

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Most of us are familiar with the old fable *entitled “The Boy Who Cried Wolf.”* In this fairy tale a young boy is tending to a flock of sheep; however, he became bored and sought to entertain himself by crying “wolf.” This lamenting caused the nearby villagers to come to his rescue. Yet, upon their arrival, they came to the realization that it was a false alarm. Though the villagers were upset with the young boy’s antics, the lad found all of it very amusing. However, when the boy was actually confronted by a real wolf, the villagers paid no attention to the boy’s cries and the wolf ate the sheep (and in some versions; ate the boy). The moral of the story is clear, “even when liars tell the truth they are never believed. The liar will lie once, twice and then perish when he tells the truth.”

Though the moral of this story is quite apparent, have you ever taken the time to wonder why the young boy lied in the first place. The tale tells us that he cried “wolf” because he was bored and wanted to be entertained, but this led the young boy to run to mischief (Proverbs 6:16-19). Instead of clowning around which wasted his and the villagers time, he should have been diligent in his business (Proverbs 22:29). The writer of proverbs said, *“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks and look well to thy herds”* (Proverbs 27:23).

Friends, all too often idleness is looked upon as that which is totally innocent. However, that is the very moment which our adversary is looking (I Peter 5:8). Just as Satan sought a more opportune time to tempt Christ (Luke 4:13), he is also looking for such moments in our own lives. Yes, there is a time for all things, *“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away; A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak; A time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8); however, never once do you see that there is a time to be idle. To be idle is to play upon the playground of Satan. The young boy that cried “Wolf” finally came to that realization, but it was way too late. Beloved, let us never be guilty of being idle, rather let us spend our time following the example of the virtuous woman who *“looketh well to the way of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness”* (Proverbs 31:27).

—Allen Weakland

Prayer Requests

Glenna McCarty was taken to Scott and White Hospital late Saturday night, April 1st, due to breathing problems which have become worse. Glenna will be undergoing testing to see if anything can be done to help her breathing.

Also, **Elder McCarty** was taken back to the ER at Medical Center Hospital Sunday, April 2nd due to pain. He was treated and released and is back at Madison Medical Resort to continue his physical therapy.

Trina Plyler underwent more surgery on Wednesday, April 5th. Please keep her in your daily prayers. Trina is the daughter of George and Jurlean Warren.

Chris Butler is suffering with a pulled muscle in his leg which is very painful.

Concerns Update

Charles Jones has been placed under Hospice Care in Arizona. Please keep Charles in your prayers.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Glynn Chandler; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Urisonya Flunder; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jennie Fuls; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Kenny & Lynn Howard; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Jody Langford; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Gina Munoz; Jim Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Paula Wyatt; Justin Young; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

How many Judges were there?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

When Elisha prayed to God as the Syrian army was about to attack him, chariots and horses of fire appeared.

Events

Sunday, April 30th is our "**Fifth Sunday Services**". We will have a noon meal after our morning service followed by the evening service. All our visitors are welcomed.

Jean Grenier, Missionary in Canada, will be here Wednesday, April 26th, to bring us an up-

to-date report on the work being done there. All classes JHS and (up) will meet in the Auditorium.

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 **“New Mexico Children’s Home”** will be back in Odessa June 6th, 2017. They are requesting **Juices (all kinds)**. Monetary donations also accepted.

STF—Group #2 will have their luncheon today following our morning service. All our visitors are invited to join them.

Our next **“Friday Night Bible Class”** is April 14th in the annex. Snack foods are okay.

Graduation Showers:

There will be a “Graduation Shower” for **Dylan Straw** on Sunday, May 7th between 2:00-4:00 pm in the Annex. He will be graduating from Permian High on Saturday, May 27th. Everyone is invited to come help Dylan celebrate this milestone in his life.

Kamilla Armendarez will also be celebrating her “Graduation and Birthday” on Saturday, May 20th between 12:00—2:00 pm in the Annex. Kamilla will be graduating from Odessa High on Friday, May 26th. Everyone is invited to her duo celebration.

Food for Thought...

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and achieves the impossible.

If Christ is kept outside, something is wrong inside.

April 9th, 2017

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
John Wood
Joe Kelley
Larry May
Josh Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson

P.M.

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Bill Ryan
Charles Wood
George Warren

Lord's Supper

West...

Tom Sorenson
Bill Ryan
Josh Weakland
Cody Wesson
Charles Wood
Jr. Munoz

Chris Butler
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 272-5507 *Pulpit:* Josh Wells 770-6753
Table: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Richard Siler
362-1392 *Collections:* Richard Siler 362-1392

Sunday AM

(TBA)

Sunday PM

"Value of a Soul"

(Matthew 16:26)

Our Records

Bible Class... 82

Morning Worship...118

Evening Worship...72

Wednesday...78

Contribution...\$4,771.79