

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Change That Can't Be Refused

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2)*

This passage is all about change and spiritual transformation. It deals with the truth that God desires soul, body and mind and will be given to the Lord. Much is being said about the necessity of “change” within the church nowadays. But unless change conforms to the will of God, and shows a deep respect for His authoritative word, something is terribly wrong (cf. I Corinthians 4:6; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). Yet there is a real sense that “change” is needed in all of us, to the degree that all need to conform more to the image of God’s dear Son (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18). And that’s precisely what the first two verses of Romans 12 are saying.

**Christians must be “changed” morally -**  
*“And do not be conformed to this world...”*

Every day there is pressure on Christians in the areas of morals, ethics and doctrinal beliefs. We must not allow the world to pressure us into thinking as it does. The tendency is always to pattern ourselves more after the world than Christ, but such must be avoided (2 Corinthians 6:14; 7:1). Purity of heart and the pursuit of holiness are still qualities desperately needed by the people of God (Matthew 5:8; I Peter 1:15-16).

**Christians must be “changed” mentally -**  
*“...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”*

The word “transformed” occurs but three other places in the New Testament (Matthew 17:2; Mark 9:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18), but has to do with a transformation or change taking place. The change involves the mind (cf. Proverbs 23:7; Ephesians 4:23), since we are the products of our thinking. This change of mind-set makes an impact. We think differently from the world (Philippians 4:8). We behave differently, too (I Peter 4:1-4). And the reason why is obvious-Jesus Christ makes a real difference in our lives! (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:7-8)

**Christians must be “changed” motivationally -**  
*“...that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”.*

This phrase has to do with purpose or result. The product of a “changed” life is one that does the things God declares to be good, acceptable and perfect. When we focus wholly on loving and pleasing Him then the matter of motivation and the need for “change” are settled. (2 Corinthians 10:4-6)

## **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Tracie Halbert and her family in the loss of her grandmother, **Coisee Keith**. Coisee passed from this life Saturday afternoon on March 10th. Visitation was at 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 13th and services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Parkview Church of Christ.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Jimmy Weaver** is in MCH due to a fall he had at The Parks Living facility. Tests showed his ammonia level was high and he was also dehydrated. Blood work, a CAT scan and an EKG were also done. Jimmy is on medicine to help lower the ammonia level. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

## **Concerns Update**

**Winford Hambright** is still in rehab. He was sort of confused on Tuesday and still having swallowing problems. They do not know why. Winford was scheduled for a swallowing X-ray Wednesday, March 14th. He is still in need of prayers.

**Bill Butler** was able to come home just for a visit last week. He is back at Madison to finish his rehab. He covets your prayers.

## **Prayer List**

Mary Anchondo; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Glenna McCarty-Callendar; David Castor; Beth Clay; 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; 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; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Jurlean Warren; Doris Weakland; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; 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.

Please keep our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your prayers.

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Which books in the New Testament were written by brothers of Jesus?

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

It was from the Major Prophet, Ezekiel that the Apostle Paul used the expression "Your blood be upon your own heads."

## **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.

## **Office News**

The "**Tipton Children's Home**" from Oklahoma will be in Odessa on April 10th-12th. We will be collecting **Spaghetti Noodles and Diced Tomatoes** for this food drive.

## More

Solomon knew what he was talking about when he said, “Much study is a weariness of the flesh” (Ecclesiastes 12:12). One of the challenges of Bible study/reading is staying awake and alert while you read. Jesus gave some encouraging words that may help with that problem.

At the conclusion of the parable of the sower, Mark records these words from our Lord; “Take heed what ye hear; with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given and he that hath not from him shall be taken even that which he hath” (Mark 4:24). Jesus is here promising that, if we will apply ourselves to honest and diligent Bible study, the rewards will multiply.

Just as a greedy person is never satisfied with silver (Ecclesiastes 5:10), so a Bible student who mines out a gem of truth will want to dig for more. When Jesus promised, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6), he obviously did not mean a one-time filling. One great thing about studying the bible is that you get to keep what you find and what you find is usually connected to another significant vein of truth.

The key of Bible knowledge (Luke 11:52) unlocks God’s treasure chest of truth, out of which come things new and old (Matthew 13:52). To get more out of Bible study, just do more Bible study. Bible study cannot hurt you and it most likely will help.

Livingston church of Christ

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<b>March 18th, 2018</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	John Wood	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Richard Siler	Larry May
Second Prayer	Charles Wood	Josh Wells
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Gary Loving
Lord's Supper		
West...	Don Eason Trinidad Wood Rudy Ochoa	Scot Straw Communion (In Library)
East...	Jr. Munoz Jacob Carson Richard Siler	

**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**

*“Ingratitude of Man”*  
(John 1:6-13)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Lay Hold of Eternal Life”*  
(1 Timothy 6:11-16)