

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Making Worship Count

Of all the responsibilities that accompany New Testament Christianity, worshiping God can be one of our more challenging endeavors. Jesus said, ***“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”*** (John 4:23-24).

If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that we sometimes struggle to worship God the way we should. Just because your body is in the pew does not mean you are worshiping in spirit and in truth. We can be present at the assembly, but spiritually absent. Our unwillingness to admit that it takes a tremendous amount of concentration on our part to worship God can be our downfall.

In Exodus 34 Moses came to Mount Sinai the second time to receive the renewed tables of stone that contained the Word of God. Moses has previously broken the tables of stone when he came down from Mount Sinai because he observed the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. What the Lord tells Moses in Exodus 34 can help us make it count when we worship God.

With great anticipation the first thing Moses did in Exodus 34:1-4 was to get up early in the morning to prepare himself to be in the presence of God. This is one of the things that we can do to prepare ourselves for the wonderful occasion of worship. We can get up early in the morning and be ready to worship. What often happens is we stay up late on Saturday night and then get up late Sunday morning, which causes us to be late for the worship service. This shows a lack of reverence toward the God we gather to worship. Psalm 89:7 teaches, ***“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all [them that are] about him.”*** One important thing we can do to better prepare ourselves for worship is to rise up early in the morning in great anticipation to worship our God.

In Exodus 34:5-7, as Moses stood in God’s presence, God proclaimed His own greatness, goodness and graciousness to him. God’s greatness is seen in what He has created. His creation reveals His glory and His power (Psalm. 19:1-6; 24:1). God’s goodness is set before Moses in conjunction with His greatness. Three words in this text are used to describe sin. Sin is described as iniquity, which is gross wickedness, it is called transgression, which means willfully breaking God’s Law and finally it is called sin, which means to miss the mark or to deviate from the path that God has marked out. The point is: we all have sinned and done some pretty horrible things (Romans 3:23). Even though we have transgressed God’s will in some way, He is good, patient, loving, merciful and gracious. Because of His goodness, He does not give us what we deserve, He gives us what we need and what a dead man needs the most is not a coffin, but salvation which is in Christ (Acts 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:10). One of the great truths we find in God’s Word is that when we meet God’s terms of pardon, He forgives us. (Hebrews 8:12; Psalm 86:5; 130:4)

In Exodus 34:8-10 when Moses considered who God is, he made haste and bowed down in obeisance to God. I am not suggesting that we have to physically lower ourselves and bow when we worship God. Under the New Covenant the physical posture of the worshipper is not under consideration. What I am suggesting is that if we are going to worship God in spirit and in truth, we need to humble ourselves and exalt God. This personal humility and Divine exaltation are what makes worship so awesome. When we recognize God’s greatness and our own smallness, we will leave our own preferences at home and totally invest ourselves into the feelings of God. Put simply, we will recognize that worship is not about me—it is about Him (1 Peter 2:5).

To worship God acceptably takes a tremendous concentration on our part. Worship is a skill into which we must put effort to develop. We do not want to just go through the motions of worship.

We want our worship to be meaningful to God because God is seeking true worship. Moses' encounter with God shows us the wonder of worship. Next time you worship make it count. The Psalmist declared long ago, "***O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.***" (Psalm 95:6).

Clay Bond

### ***Prayer Request***

**Paul Gunn** is recuperating from the flu that he has had for the past two weeks or so. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Prayers have been requested for **Philip Garza** who had a medical procedure done on his bladder, Friday, March 25th, in Lubbock. Philip is the father of a co-worker of Hannah's.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Chassidy Rayos** had good results from surgery and will begin her radiation treatments. Continue to keep Chassidy in your daily prayers that she can win this battle with cancer. She is the granddaughter of Jackie and Wanda Perkins.

**Vanessa Machuca**, Sylvia's daughter, received a good report from her doctor's visit. After being examined, her heart looks good. The fluid in the lungs and hives together was an indication that she must have come in contact with something to cause her problem. They suspect a spice in an Asian food that Vanessa had eaten earlier.

**David Ryan** re-injured the vertebrae that had been operated on before. David may be facing another corrective back surgery in the future.

**Hattie Mae Gilmore** is awaiting test results from the MRI that was done on her head recently.

### ***Prayer List***

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Lon Howard; Ora McAfee; Jessica McQuisten; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; 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 ... (Multiple Choice)

Who was Michal married to? (a) Abraham (b) David or (c) Jacob.

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

Jared, Methuselah's grandfather, was the second person to live the longest than anyone else recorded in the Bible. (Genesis 5:20)

### ***Events***

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

### ***Office News***

We will have a "Special Contribution" on Sunday, April 10th for the wild fires in Texas.

## Save Your Family

Noah got his family on the ark. Joshua was determined that his family would "serve the Lord." Eunice gave her son Timothy the gift of faith. It's our turn.

We can, we must, and with God's help, we will save our children. Make saving yourself and then your children, your highest priority. Be an example to your children that's worth imitating. Have a faith that is contagious to all in your house.

Be the all that separates your children from the devil who stalks them. Pray with your family. Talk to God about your children and talk to your children about God. Worship with your children. Do this "every time the church doors are open" and one day you'll be in heaven with your children and your children's children.

Play with your children. Laugh with them daily. Eat with your children at the same table at the same time. Talk to your children. Listen, turn the television off. Silence the cell phone. Have a "no-texting" zone around the dinner table.

Teach them that modesty is a virtue, that hard work is healthy, that beauty fades, that character counts, that pouting is a waste of time, that "fitting in" is overrated, that alcohol destroys, that purity is a great prize, that debt is bad.

Never let your children hear you bash the church, or take your Lord's name in vain. Always be heard praising God and others. Be your children's biggest fan, their first teacher, their most significant influence.

Know where your children are. Know who they are with. Know their schoolteachers and their bible school teachers. Know what homework they need to do. Know what's under their bed and on the computer. Know their fears, their dreams, their favorite songs, movies, foods and places to be.

Catch your children doing good. Say no as needed. Say yes to whatever is good. Be a parent not a "best buddy." Discipline your children with the goal of teaching self-discipline. Don't say it unless you mean it. Be genuine. Don't do anything you wouldn't want your children to do.

Your children and mine deserve our best effort. Let's give it to them. –Jeff Abrams

### April 3rd, 2022

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Jeff Wesson

Craig Wesson

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Steven Easlon

Richard Siler

Gary Loving

### P.M.

Jeff Wesson

Jon Roemisch

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Tommy Garcia

Bill Ryan

Charles Wood

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading

Larry May

Jacob Carson

Jackie Perkins

Oliver Hernandez

Scot Straw

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983—*Table:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Collections:* David & Scot

### Sunday AM

*"Lessons in Leadership"*

*(Judges 7:1-8)*

### Sunday PM

*"Change in Morality"*

*(I Thessalonians 4:1-8)*