

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Trip to the Dentist

Like most people, I try to get my teeth cleaned several times each year, along with the usual oral examination which searches for any and all oddities or abnormalities. However, I remember on one specific occasion several years ago when I had an appointment with Dr. Brentley J. Esco, DDS for a routine dental checkup and cleaning, I was sitting in the dentist chair talking with the dental hygienist and we somehow got on the subject of how some try to “sweep things under the rug” for the purpose of hiding something in their lives from the view of others. As I lay in the dentist chair, with nothing to do but keep my mouth opened wide, I started to think about a statement that was made by boxing champion Joe Frazier that seemed to fit our subject matter perfectly. He said, *“You can map out a fight plan or a life plan. But when the action starts, you’re down to your reflexes. That’s where your road work shows. If you cheated on that in the dark of the morning, you’re getting found out now under the bright lights.”* The purpose behind such a declaration can be better explained through an old saying found in the boxing world. *“Champions don’t become champions in the ring—they are merely recognized there.”*

You see, anyone who wants to truly succeed must have more than talent. They must also prepare and train to be successful. This principle is true whether we are talking about being successful at boxing or having good dental hygiene. It takes a large amount of effort and the willingness to do it.

As I was reflecting on this principle, I was suddenly brought back to reality when I heard the dental hygienist say, *“Talk about sweeping things under the rug.”* I was totally caught off guard and started to wonder what she meant by such a statement. However, I started to realize what she meant when I felt that pain that accompanies plaque buildup. I immediately understood that I had cheated myself by not flossing on a regular basis. Friends, through my negligence I had, in some form, “swept things under the rug” in the hope that no one would notice. And yet, my expectations never materialized. Instead, when the lights came on, all was found out.

The purpose behind this is to express that this principle is true on a spiritual level as well. Just when you start to think that your spiritual shortcomings will not be seen, we must realize that the great physician sees it all (Numbers 32:23; Genesis 44:16). So, instead of “sweeping things under the rug” - let us put in the road work that when the lights do come on we will instead glorify our Father which is in Heaven (Matthew 5:16).

—Allen Weakland

Prayer Requests

LaVern Couch had knee surgery early Tuesday morning, April 11th. At her last consultation, her doctor decided not to do the knee replacement surgery at this time and opted for a cleanup of the area that was badly damaged by arthritis. Keep LaVern in **your prayers**.

Concerns Update

Trina Plyler has undergone several surgeries recently which all have been successful. We need to continue to keep Trina in our prayers that she will be able to overcome this battle with cancer.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Chris Butler; 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...

Matthew 1:17 gives the generations from Abraham to David, from David to the carrying away into Babylon, and from Babylon unto Christ. How many generations in all from Abraham to Christ?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

There were twelve Judges.

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 #3 will pick up their cards in the Library this morning following the services.

Our next “**Friday Night Bible Class**” is April 28th in the annex. Snack foods are okay.

Birth Announcement...

Congratulations to Micah and Brad Mitchell on the birth of their new baby girl, Halle. Halle arrived at 2:00 a.m. on April 11th. Mother and baby are doing fine. The Mitchells live in Alabama and have a two year old, Heidi Lynn. The happy Grandparents are Jeff & Holly Wesson. Again, congrats!

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...

We too often love things and use people when we should be using things and loving people.

April 16th, 2017	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Denny Wilson	Denny Wilson
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Tony Marrs	Dex Dennard
Second Prayer	John Wood	Josh Wells
Closing Prayer	Bill Brown	Scot Straw
Lord's Supper		
West...	Don Easlon	Chris Butler
	Trinidad Wood	Communion
	Bill Tolbert	(In Library)
East...	Craig Wesson	
	Jacob Carson	
	Bill Ryan	

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

"So what's the Solution?"
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Sunday PM

"So what's My Role?"
(John 1:4-6)

Our Records

Bible Class... 68
*Morning Worship...*120
*Evening Worship...*70
*Wednesday...*88
Contribution...\$4,047.00