

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Forgotten Christian

Our Lord placed emphasis on little and seemingly insignificant deeds. For example, He said, ***“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward”*** (Matthew 10:42). The deed of offering a cup of water would seem rather trivial compared to serving on a church committee or some other work of service, but to the Lord it is a very significant act of service. In the judgment scene of Matthew 25 the Lord mentions a number of good things done by those on the right hand that would seem rather small compared to some of the more sophisticated works one might engage in. Some of the amazement of those on the right hand may have been due to these insignificant acts being praiseworthy of the Lord.

There are hundreds of small deeds being done today by timid, quiet, and unassuming brethren who may be doing more good than all the campaigns, workshops and seminars among us. For example here is John Doe. He is not a “dynamic” personality. He has never attended a workshop, never made a public speech or even led a public prayer. Yet, in his own quiet unassuming manner he goes about doing untold good. He mows the lawn of a sick neighbor, picks up an elderly couple on Wednesday nights and brings them to service, lends a sympathetic ear to a fellow worker on the job who is having marital problems, keeps a promise made to a little child, reads his Bible, writes a letter of encouragement to a lonely young man in service, shows appreciation and gratitude, welcomes a stranger to service and sends a contribution to a mission field he is especially interested in. The sum total of all these seemingly insignificant deeds is a powerful influence for the cause of Christ.

It is true that this good brother will never be chosen as “young man of the year,” but he may be doing far more for the Lord than the civic-minded Christian who is praised by his brethren as an “outstanding and dynamic Christian.” Unnoticed as the works of our modest brother may be, they have a tremendous effect on the non-Christian. Jesus said, ***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven”*** (Matthew 5:16). We will never know how many people have been led to Christ by the godly lives of these unnoticed brethren in the church.

Then there is that unnoticed housewife who has five little children. She has never taught a Bible class and will never address a group of ladies at a lectureship. She is, however, a faithful Christian and a good mother who is diligent in her domestic duties. While her role as a housewife might seem rather dull and boring to some, yet, to God her works are most significant and important. A faithful Christian mother is one of the most powerful forces on earth. It is no wonder that she is promised salvation (I Timothy 2:15). That same insignificant housewife by her good life can win her unbelieving husband to Christ (I Peter 3:1).

The Lord Jesus said, “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15:8). In order for us to bear fruit, the Word must abide in us. Then, we can bear the fruits of “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” (Galatians 5:22-23). Look closely and see if the works of these unnoticed Christians are not described by Paul.

There are hundreds of Christians today whose seemingly insignificant works accomplish more than some of those who receive so much recognition and attention for their “great” and “dynamic” deeds. We get all excited and carried away with our organized programs, projects and schemes and completely ignore what is one of the most productive and important works among us. It is not always the big things among us that have counted so much as it is the little things that go unnoticed. Rather than big things it has been a composite of little things done in an unassuming manner by countless hundreds of modest brethren that has made the church grow and prosper.

— Lethe Dikaios

Prayer Requests

Jennie Fuls (Nancy Easlon’s sister) underwent a complete mastectomy surgery on Thursday, May 17th, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Please keep Jennie in your prayers that all will go well and she has a speedy recovery.

Hattie Gilmore is having a lot of pain with her arthritis at this time. She needs prayers.

Blas Campos (Sylvia’s brother-in-law) was able to go home Friday, May 11th after having fluid drained from around his heart. He is doing better but is still in need of prayers.

Concerns Update

Rosalinda Benavides is in Odessa Regional Hospital Her triplets were born last Sunday, May 13th. Mother and babies are doing fine. Please, no visitors. Continue to keep Rosalinda and the babies in your prayers.

Russ Montgomery (Devida’s brother) was taken to the hospital last Saturday, May 12th, because of his breathing problem. Not doing well.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Rosalinda Benavides; Elsie Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Blas Campos; David Castor; Beth Clay; Sherry Cox; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Verona Dykes; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; David Guynn; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Glenda Hillis; Letha Hooper; Betty Leeth; Eliseo Lopez; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Tanya Nichols; Kathy Nunley; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Jurlean Warren; Doris Weakland; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; 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...

What did the Jewish Law forbid on the Sabbath Day?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

After the marriage of Isaac to Rebekah, Abraham took unto himself another wife. Her name was Keturah.

Events

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.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and please keep praying for me.

Blas Campos

Eisenhower Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the grocery donation. We know we can always depend on y’all to help “Fill the Trailer” and by the looks of these boys in the picture I’m sure they can put the food away. Thank You,

Kerry Fender

Dear Eisenhower,

Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts and the card. Your expression of love helped soothe our broken hearts.

The family of Allan Jeter

Office News

The *“New Mexico Children’s Home”* will be back in Odessa June 5th, 2018. They are requesting **55 Gallon Trash Bags.**

We will have a *“Praise & Sing Service”* on the fifth Wednesday of this month (May 30th)

Our *“Summer Quarter”* begins June 3rd. We are in need of teachers. If you are interested in teaching for next quarter, please see Larry May or one of the Coordinators.

We will have a *“Family Devotional”* this evening following our evening service at the Sherwood Volleyball Court.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Rosalinda and Caesar Benavides on the birth of their triplets. The babies were delivered by C-Section on Sunday, May 13th at ORMC. The *“Very Proud Grandparents”* are Jr. and Julie Munoz. Again Congrats!

New Address:

Maxine Newton, Room #202, c/o Country Care Manor, 3736 FM 775, LaVernia, TX 78121. Please send her a card or a note. She would love to hear from us.

May 20th, 2018

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Dex Dennard
Rudy Ochoa
Trinidad Wood

P.M.

Larry May
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Josh Weakland
George Warren
Craig Wesson

Lord's Supper

West...

Craig Wesson
Don Easlon
Tommy Garcia

George Warren
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Richard Siler
Tom Sorenson
Rudy Ochoa

Other Responsibilities: *Elder :* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 272-5507 *Pulpit:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 *Table:* George Warren 557-2171 *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties:* Chris Butler 362-7486
Collections: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"A Searching Question"
(1 Samuel 30:13)

Sunday PM

"Walking in the Fear of the Lord"
(Acts 9:31)

Our Records

Bible Class... 60
Morning Worship...108
Evening Worship...61
Wednesday...79
Contribution...\$5,115.25