

Eisenhower Church of Christ

One Step at a Time

We sometimes sing a song that begins, *“One step at a time, dear Savior; I cannot take any more; the flesh is so weak and hopeless; I know not what is before.”* Each stanza of this hymn reflects the human dilemma of walking by faith. We cannot see the future and often cannot even perceive what lies just beyond arm’s length. As the song expresses, we want to reach the goal of eternal life, but we often feel that getting there is outside the realm of human capability.

This, of course, is exactly the point. The Lord does not expect us to make the journey solely by virtue of our own strength and resolve. He knows that we cannot do this alone, and He expects us to depend on Him to help us take each step on the pathway to life. The sooner we realize this truth and accept it, the easier our journey will become.

King David of Israel understood this truth and extolled it in Psalm 37:23-24. There he said, *“The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.”* The imagery here is that of a father holding the hand of a child and guiding his steps. Even though the child is taking each step on his own, the father is there making sure that he safely takes each step. When the child stumbles, the father keeps him from falling on his face because he is holding the child’s hand.

David’s point was not that God physically keeps us from falling down as we walk, but rather that He holds our hand as we make our spiritual journey to heaven. When we struggle with sin, stumbling and falling, our Father lifts us up so we do not fall hopelessly into the abyss of sin. He helps us to our feet and gently leads us again in the right direction. We will suffer some scrapes and bruises in the experience, but if we are willing to keep walking with Him, our Father will continue to lead us to our heavenly reward.

There is one important aspect of this imagery that must not be overlooked. It is the fact that we must continue to take each step along the way in order to reach the goal. The scriptures call upon us to walk with God. He will not drag us against our will in the direction of heaven, but He will lead us by the hand as we take each faltering step that direction. In I John 1:7 John said, *“But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

The inspired apostle did not say if we sit in the light the blood of Jesus will cleanse us. He said we will be **cleansed** if we walk in the light. This means that we must be making progress toward the goal. It doesn’t matter how swiftly or slowly we are walking. It only matters that we are walking. In 2 Corinthians 5:7 Paul said that we walk by faith and not by

sight. This is because we cannot yet see the goal. We believe it is there and we believe we will reach it if we continue to walk with God.

This is why the idea of taking “*one step at a time*” is so important. One step at a time is within the capability of even the most fragile in the faith. One step at a time is doable. One step at a time will not tax us beyond our ability to bear it. One step at a time, in the direction of heaven, will get us there without fail. In Ephesians 5:15 Paul said to be careful how we walk, not as unwise men but as wise. If we are wise, we will always walk in the direction of heaven by following God’s word. If we are wise, we will make the journey, one step at a time.

—Fred Dominguez

Sympathy

Matthew Quiroz, a former student of LaDonna Chism, passed away Sunday, May 15th. Matthew lost his fight with lung cancer. He was only 11 years old. Please remember to keep the Quiroz family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Linda Horton was taken to CCU at Medical Center Hospital last week. The chemo medicine was taking was affecting her heart. Linda has since been moved to Room #939. Prayers are being requested for her.

Concerns Update

James Weaver was able to go home from the hospital last week. Continue to keep James in your prayers.

Bonnie Sorenson had pneumonia last week but seems to be doing better and is on the amends.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Kelsey Gomez; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Natalie Hudson; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Charles & Helen Jones; Mariah Lee; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Patty Montgomery; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Earlene Poses; Matthew Quiroz; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Brendon Shook; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singleterry; Bob Spurlin; Meta Troutz; James Weaver; Lisa Wells; Toya Zambelli

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Neva Carrigan; Ruby Davis; 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

School is Out! Everyone is invited to an “**End of the School Year Get Together**” following our evening service Sunday, June 5th. Please bring your favorite homemade ice cream and sandwiches to help celebrate our student’s accomplishments for the 2015-2016 school year.

“**Pecos River Family Encampment**” is June 19th-25th. The Gospel Preacher will be Jody Apple from

Knoxville, TN. If you or your children plan on going, please check with the office about getting the "Schedule" and "Release Forms".

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Which important building in Jerusalem was completed in 520 BC?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Moses was not very good in his speech.

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.

Baby Shower!

A baby shower is being hosted for **Jacey Dennard**, Saturday, June 4th from 2:00-4:00 pm at Bonnie Sorenson's home. Jacey is registered at Target, Babies R Us & Amazon.com. In lieu of a card, please bring a baby book with your name inside. Everyone is invited.

Office News

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.

POCKET DIRECTORY:

Add: Hazel Brown (Home Phone #366-1123)

Other Things to Do

When it is time to worship God
And to occupy my pew,
Will I assemble with the saints
Or find other things to do?
When God needs my service to Him
And wants me to help a few,
Will I do what needs to be done
Or find other things to do?
When I sit down to rest awhile
With quiet reading in view
Will I read the Word of God
Or find other things to do?
When I stand before the throne
And God renders what is due
Will He grant me mercy or will He
Find other things to do?

—Guy Orbison, Jr.

May 22nd, 2016

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

A.M.

Allen Weakland
 Craig Wesson
 Allen Weakland
 Allen Weakland
 Bill Tolbert
 Bill Butler
 Trinidad Wood

P.M.

Allen Weakland
 Jacob Carson
 Allen Weakland
 Allen Weakland
 Dex Dennard
 Craig Wesson
 Tom Sorenson

Don Easlon
 Tom Sorenson
 Dylan Straw
 Larry May
 Jr. Munoz
 Isaiah Armendarez

Scot Straw
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444; *Pulpit*: Jacob Carson 940-3775;
Table: Scot Straw 301-0549; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486;
Collections: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Looking for One Thing & Finding Something Else"
 (1 Samuel 9:3-20)

Sunday PM

"Contend Earnestly for the Faith"
 (Jude 1:3-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 78
Morning Worship...132
Evening Worship...71
Wednesday...82
Contribution...\$5,111.35

