

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Mother's Day

Today is the day that we give special honor to our mothers. It is a day that is the source of some very interesting statistics. For example, Mother's Day is the busiest business day for Kentucky Fried Chicken. It seems that giving Mom a break translates to fast food, and KFC is #1. Another interesting statistic, that more accurately portrays our feelings on this day, is that Mother's Day is the busiest holiday for phone calls. In addition to these fun facts, we all know that Mother's Day is one of our most special holidays each year. There is something about the relationship between children and mothers that makes it so.

Why are we so devoted to our mothers? It starts, certainly, from the fact that mothers give us life. They are the ones who carried us in their own bodies for nine months, and then went through the pain of childbirth to bring us into this world. Then, they are the ones who spent the most time with us through our formative years. For many of us "mama" or "mom" was the first word we ever spoke, and she was the one who gave us comfort through all the bumps and bruises of our youth. This is not to say that fathers are not important, for they are, but rather to acknowledge that mothers are typically in the forefront of their children's lives.

Why are mothers so important to us? It is because their influence so deeply affects the way we grow and mature, and so greatly affects who we will become as adults. In 1 & 2 Kings, the records of the various kings of Israel and Judah are marked by an interesting common feature. As the record of each king's reign begins, the scriptures tell us who his mother was. In many cases, this is the only mention of that woman in scripture, but there is a sense that somehow the nature of the king and of his rule is closely associated with who his mother was. For the good kings, this is a mark of esteem for the mothers mentioned. For the evil kings, it is a mark of shame.

Perhaps this is why so much is made in the scriptures of women who were godly mothers. One of the most often referenced is Solomon's description of the worthy woman in Proverbs 31:10-31. Among her many virtues is the fact that she had raised her children so that they rose up and blessed her (v. 25). This suggests that they were raised to be godly themselves. Another godly mother of repute is Eunice, who instilled, with the help of her own mother, Lois, the sincere faith that sustained her son Timothy and prepared him to be a protégé to Paul (2 Timothy 1:5). Certainly these are mothers whom we would do well to emulate in the important business of raising our children.

Most of us will freely admit that it has been the influence of our mother that has had the greatest impact on who we have become. This is especially true of those of us who are Christians. A godly mother will do more to instill saving faith in her children than all the preachers and teachers they may ever meet. This fact underscores how important it is for mothers to be godly, so their influence will lead their children to salvation.

It is important and appropriate that we honor our mothers today and every day. Their love, devotion and godly example are some of the most significant influences in our lives. There are not sufficient words to express our gratitude for our mothers, but may we simply say, Thank you, mothers, for all you do, and all you have done. God bless you and keep you, today and always!

—Fred Dominguez

Sympathy

Cecilia Bethune passed away on Tuesday, April 28th. She and her husband, John, were members at Eisenhower a few years back. She was the grandmother of Barbara Martinez. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Trina Plyler (George & Jurlean's daughter) is still hospitalized in Ft. Worth. She became malnourished due to being unable to keep anything down. Because of this she is taking meds to help build her body back up so she can fight the infection; to heal her body. Trina is expected to be in the hospital for two more months. Keep her in your prayers.

Carolyn Wilkerson was admitted into MCH twice within the past week due to stomach pains. All her tests came back okay; still no cause for her pain. Carolyn was able to go home last Wednesday morning (May 6th). Keep her in your prayers.

Cathy Eastwood (Robbie Butler's daughter) is scheduled to have surgery Tuesday, May 12th in Albuquerque, NM. Prayers are requested on her behalf that all goes well.

Concerns Update

Rudy Ochoa was released to go home on Wednesday morning (May 6th). He will continue his physical therapy at a facility starting immediately. Continue to keep Rudy in your prayers.

Ora McAfee had foot surgery on April 30th at ORMC. Her surgery went well. She had a doctors' appointment last Wednesday (May 6th). She still needs prayers.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Bill Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Maddie Clay; Lavern Couch; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Devin Jones; Linda Latch; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; Jed Martin; Alyssa May; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. Munoz; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Danna Robertson; Janelle Shirley; Susan Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lindsey Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw

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 (Multiple Choice)

When Jesus told the disciples, "I have food to eat of which you do not know," He meant that: (a) He had already eaten; (b) His food was doing the Father's work; or (c) He was fasting.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Jesus told the disciples about His going away, "I will not leave you (c) Orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18).

Events

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

Office News

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home has temporarily cancelled all grocery pick-ups at this time. However, donations can be made to the home online at NMCCH.org. Gathered items will be collected ASAP.

Christian Elevation

Occasionally, when driving across the Appalachian Mountains, or any mountain range for that matter, one will come across a sign listing the elevation of that particular point of reference. Sophisticated, hi-tech equipment provides geologists with the data necessary for determining such readings. Suppose there was an instrument that could give us the elevation of our faith? How high would it go, or would there be any reading at all?

The Christian life is to be an elevated life. Jesus said, "*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid*" (Matthew 5:14). Like a city set on a hill, God's people are to stand out from the rest of the world (2 Corinthians 6:17). We're to live lives worthy of our calling (1 Peter 2:9-12). We're to live in such a way that the world can look up and see Christ living in us (Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:11-12). Our focus should always be on those things that are above (Col. 3:1-2). We're to live by a higher standard; God's Word (Matthew 4:4). Why? Because of Him who hath elevated us!

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus..." (Ephesians 2:4-7).

—Terry R. Townsend

Sunday, May 10th, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus spread in Odessa and surrounding areas, the Eisenhower Church of Christ elders have made the decision to "Live Stream" all their services on Facebook since we can have no more than 10 people in attendance. Below are our scheduled services:

Sunday Worship – 10:30 a.m. **(at Church Building & FB Live Stream)**
Sunday Evening Service -- 5:00 p.m. **(FB Live Stream)**
Wednesday Evening Bible Class -- 7:00 p.m. **(FB Live Stream)**

Sunday AM

“Quite a Lady”

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

Sunday PM

“Serving with Gladness”

(Psalm 100:1-5)

Other Responsibilities: Other Responsibilities: *Elder :* Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon:* Josh Wells 770-6753— *Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444—*Table:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Josh Wells 770-6753— *Collections:* Josh Wells 770-6753