching (I Corinthians 21:3-5). We also need a certain Gospel which is not corrupted with an uncertain sound, a compromising tone or a confused ring (John 8:32).

However, some are telling us that this kind of preaching is hurtful to our image. It seems that the only concern some have is how we appear before men, but not how we appear before God. If our preaching is damaging to our image we would like to know how. One of our most distinctive features has always been our bible-centered preaching. We in the churches of Christ have never been inclined to weigh our messages on the fallible scales of human opinion or "modern theology." Reminiscent of this eternal truth are the words of the late brother Eldred Stevens, from the Spiritual Sword lectures of 1978, when he said, "Think of the multitudes that have turned their backs on the social gospels, the sob-stories, and the philosophical theories of denominationalism and that have been drawn to us because we preached the Bible, emphasizing the old rather than the new! We must not lose that distinction."

Our Attitude Toward Truth and Error

Some would have us change our attitude toward truth and error. When we begin to actively carry out the principles taught in such passages as Ephesians 6:12; I Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:4; and Jude 3, some brethren become concerned that the public image of the Lord's church is being jeopardized. Yet, the obligation which is laid upon us all as soldiers in the Lord's army is that we be militant in our opposition to the forces of spiritual darkness in this world. Nevertheless, too many are insisting that we keep our silence in the face of false teachers, despite the many divine injunctions to the contrary. Too many are critical of honorable debate despite the examples of Elijah, Jesus, Paul, Stephen and John the Baptist.

The point is not to dismiss all concerns for our public image. Rather, it is to insist that standing for the bible will guarantee that we have the right public image. That image will not always be positive. If it is, as some would like it to be, then, we truly have the wrong public image (Luke 6:26)! If our only concern as brethren is how the world sees us, we are wrong to begin with. Our first and primary concern should be how God see us.

—Dennis J. Gulledge
Southside Church of Christ
Lubbock, TX

Prayer Requests:

George and Jurlean Warren have requested prayers for their daughter, **Trina Plyler**. Trina had complications from a kidney surgery done Monday, February 19th at the Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth, TX. She is on antibiotics for an infection and seems to be doing better and may be released from the hospital soon. Continue to keep her in your daily prayers.

Winford Hambright had carotid artery surgery, Wednesday, February 28th. He was expected to go for rehab on Friday. Keep Winford in your prayers that all will go well for him.

Concerns Update

Bill Butler was taken to Madison Medical Resort on Friday, February 23rd for rehab. He is in room 302-A.

Coise Keith, (Tracie Halbert's grandmother) has internal bleeding that was thought to be under control but had started again. Coise had an MRI done last Sunday morning.

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Glenna McCarty-Callendar; David Castor; Beth Clay; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; David Guynn; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verlie Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Lauria Troutz; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Jurlean Warren; Doris Weakland; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Jennie Fuls; Roberta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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

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Bible Quiz Question...

Because of the popularity of Paul and Barnabas, the Jews of Antioch were filled with envy and Paul said, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us saying...I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles." From which major prophet was he quoting for his authority?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Matthew chapter 20 recorded the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9.

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.

Thanks

Words can't express how much we appreciate all the kindness and concern you have shown to dad and all our family. Thank you all so very much.

The Family of Harold Carrigan

Office News

The “Tipton Children’s Home” from Oklahoma will be in Odessa for a Food Drive on April 10th-12th. We will be collecting **Spaghetti Noodles and Diced Tomatoes** for this food drive. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

Note: We will have a “**Special Contribution**” this morning following our regular contribution.

Gleaned from a Sermon by A. T. Pate

The late gospel preacher Marshall Keeble is famed for his great wisdom, knowledge of the Bible and having baptized somewhere around 50,000 people in his lifetime. In a message at Clay City recently, Bro. A. T. Pate mentioned some comments by Bro. Keeble. This is not an exact quote, but portrays some of Bro. Keeble’s wisdom:

The Bible is right! You can refuse to believe it, but the bible is right. You can quote your creed books, dogmas and other sources, but the bible is right. You can get mad and go home, but the bible is right!

Bro. Keeble was right on all accounts. **The Bible is right!** We must leave behind what we “feel,” “what we have been taught,” “what tickles our ears,” and depend totally on God’s Word for our eternal salvation.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Bulletin Digest

March 4th, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Gary Loving	Trinidad Wood
Second Prayer	Cody Wesson	Bill Brown
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Jr. Munoz
Lord's Supper		
West...	Jacob Carson	Scot Straw
	Dex Dennard	Communion
	Richard Siler	(In Library)
East...	Tom Sorenson	
	Bill Ryan	
	Josh Wells	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland -362-1403 *Deacon*: Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702

Sunday AM

“Characteristics of Christ’s Disciples”
(Luke 14:26)

Sunday PM

“The Passion of Christ”
(Luke 23:34)

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