

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Being Zealous

Many people today have a great zeal in doing things for the Lord. But is zeal enough to be pleasing to God? Is there not more required? Zeal is doing something with great affection for a thing or purpose and doing so tirelessly. Saul when he persecuted the church was very zealous in his efforts. And although he never violated his conscience while in these acts against Christ he was still wrong. He later learned of his sins against the God he so zealously tried to serve and changed his life to be in accordance with the true teachings of Christ.

In Romans 10:1-3 it says, ***“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer unto God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge, for they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”*** Paul had a desire that all of Israel would be saved, but he knew even though they were zealous for God they were like he had been. His zeal was based upon ignorance. He honestly didn’t know that he was doing wrong. Israel’s righteousness also was not based upon what God desired by upon what they thought God desired.

Jesus while talking to the Samaritan woman said, ***“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*** (John 4:24). There is more to worshipping God than just thinking we are doing the right thing. Not only is the right attitude required but also truth is required. Christ prayed to God concerning his disciples saying, ***“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth”*** (John 17:17). It is the word of God that contains truth. It is by that same word of God that we are to worship and serve God. Sadly today there are many that are lost although they are zealous only because they are ignorant of God’s righteousness that is taught in scripture.

Sadder still are those that know the truth of God but do not live zealously. They know what God desires but they do not do it with the right attitude. Christ said in Matthew 22:37-38, ***“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.”*** Many will love God with some of their self, but God desires all. And should He not receive all that He asks? Is it not the case that God has given us all that we have? Did He not offer His Son as a payment for all the sins that we have done? He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness 2 Peter 1:3,4 says that Jesus, ***“According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*** Christ has given us all that we need through knowledge of him.

Should we not also be willing in order to receive these blessings be willing to give him all that we are to him. Let us be zealous for the cause of Christ, but let us base that upon the knowledge of Christ found in the Word of God.

—Robert Barcroft

Prayer Request

Paxton Basaldua, son of Mark and Carie Basaldua, is being scheduled for a tonsillectomy within the next few weeks. Paxton is Devida's grandson.

Bobby Hunt, uncle to Jeff Wesson, had a procedure done on his heart. He is in a hospital in Houston, TX.

Bill Wood is in a Rehab facility in Lubbock. He had a stroke about ten days ago and is also suffering from Alzheimer's. They hope to move him to a Rehab facility in Colorado City, TX. Bill is Charles Wood's uncle.

Concerns Update

Bill Bayless was moved to room #434 at Medical Center Hospital. He is still being treated for an infection in his intestines.

Prayer List

Jerry Anderson; Elaine Armentrout; Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Bill Bayless; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Burt & Anna Groves; Winford & Jean Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon Howard; Susan Lee; Kathy Marshall; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Allison & Nathan Moyers; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Wilene Wright

Shut-Ins

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant.

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

Events

Branyon May will present a "Documentary Report" on **Noah's Ark** Saturday March 21st. This will be an (all day) session. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

The next **New Mexico Children's Home** food drive will be Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015. They are requesting Cinnamon and Cream of Wheat. There are still coin cans available if you would like to collect change for them to be picked up in June.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Story about Ananias & Sapphira...What book and chapter in New Testament?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Jesus likened the Christian to two things; salt and a light.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Take Aim**" at 6:30 each Tuesday night. Tune your radio program to the gospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

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Upcoming Wednesday Night

Devotional Speakers

March 18th—Trinidad Wood
March 25th—Larry May
April 1st—Craig Wesson

Song Leaders

John Wood
Denny Wilson
Jacob Carson

Thank You

Thank you for all the visits, cards, and especially the prayers on our behalf. All of you are very special to us.

Winford & Jean Hambright

Dear Eisenhower Church Family,

I want to thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, cards and letters. They mean so much to me. Please continue to pray for me as I still have a long way to go. God Bless you all.

In Christian Love,

Linda Horton

Office News

Odessa Christian School's "**Eighteenth West Texas Christian Track Meet**" is right around the corner, April 18th, at Ratliffe Stadium.

Wedding Shower...

There will be a co-ed "**Wedding Shower**" honoring Craig Wesson and Kallie Culp Saturday, April 11th from 2-4 pm at Bonnie Sorenson's home. This is to help celebrate this couple's upcoming marriage Saturday, May 16th. Hostesses: Bonnie Sorenson, Larriat McGhee, Patsy Mitchell, Sonia Wood & Ashley Carson. Selections: Target, Dillard's & Bed, Bath and Beyond.

"**Strengthening the Family**" Group #3 will meet in the Annex for a potluck luncheon following this morning's service. All the visitors are invited to join them.

Our "**2015 Summer Series**" is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd – August 26th – Time is 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year is entitled "Abundance in Christ". Please invite your family members, friends and neighbors.

March 15, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lord's Supper

A.M.

Charles Wood
Clint Titlow
Allen Weakland
Charles Wood
Don Easlon
John Wood
Bill Tolbert

P.M.

Charles Wood
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Charles Wood
Bill Ryan
George Warren
Craig Wesson

West...

Scot Straw
Tony Marrs
Dex Dennard

Ed Fisher
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Josh Wells
Richard Siler
Dylan Straw

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* Charles Wood 528-1565 *Deacon:* John Wood—230-0689 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Ed Fisher 563-0349 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Rudy Ochoa—214-0398 *Contributions:* Rudy Ochoa—214-0398

Sunday AM”

“Exposition of Brotherly Love”
(1 John 4:7-21)

Sunday PM

“Take Heed What You Hear”
(Mark 4:21-25)

Our Records

Bible Class...67
Morning Worship...102
Evening Worship...66
Wednesday...No Services
Contribution...\$4,966.00

