

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What is “Heartfelt Religion”?

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul (Deuteronomy 11:13).

There is a great deal of emphasis in recent times upon heartfelt religion. This, no doubt, is a reaction to how some have placed undo emphasis in the past upon formalism and traditionalism. It is true that some churches have made keeping to traditions their priority. This is just as unacceptable today as it was in the time of Christ. He often denounced the Scribes and Pharisees for their emphasis upon formalism and traditionalism and their neglect of the Scriptures. Unfortunately, what some deem heartfelt religion is little more than sensationalism. In order to understand what it really means to love and serve God with all of my heart I must first understand what the Scriptures mean when they speak of the heart. The heart, as spoken of in the Bible, encompasses one’s intellect, emotions and will.

Solomon says, ***“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee”*** (Proverbs 23:7). This text shows that the heart involves the mind or the intellect. The heart is that with which a person thinks. It is that with which one may decide a course of action or inaction.

We learn that David’s wife, Michal, despised her husband in her heart. ***“And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, Saul’s daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart”*** (2 Samuel 6:16). This shows that when we experience emotions or feeling, we feel them in our hearts. Most often today, this is what one means when they speak of the heart, especially when spoken of in a religious context. Some are accused of not having heartfelt religion if they are not constantly gushing with emotions in the public assembly. The absence of an outward show of emotions does not mean that person is not experiencing strong emotions.

The Bible also teaches that the heart involves man’s will. ***“Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?”*** Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God” (Acts 5:4). We see that when Ananias and Sapphira decided to lie to the Holy Spirit, this act of will, involved their hearts.

We see then, that in order to serve God with all of my heart, I must serve him with my intellect, emotions and my will. How does this play out in our lives? It’s very simple in this way. God’s divinely inspired Word changes my intellect. Once my intellect is informed, it affects my emotions and this, together with my intellect, directs and determines my will.

This is perfectly illustrated in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:17ff). First, his intellect was affected. ***“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my fathers have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!”*** (Luke 15:17). He, in effect, says “This does not make any sense.” That his emotions are involved in this is very strongly implied. When he thinks of home, he yearns to return. Finally, his heart directs his will. ***“And he arose and came to his father”*** (Luke 15:30a).

True heartfelt religion is not the charismatic chaos we see in some churches today, nor is that which is; “better felt than told.” True heartfelt religion is that devotion to God that arises from the reaction of man’s intellect, emotions and will when it is stirred by the divinely inspired Word of God.

—Paul Pryor

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Nancy Ochoa**. Nancy passed away on Friday, March 6th in Wichita, KS. She had been hospitalized with pneumonia since December 27th. Her services were held in her hometown, Ulysses, KS. Nancy was Rudy Ochoa’s sister-in-law. Keep the Ochoa family in your prayers at this time.

Prayer Requests

Conchida Williams (Devida’s sister) had another MRI done on her hips. She is still having pain in her legs. She needs prayers.

Concerns Update

Jackie Wallace (Loyce Driver’s granddaughter) underwent major surgery to have a tumor removed on Friday, March 13th. Keep Jackie in your daily prayers that she has a complete recovery.

Kim Drake (James & Joyce Drake’s daughter) had one of her kidneys removed on Wednesday, March 4th. She needs prayers while recovering from her surgery.

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 Hambricht; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; Jed Martin; Alyssa May; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Melissa Moore; 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)

Which two kings of Israel did Micah refer to to represent the evil of the nation? (a) Jehu and Jeroboam; (b) Omri and Ahab; or (c) Ishmael and Ahab.

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...

In God’s promise to never again destroy every living thing, the cycle that He did not mention as ceaseless while the earth remains was (b) life and death.

Events

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

The Lee Street Church of Christ in Midland, TX are hosting their “61st Annual West Texas Lectureship” - April 12th -16th, 2020. The Theme is: The Challenge of the Great Commission. All lessons will be taken from the book of Acts.

MARCH ATTENDED NURSERY

- 3/15/20 Carolyn S & Robbie B
- 3/22/20 Patsy M & Nancy E
- 3/29/20 Linda T & Devida M

Office News

STF Group #3 will have their meeting and luncheon this morning in the annex following our service. Visitors are welcome.

Food for Thought...

The father is the head of the household but the mother is the heart.
 Never give advice. The ignorant won't heed it and the wise don't need it.
 It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

Just One Little Member

This cleverly written piece of unknown origin accentuates the importance of every member being involved in the work of the church (I Corinthians 12:14-22).

Xvxn though this kxyboard is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx kxy. It has wishxd many timxs that it workxd prfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-onx kxys that do function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working surx makxs a diffxrxncs!!

Sometimxs a congrxgation is likx this kxyboard—not all thx mxmbxrs arx working proprly. You may say to yoursxlf, “Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak a projxct.” But, it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx any projxct, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx participation of vxxy mxmbxr.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr this kxyboard and say to yoursxlf, “I am a “kxy mxmbxr’ in thx congrxgation and I am nxxded vxry much!”

—via Fairview church of Christ

Columbia, TN

March 15th, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Bill Ryan
Second Prayer	Larry May	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Tommy Garcia	Charles Wood
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Cody Wesson</u>	
West...	Scot Straw	Cody Wesson
	Doug Guynn	Communion
	Jackie Perkins	(In Library)
East	Jaxon Straw	
	Miguel Lozano	
	David Ryan	

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

“Secret of Health”
(*Psalm 42:1-5*)

Sunday PM

“Sound Doctrine”
(*2 Timothy 4:1-5*)

Our Records

Bible Class... 58
Morning Worship...90
Evening Worship...45
Wednesday...69
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