

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “Raccoon” Smith Shows Who Is To be Baptized

The Bible clearly teaches that those who have believed and repented as a result of their faith are proper subjects of baptism. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins ...” (Acts 2:38). In spite of this, many infants, incapable of exercising faith and repentance, are sprinkled, having it called “baptism,” in order to make them members of certain popular denominations.

One of the Kentucky pioneer preachers of the Gospel, “Raccoon” John Smith, in a very unique way demonstrated the truth of the above statement. The following is taken from the Life of Elder John Smith, by Williams. At the time of the incident, he was engaged in a Gospel meeting while in the same community the Methodists were engaged in a “revival.”

One day, a mother brought her infant into the Methodist congregation, that it might receive baptism at the hands of her preacher. Water was applied according to the custom of his church, no regard being paid to the cries and struggles of the child, that with all its strength resisted the ordinance.

On the next day, Smith in the presence of all the people, who crowded the banks of the beautiful stream nearby, led forth ten persons, one by one, into the water, and immersed them for the remission of sins. Seeing the Methodist preacher in the crowd, he walked up from the stream and pressed through the place where he stood. The song went on, for the people supposed that another candidate was about to be buried in baptism. Seizing the preacher by the arm, he pulled him gently but firmly along toward the water. Resistance would have been in vain; for the “Dipper,” as the people now began to call him, was a man of powerful muscle.

“What are you going to do, Mr. Smith?” said the man, uncertain what the strange procedure meant. “What am I going to do?” said Smith, affecting surprised at the question; “I am going to baptize you sir!”

“But I do not wish to be baptized,” said the man, trying to smile at what he deemed to be rather an untimely jest if, indeed, it was a jest at all. Do you not believe?” said Smith. “Certainly; I do,” said the preacher. “Then come along sir,” said the “Dipper,” pulling him still nearer to the water; “believers must be baptized!” “But,” said the man, now uneasy at the thought that possibly it might not be a joke at all, “I’m not willing to go. It certainly would do me no good to be baptized against my will.”

Smith now raised his voice so that the multitude could hear, for the song had ceased, and every ear was open to catch his words. “Did you not,” said he, “but yesterday, baptize a helpless babe against its will, though it shrunk from your touch, and kicked against your baptism? Did you get its consent first, sir? Come along with me, for you must be baptized!” and with his powerful arm, he pulled the unwilling subject to the water’s edge. The preacher loudly and earnestly protested and the “Dipper” released his hold. Looking him steadily in the face, he said: “You think, sir, that it is all right to baptize others by violence, when you have the physical power to do it; but when you yourself are made the unwilling subject, you say it is wrong, and will do no good! You may go for the present; but, brethren and friends,” said he to the people, who now

perceived the purpose of the jest, “let me know if he ever again baptizes others without their consent; for you yourselves have heard him declare that such a baptism cannot possibly do any good!” Little mirth was excited by this scene, for it deeply impressed the people. A thousand arguments could have done no more.

—Southside Church of Christ  
Lubbock, TX

### ***Sympathy***

Becky Stewart (daughter of Bill and Doris Roberson) informed the church here at Eisenhower that her father, **Bill Roberson**, passed away on Sunday, February 27th in DeLeon, TX. Bill had served as a Deacon at Eisenhower years ago. He was 95 years old and died from natural causes. Our sympathy goes out to Becky and her siblings in the death of their father.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Carolyn Wilkerson** had an angiogram done on her heart and tests showed that her heart is very good. However, she does have two blockages in the neck area that is causing the pain. Carolyn was given medication for pain. The blockages will be taken care of at a later date.

**Mary Brown** had an “out-patient” pain management procedure done in Abilene on Wednesday, March 9th. She has had pain in her left leg and hip for a long time; hopefully this procedure will help with the pain. Keep Mary in your prayers that all goes well.

**Elaine Huntington** went to the ER at MCH last Monday evening due to acute pain in her stomach. She had an MRI done which turned out okay. Elaine went home that evening with some hospital recommendations which she is doing and her stomach is feeling much better.

**Chassidy Rayos** (Jackie & Wanda Perkins’ granddaughter) has completed her chemo treatments and they are happy to report that the treatments were somewhat successful. Now, Chassidy will undergo cancer surgery on March 25th. Please keep her in your prayers that the surgery will go well and the future treatments will be successful in fighting her cancer.

Please keep in your prayers, the people in **Ukraine**, especially our Christian brethren, who are under attack from Russia. Please pray that these attacks end, and the people can return to their homes if it be God’s Will.

### ***Prayer List***

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Rosanna Herrera; Tiffany Horton; Lon Howard; Ora McAfee; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Cain Pilgrim; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; Lisa Salas; Amanda Sarabia; Benny & Lajanna Simms; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

### ***Eisenhower’s Shut-ins***

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

### ***Youth***

Bible Quiz Question ...

What name did God give Solomon when he was born?

Last Week’s Quiz Answer...

Jesus used the term “wolves in sheep’s clothing” to describe false prophets. (Matthew 7:15)

## Events

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

## Thoughts to Remember...

Start your day by asking God to take control.

## Office News

Wednesday, March 30th is our “**Fifth Wednesday Singing Service**”.

We will have a “**Family Devotional**” tonight, after our evening services. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy good fellowship and a prayerful service unto our God.

## Don’t Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometime will, when the road you’re trudging seems all up hill, when the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile, but you have to sigh, when care is pressing you down a bit, rest, if you must—but don’t you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns, as everyone of us sometimes learns, and many a failure turns about when he might have won had he stuck it out. Don’t give up, though the pace seems slow, you might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than it seems to a faint and faltering man, often the struggler has given up when he might have captured the victor’s cup. And he learned too late, when the night slipped down, how close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—the silver tint of the clouds of doubt and you never can tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems afar; so, stick to the fight when you are hardest hit—it’s when things seem worst that you mustn’t quit.

—Selected

### March 13, 2022

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Allen Weakland  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Oliver Hernandez  
Larry May  
Scot Straw

### P.M.

Allen Weakland  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Jackie Perkins  
Oliver Hernandez  
Charles Wood

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Cody Wesson  
Jr. Munoz  
Jon Roemisch  
John Wood

Bill Ryan

Communion  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 —*Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834  
*Pulpit:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 —*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Collections:* Bill Ryan 352-4871

## Sunday AM

“Assurance-Result of Faithfulness”

(II Thessalonians 3:16-18)

## Sunday PM

“Spiritual Living” - Part 3

(Galatians 6:1)