

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Preaching and Singing the Truth

When Jesus sent out the apostles to preach His Gospel, He finished by saying, "...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The assuring words from the Son of God, no doubt harkened the apostles to go forward to the arduous task of preaching the Gospel. But the apostle Paul was not in this group. He was made an apostle later "as one born out of due time." The promise the Lord made to the other apostles, Paul did not have, but with courage and zeal, he went here and there proclaiming the Gospel "in love." Everywhere he went he encountered much opposition. This loving, fearless soldier of the cross was often arrested and placed in prison and treated badly, but the Lord of glory was so concerned about him, he made him a short visit in the stillness of the night, to comfort and encourage him. In Acts 23:11 we read, "And the night following, the Lord stood by him and said, be of good cheer; for as thou hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome."

Preaching the Truth

Brother, as you preach the truth, holding out for the things that are right and preaching against the things that are wrong, your hearers will be divided. Some will turn away from you, saying all manner of evil things about you; but some will come and stand by your side, and give you all the help you can consistently ask for. I have never seen one who was right and preaching right, have to stand alone very long. There will always be a good brother or sister nearby.

A few days ago, a preacher said that he never offended anybody, which was just one way of saying that he never preaches much Gospel truth. We all know the truth is offensive to those in error. Of course, one may be offended and later accept the truth and become a faithful worker for the Lord. If one can preach or teach the Word of the Lord, and never give any offense, he can do better than the apostles and Christ the Savior could do. The sublime words of the Savior offended many when He preached on earth. Many turned from Him because of His teaching. On one occasion, some of His disciples, being like a few members of the church now, came to Him to tell Him that some of His hearers were offended at what He had said. I can hear them say, "Lord, it was not what you said so much as it was how you said it." This experience of the Savior is recorded: "Then came the disciples and said unto Him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying? But He answered and said, every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide leads the blind, both shall fall into a pit" (Matthew 15:12-14). In this we can see how Christ regards denominations (plants). It is dangerous to be drawn into one of these misleading doctrines. Also, it is unsafe to stand nearby and look on. Proper love and respect for Christ, His Word, and His church, will keep a fellow where he belongs. "Let love be without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee". "What more could He say, than what He hath said, you who unto Jesus, for refuge hath fled?"

Singing the Truth

Alexander Campbell's hymn book has probably been out of use for fifty years. Very few of the songs in his book are used. One of Brother Campbell's favorite songs can be heard occasionally; "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Some of the songs we use now and regard as spiritual, devotional and standard, would have driven our grandparents from the worship. "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," "I Need Thee Every Hour," and "I Am Praying for You," were too light and fast to be used in the worship of the denominations. Robert Lowry wrote, "I Need Thee Every Hour," and for a long time his publishers would not accept it for publication.

Moody and Sankey, pioneers in publishing fast music for the denominations, were so pleased with “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” by Converse, that they paid him \$50.00 for its use. Thirty years ago; “Jesus Lover of My Soul” was the most used hymn in the United States. Now it is seldom heard.

We cannot change truth, but we often change our tunes. Truth is often mixed with error in song. The popularity of a song is no evidence of its being free from error. Is it not time to put more truth in our songs and in our sermons!

— Austin Taylor

Prayer Request

Larry May injured his ribs last week. Keep him in your prayers that the soreness and pain he is having will soon be gone.

Concerns Update

Doug Guynn will begin his immunotherapy on Tuesday, April 27th. He will undergo more procedures that are being scheduled. Keep Doug in your prayers.

Prayer List

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Petra Baca; Betty Branson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; LaDonna Chism; Jon Cooper; Andrew Durfee; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Opal Hager; Phil Halbert; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Alex & Barbie Martinez; Ezekiel Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Gary Schwulst; Bill Tate; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

“Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.” In what New Testament book is this verse quoted? (a) Matthew (b) Romans; or (c) Hebrews

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

“And He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12)

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

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

Thanks a million for all your prayers and cards! Such a blessing to know you have Christians standing with you in time of need. Was not sure I was going to pull through, but with prayers and God works miracles!

Thanks again dear friends. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers,

Charlene (Sam) McFatter (I'm Terresia Weaver's mom)

Office News

Graduation Shower...

You are invited to a “**Graduation Celebration Shower**” honoring Joshua Weakland who will graduate from Permian High School on May 29th. His shower will be Sunday, May 16th from 2-4 PM in the Annex. Hostesses are Mirta Garcia, Kallie Wesson, Larriat McGhee, Elizabeth Armendarez, Ashley Carson and Patsy Mitchell.

There will be a “**Pot Luck Luncheon**” in the annex this morning following our service.

Don't Join Any

All up and down this troubled land confusion reigns today.
As honest folks on every hand in doubt are heard to say;
“I cannot tell which church to join, there are so very many.”
To whom we offer this advice you never should join any;
You cannot join the church of Christ; no man can vote you in.
The Lord Himself will add you, when He saves you from your sin.
Then take no chances, neighbor; this race but once you'll run.
A church you'd join would be of man, and not the proper one.
Beware a church you cannot find within the sacred pages.
Be safe, dear sinner, rest your soul upon the Rock of Ages.
Be added to His blood-bought church, and drink salvation's cup.
For every plant God planted not, it shall be rooted up.
No mourner's bench on Pentecost, the inspired Peter fitted.
But said, “Repent and be baptized, that your sins may be remitted”
The Lord, who saved and added those who did, that day, His will;
Will do the same for you, dear friend, for He is adding still.
Let not false teachers lead you wrong nor close your eyes in slumber.
When Jesus said He'd build His church, 'Twas not in plural number!
No choice of churches, neighbor mine, is found beneath the sun.
Though men may have ten thousand, Our Savior had but one.

“And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47)

–Bulletin Digest

April 25, 2021

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
John Wood
Don Eason
Oliver Hernandez

P.M.

Larry May
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Scot Straw
Jackie Perkins
Richard Siler

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Cody Wesson

Bill Ryan

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 – *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231 – *Pulpit:* Jacob Carson 940-3775– *Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871– *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990– *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 – *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“The Lower Lights?”

(Scripture) TBA

Sunday PM

“Bringing in the Sheets?”

(Scripture) TBA

Our Records

Bible Class 70

Morning Worship 94

Evening Worship 56

Wednesday... 66

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