

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Joy in the Midst of Crisis

With markets collapsing and a virus spreading, many of us are barely hanging on; so consumed with living in the fantasy worlds of “Might-have-been” and “going-to-be” that we fail to see the everyday joy of the here and now.

Yes, in the midst of crisis, even this one, there can still be joy. I remember reading, many years ago now, a psychologist’s assessment that 94% of people are simply enduring the present as they fill their minds with thoughts of better days ahead. I doubt that percentage has improved.

By and large, many of us are not happy now. We find little joy in today. Oh, yes! When pandemic is past, when the economy rebounds, when the kids are back to school (or grown), when we are finally able to buy that new car or new house, when retirement finally comes (or comes back), when that someday, ever-elusive “something” takes place, then, and only then, will happiness be ours.

In our preoccupation with tomorrow’s possibilities, we sadly fail to appreciate, or even notice, today’s blessings. We become blind to the beauty of the moment.

You’ve heard it before: happiness is not so much the destination as it is the journey. But hearing and accepting are two very different things. The truth is this; if you aren’t happy now, with what you have, where you are, as things are, you probably wouldn’t be any happier were things to change.

I often take note of the words of a plaque occupying a prominent place in my study, words which simply say, “The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour.”

We’ve definitely been taking a detour of late. Are we enjoying the scenery?

The apostle Paul put it this way: ***“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*** (Philippians 4:11-13). Not surprisingly, those words follow on the heels of these: ***“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”*** (Philippians 4:4). And a bit later, Paul affirms, ***“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”*** (Philippians 4:19).

Yes, the Lord will bless us. This we believe. But He is blessing us now, today, in the midst of our current situation.

We just have to keep our eyes open and our faith strong.

—Dalton Key

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Oliver Hernandez** was taken to the ER at Medical Center Hospital on May 8th with stroke-like symptoms. Everything checked out okay and he was able to go home May 11th and is doing well. Keep Oliver in your prayers.

**Julie Munoz** was taken to MCH on Friday, May 8th and underwent some tests. Please keep Julie in your prayers that all is okay.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Cathy Eastwood's** surgery that was scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th in Albuquerque, NM was postponed until a later date because of the Covid19 virus. Cathy is Robbie Butler's daughter. Cathy is still in need of 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; Cathy Eastwood; 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. & Julie 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; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

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

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

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**

There was brought to Jesus little children that He should put His hands on them and pray, but His disciples rebuked them. What was Jesus' reply?

## Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

When Jesus told the disciples, "I have food to eat of which you do not know," Jesus meant that: (b) His food was doing the Father's work.

## 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.

Our regular scheduled worship services and bible classes will start back on Sunday, June 7th. June 10th will be the first Wednesday Night Bible Class for the small children.

## Food for Thought...

If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average.  
God's delays are not God's denials.

### What Money Can Buy

**Ecclesiastes 5:10-15** *"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail; and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. As he came, forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand."*

If you had as much money as Bill Gates, what would all that money buy you? Would it buy you a mansion in Heaven? Would it buy you love, happiness, or even satisfaction? The answer to all of these questions is no, of course not. These are some things money cannot buy.

Money can get you more material possessions, but it can also get you more problems. Solomon lists four of those problems in Ecclesiastes 5:11-14. **First**, freeloaders will follow after your money, verse 2. **Second**, you will lose sleep worrying about our money, verse 12. **Third**, money can bring you many temptations that would do you harm, verse 13. **Fourth**, you might lose it when you need it the most, verse 14.

**Finally**, Solomon tells us that we cannot take it with us when we die, verse 15. When we die all we will have left will be the treasure we have laid up for ourselves in Heaven.

—Jack McNeil  
Ripley, MS

## Sunday, May 17th, 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

*“Calling on the Name of the Lord”*

*(Acts 2:36-39)*

### Sunday PM

*“Remember Who You Are”*

*(Deuteronomy 31:1-7)*

**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