

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Are You Grieving or Pleasing God?

The Bible teaches us that it is possible to please our great God, or to grieve Him. This grief does not come because man is incapable of pleasing God, but because man chooses to live in rebellion to God's revealed will.

For example, in 1 Corinthians 10:5, Paul was talking about the children of Israel who died in the wilderness when he said, "but with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Corinthians 10:5). In 1 Thessalonians 2:15, Paul was speaking about the Jews, "Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men."

It was not long after God created man that, "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart" (Genesis 6:5-6). We can also see from the words of our Lord that it grieves Him that most people will choose to go down the broad path that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). Once again, God is grieved because man chooses to go down the wrong path.

It is equally important to know that we can choose to please God by doing those things that please Him, but it will not happen by accident. We must be willing to make a conscious effort to live in a way that pleases our Heavenly Father. In Colossians 1:9-10, the apostle Paul gives us insight as to how we can live in a way that pleases God. First, we must have knowledge of God's will which is revealed in Scripture. Everything we need to know pertaining to how to live a godly life can be found in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). Secondly, we must treat God's truth with wisdom and spiritual understanding. We do not want to be unwise, but we want to understand the will of the Lord (Ephesians 5:17). It is important to understand what God's Word says and how it applies to our lives. Thirdly, if we are going to "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing," we must make proper application of what God's Word teaches us. It is not enough to be "hearers" of the Word; we must be "doers" (James 1:22).

Our ambition in life should be to please God, not grieve Him, Paul said, "Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him" (2 Corinthians 5:9). Paul went on to talk about standing before the judgment seat of Christ in 2 Corinthians 5:10). Pleasing Christ has judgment day seriousness! I hope all of us have the mental determination to be like Christ our perfect example "who went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). Jesus said, "...for I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29), and His Father said to Peter, James and John, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear him" (Matthew 17:5). Perhaps you are thinking, "Well, that was Jesus and He was God, regular people cannot please God like that!" The Old Testament records for us the story of a man named Enoch who walked with God and pleased Him (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5). We too can walk with God and please Him if we will allow God's Word to direct our steps (Psalm 119:105; 133). Let us have the attitude of David who said, "teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness" (Psalm 143:10).

The question for each of us to consider is this: "Am I grieving God or pleasing Him?" The reality is that the majority of the world grieves God by rejecting His will, but it does not have to be that way. If you have never obeyed the Gospel plan of salvation, do something that pleases God today. Hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and unite it with faith, repent of your sins, confess that Jesus Christ is the son of God and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Mark 16:15-16; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38-41). God would be so pleased if you became His child.

If you have already obeyed the Gospel, but you have left the faith and are “out of duty,” you too can please God by coming back to your first love, remembering from where you have fallen, by repenting and rededicating your life to the Lord (Revelation 3:4-5). The God of Heaven invites you saying, “Choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant” (Isaiah 56:4). Will you please the Lord today?

—Clay Bond

### ***Prayer Requests***

**C. D. Smith** (Eugene Smith’s dad) had an angiogram done Monday, May 23rd at Odessa Regional Medical Hospital. No major blockage was found and he was able to go home Tuesday, May 24th. They did change his medication.

**Linda Horton** was moved to room #439. Her chemo medication was causing a problem with her heart. Please keep Linda in your daily prayers.

**Terry Erwin** (Linda Tate’s brother) was taken to the hospital last week. He received a blood transfusion due to a loss of blood. The doctors were looking to see where he might be losing blood but could not find anything. Terry was released from the hospital.

John Wood is requesting prayers for his friend, **Mike Whittmore**, who has pneumonia. Mike lives in San Angelo, TX.

### ***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; 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; 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...**

What is the name of the biggest river in Egypt?

**Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...**

The Temple was the important building in Jerusalem that was built in 520 BC.

## **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.

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Congratulations to **George and Jurlean Warren** who are celebrating their 56th Wedding Anniversary. They were united in marriage May 28th, 1960. Again, congratulations George & Jurlean.

## **Thank You**

Dearest Friends & Family,

James & I truly appreciate all the visits we received during our 10 day stay at MCH. It’s amazing how much we can learn about each other when we take the time to visit. Thank you for your prayers and the cards we received. Please continue to pray for us.

God’s Richest Blessing,  
& James Weaver.

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## **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 Mayo**. *If each family could bring just one jar of Real Mayonnaise, we would be able to meet NMCH’S needs.* 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)

### **May 29th, 2016**

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

### **A.M.**

Allen Weakland  
Rudy Ochoa  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Trinidad Wood  
Charles Wood  
Scot Straw

### **P.M.**

Allen Weakland  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Don Easlon  
Denny Wilson  
Jacob Carson

East...

John Wood  
Jr. Munoz  
Richard Siler  
Bill Ryan  
Josh Wells  
Larry May

Scot Straw  
Communion  
(In Library)

**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**

*"Hiding Among the Equipment"*  
(1 Samuel 10:22-24)

**Sunday PM**

*"Living Hope"*  
(1 Peter 1:3-5)

**Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 74  
*Morning Worship*...136  
*Evening Worship*...73  
*Wednesday*...81  
*Contribution*...\$4,396.00



