

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Everything Cannot Be the Truth

*God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so, And the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed after his kind and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:11-12, emp. Added).*

That law of reproduction is commonly expressed as: "Every seed reproduces after its own kind."

In His "Parable of the Tares" (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus contrasts the "good seed" which produces "wheat" with a worthless seed that produced tares. About tares, A. T. Robertson explains: "The enemy deliberately sowed 'the darnel' (...not 'tares,' but 'darnel,' a bastard wheat) over...the wheat, 'in the midst of the wheat.' This bearded darnel...is common in Palestine and resembles wheat except that the grains are black. In its earlier stages it is indistinguishable from the wheat stalks so that it has to remain till near the harvest." While tares have an appearance of wheat, tares are not wheat and they negatively affect the yield of the desired crop.

Jesus spoke also of the "Parable of the Sower." In this parable, recorded in Matthew 7 and Luke 8, Jesus speaks of only one seed, a good seed which produces one fruit. In this parable, Jesus says, "The seed is the word of God." (Luke 8:11)

So, there is the good seed, "the word of God," which produces only one fruit and it is good. However, there is also bad seed, which produces a bad fruit, a fruit that appears to have been produced by the good seed, "the word of God," but it is not. The fruit produced by this seed is not only worthless; it stands as a detriment to the good seed's production of the one good fruit. This is why Jesus warns: ***"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."*** (Matthew 7:15-20)

Preachers and churches in so-called "Christendom" claim to be preaching God's Word (i.e. sowing the same seed), but that is not so. The seeds they are sowing produces too many different kinds of fruit. Seed planted by some produces Baptist fruit, seed planted by others produces Methodist fruit; still others Presbyterian fruit, Lutheran fruit, Catholic fruit or something other kind of religious fruit. The many different kinds of fruit produced by the seeds being sown proves one tragic fact — a lot of tares have been sown in so-called "Christendom." God's Word (His seed) did not produce the contradictory, conflicting crop of doctrines and churches seen in modern times. To protect His seed from producing and being involved in such a mess, Jesus prayed: ***"Neither pray I for these [apostles] alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."*** (John 17:20-23)

Since every seed reproducing after its own kind can produce only one kind of fruit, and since the seed Christ wills to be sown is the Word of God, and since God's Word is truth, and since so many different kinds of fruit are being produced by the seed being sown by the preachers and churches in so-called "Christendom," it must be concluded that not everything being preached in so-called "Christendom" is the truth as it is revealed in God's Word.

Jesus said, ***"Every plant my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up."***  
(Matthew 15:13).

—Tommy J. Hicks

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Jackie Wallace** (Loyce Driver's granddaughter) has been diagnosed with a tumor. She is scheduled for surgery on Friday, March 13th. Keep Jackie in your prayers.

**Kim Drake** (James & Joyce Drake's daughter) has cancer on one of her kidneys. Surgery was scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th to have it removed. She is in need of prayers.

**Charles Simmons** got home from the hospital on March 2nd. Charles has been put under Hospice Care at home. Keep him in your prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Charles Lewis** (Wilene Wright's brother) who was in the hospital last week being treated for a stroke has been moved to Madison Resort—#315. Keep Charles in your prayers.

**Bobby Wilkerson** (Carolyn's brother-in-law) was recently hospitalized and being tested for Multiple Sclerosis. Tests showed that he has pleurisy; not Multiple Sclerosis. Continue to keep Bobby's wife, Brenda, in your prayers as she is trying to recover from a stroke.

**Princess Tadashi's** surgery to remove her adenoids went well. Now, she has started oral meds in treatment for her brain tumor. Continue to pray for Princess that all will go well with her treatments.

**Melissa Moore** had another episode with chest pains, shortness of breath and numbness in her arms. She was fitted with a heart monitor to wear through last weekend. Keep Melissa in your prayers that she gets better soon.

### ***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; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; Jed Martin; Alyssa May; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. Munoz; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Teresa Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta 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)

In God's promise to never again destroy every living thing, which cycle did He not mention as ceaseless while the earth remains? (a) summer and winter (b) life and death (c) cold and heat

### Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

King Asa removed his grandmother, Maachah, from being the queen mother of Judah because she made an obscene image to worship.

## Events

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

### MARCH ATTENDED NURSERY

3/8/20 Kamilla & Hannah

3/15/20 Carolyn S. & Robbie

3/22/20 Patsy & Nancy E.

3/29/20 Linda T. & Devida

### Directory Changes:

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

Robbie Butler's new cell phone is 232-0115.

**Congratulations! ...**To David and Kayla Easlon on the birth of their baby girl, Addilyn Blair Easlon. Addilyn was born Thursday, February 27th at 8:17 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Mother and baby are doing great!

### Office News

STF Group #2 will have their meeting and luncheon this morning following our service. Visitors are welcome.

## Be Diligent

John Denver was an excellent pilot. He was trained and experienced. And when his fuel tank showed empty, he started looking for a landing site, but none was to be seen. Investigators said that he tried to switch to a second fuel tank, but it didn't matter. The plane went down. John Denver died. And the reason that the spare fuel didn't matter is a warning for all of us. For even with his expertise, he still neglected to see if the spare fuel tank was full or empty.

Peter said the Christian needs to make sure that EVERY PART of his Christian walk is nurtured and growing, with "diligence. Neglecting one part can have eternal consequences. *"...For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (2 Peter 1:8)

—Mark Burgess

### March 8th, 2020

#### A.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Oliver Hernandez
Second Prayer	Joshua Weakland
Closing Prayer	Scot Straw

#### P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Josh Wells
Rudy Ochoa
Charles Wood

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

Jeff Wesson

Craig Wesson

Kevin Wilcox

Larry May

East

Josh Wells

Clint Titlow

Bill Ryan

Cody Wesson

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*: Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Pulpit*: Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table*: Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons*: Trinidad Wood 559-1054 — *Collections*: Trinidad Wood 559-1054

### **Sunday AM**

*"Our Plight & Relief"*

*(Romans 5:6-11)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Overcoming Negative Thinking"*

*(Luke 9:10-17)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 64*

*Morning Worship...98*

*Evening Worship...55*

*Wednesday...78*

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