

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Cleaning the Inside

In Mark 7:1-22 the Pharisees and some of the Scribes came to Jesus to complain that his disciples were eating with unwashed hands. Their thought was that to not wash ones hands before eating was a sin and the filth on their hands would defile the soul. But Jesus corrected this belief saying that dirty hands will not defile you but dirty thoughts will. It is those things we hold within that cause us to be defiled. Jesus said, ***“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these things come from within, and defile the man.”*** Also we find in James 1:14-15, ***“But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”*** It is indeed those things that are within us that must be purged from us so that we can truly be clean.

All sins no matter how small have a great impact on our attitude, our thought processes, how we act and feel. So it is important to remove all negative influences from us. Such a small thing as a little anger can influence how we treat a brother or sister in Christ and we may not even have meant for them to catch the brunt of our anger. Everything evil that we think; every false way has a huge impact on what we do. Hitler did not believe in God, in fact he believed in the idea of evolution. That is why he tried to exterminate all the Jews; he was trying to force the master race to the fore front by destroying what he considered inferior. Notice the atrocities that he was guilty of simply because he did not believe in God. I have always heard that if you could lie you are capable of anything. There is more truth to this than many of us may realize. If Hitler had believed in God he might have believed enough of the Bible to know that all men are created in the image of God and that murder was wrong. He might have done great good instead of evil.

Every murderer has thought about it before they did it. Every thief also had thoughts of dishonesty before they committed the crime. Every negative thought leads to the next negative thought. Proverbs 23:7 says that as a man thinks so is he. A sound truth as proclaimed by a great wise man who listened to God. So what we need to do is clean out the inside and replace it with good things. And we need to be honest enough with ourselves to see the evil for what it is before it defiles us and destroys our life eternally.

We need to spend a great deal of time in the study of God’s Word as it is designed to instill us with good and purge the bad. It will help us to see what is truly good and what is truly evil. Often what we accept as good is anything but good. Our definition of good and evil needs to be more in tune with what God says. Only when we clean the

evil out of our minds and replace it with good will we become the children of God that we need to be. Sounds like a good idea for spring cleaning.

—Robert Barcroft

### ***Prayer Request***

**Mariah Lee** (Josh Wells' cousin) received third degree burns on her arm and ribs and lesser degree burns on her feet while cooking with hot oil. She was taken to the hospital where she was treated. Mariah's is home now; her recovery is expected to be lengthy. Keep her in your prayers.

**Meta Troutz** (Kim Guynn's mother) is in #317B at Madison Health Resort. She would like short visits. Keep Meta in your prayers.

**Zane Chism** (great nephew of LaDonna Chism) is struggling with seizures. He is a 1st Grader and is in need of prayers.

**Andrew Schwarz's** last chemo treatment was cancelled because of the bad side effects. His port is expected to be removed in August. Andrew said he will have to be tested for cancer on a regular basis the rest of his life. Keep him in your prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Connie Lowe** went to MD Anderson Monday morning, April 11th for her routine checkup. Keep her in your prayers.

**Helen Jones'** sinuses cancer surgery went well. She said she was able to breathe again. Her stay in ICU was short and she was able to go home sooner than expected. A consultation with the chemo doctor is scheduled. Helen is Becky Jones' mother.

### ***Prayer List***

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Todd Drake; John Ford; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Charles & Helen Jones; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Patty Montgomery; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Connie Phelps; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; James Singleterry; Bob Spurlin; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Toya Zambelli

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; Wilma Squire 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.

### ***Events***

Rudy and Emma Ochoa are hosting a **"Family Devotional"** Friday, April 29th at 6:30 at their home. Please check with Emma if you would like to bring something.

All ladies 60 years and up are invited to...*The Steel Magnolias' Spring Tea*...Saturday, May 7th between 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m. The tea is being hosted by The Teenage Girl's Class. RSVP to the sign-up sheet in the east foyer.

**"Strengthening the Family" Group #3** will meet for their luncheon today following our morning service. All visitors are invited.

## **Youth**

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

Whose last words were, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"?

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

The ravens brought bread and meat to Elijah.

## **FYI**

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 6:30 am on KOSA, channel 7.

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.

## **Graduation Shower...**

**Natalynn Wood** will be graduating from Permian High School this year. A graduation party/shower is planned for her on Sunday, April 24th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

## **Office News**

There will be a monthly "**Nursery Duty**" list posted on the bulletin board each month. Check it to see if you have been assigned to help in the nursery (Sunday mornings only). Also check the church's Facebook page. Reminder cards will still be going out. Please check it regularly to see when it's your turn.

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be back in Odessa Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 for a food pick up. They are requesting **Real Mayonnaise**. Also, coin cans are on the table in the east foyer to use for money donations.

## **Food for Thought**

You cannot plow a field by merely turning it over in your mind.

Beware of halve truths; you may have the wrong half!

The only way to understand a woman is to love her—and then it is not necessary to understand her.

### **April 17, 2016**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer  
Lord's Supper  
West...

### **A.M.**

Larry May  
Denny Wilson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Scot Straw  
Charles Wood  
Bill Ryan  
  
Bill Tolbert  
Jr. Munoz  
Josh Weakland  
Cody Wesson  
Dex Dennard  
Richard Siler

### **P.M.**

Larry May  
John Wood  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Josh Weakland  
George Warren  
Trinidad Wood  
  
John Wood  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Pulpit*: Tom Sorenson 631-2518;  
*Table*: John Wood 415-7444; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486;  
*Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

### **Sunday AM**

*Is God in the Camp?"*  
(1 Samuel 4:7)

### **Sunday PM**

*"When we are in a Hurry and God Isn't"*  
(James 5:7-12)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 67  
*Morning Worship*...132  
*Evening Worship*...77  
*Wednesday*...82  
*Contribution*...\$4,450.00



