

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What Gospel do We Preach? (Part 2)

Have you wondered why they had a measure of dedication, commitment, and sacrifice unknown in any other group in any age? The answer is in an often-overlooked passage: “first gave their own selves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God” (2 Corinthians 8:5). They were simply following the teaching of their Master (Matthew 16:24; Romans 12:1) by submitting to the will of God as it was revealed by the apostles and (2) giving themselves as a living sacrifice to their Savior.

This is the same commitment to which we are called. A host of them died for Christ (Acts 21:13) and, of course, there were some who would not (2 Timothy 4:10-16). We thrill when we think of their bravery, faith and courage; we shed tears for the price they paid for faithfulness. Their story is unique in the annals of history. How succinct and apropos are Paul’s words: **“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”** (Philippians 1:21). Whether our lot is to live or die, it is imperative that we have Paul’s attitude (Philippians 3:7-12).

We live in a time and place where, more often than not, we are required to live for Christ. This can sometimes be more difficult than dying for Him. Many would die for the Lord who will not faithfully live for Him. In a time of prosperity—especially if the church is not being persecuted, it is all too easy to be lazy, pleasure-loving and overly concerned with worldly affairs and things. Christians face enormous pressure to prostrate themselves at the feet of the god mammon and many find the temptation irresistible.

Yet, these things are deadly to our spiritual life and destiny (Mt. 6:24; 13:22; Lk 8:14). Surely, the most pressing need of twenty first century saints is to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye [we] are called” (Eph. 4:1). While refraining from evil is important, a worthy walk also involves the renewing of our minds and the sacrifice of our lives in the service of God (Romans 12:1); a commitment so thorough-going that we will allow nothing to come before our Lord. Whether we imitate the commitment, faithfulness and fervor of those spiritual giants of the first century; the despicable and worldliness of Demas, or something in-between, we need to be aware that this is the gospel we are preaching to the world (2 Cor. 3:3; 4:1). Is your life an epistle of Christ?

—Al

Brown

Strange Times Indeed!

We live in strange times! The more we learn, the less we seem to know...about most everything! Things that used to matter no longer do, while moral and cultural absurdities are now taking center stage!

If Frederic Maitland’s age-old observation is correct, if “the essential matter of history is not what happened but what people thought or said about it,” we can’t but be concerned for those of us living through these days of societal uncertainty. Reliable information is giving way to disinformation, subterfuge, and outright lies. And all the while, as we struggle to keep our heads above the lashing waves of lies, we find ourselves purposefully distracted from what really matters. Simply put, life’s most serious questions—questions of moral, ethical and spiritual concern are not being acknowledge, much less addressed, by those among us who wield the highest levels of influence.

While we obsess over questions of health, safety and equity; while we concern ourselves with fads, fashions and the debated fungible nature of genders, we, as a people, are slowly but surely rotting away from the inside out. Like the self-congratulatory cannibal who thought himself civilized after learning to use a knife and fork, we seem content to live lives of self-

delusion. ***“They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ when there is no peace.”*** (Jeremiah 6:14)

The progress of any society depends more on its measure of character than on its economic, academic, political and military weight all considered together. Any people ignoring or belittling such fundamental tenets as honesty, morality and a common respect for the rule of law does so to its own peril.

Truth matters. Integrity matters. Biology matters. And the Golden Rule still matters. That which was true for Solomon’s day is no less true for ours: ***“Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.”*** (Proverbs 14:34). —Dalton Key

Prayer Requests

Paul Gunn spent one night in the hospital last week with bronchitis. He’s still weak but is at home now. Paul is in need of prayers.

Marilyn Upshaw was admitted into ORMC last week with heart related problems. She is in Room #411. Marilyn would love to have visitors.

Julia York was not feeling well last weekend and not able to be at services on Sunday. Please keep Julia in your prayers that she gets to feeling better soon.

Glenda Driver, Shona Wood’s cousin, is in ICU in Midland on a ventilator due to complications of COPD. The family has requested prayers for her.

Shona Wood has also requested prayers for her daughter, **Natalynn**, who is doing a semester abroad in Georgia (the country). She will be back in the U.S. in August. Please pray that Natalynn has a great summer and comes back home safely.

Samantha Woody, Terresia Weaver’s granddaughter, left last Sunday going to Africa for Mission Work and arrived safely in Uganda on Tuesday (our time) and will be there for a month. Please keep her in your prayers for a successful work and return home safely.

Concerns Update

Cheri Hodges received a good report from the Angiogram test she had done recently.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Mark Erwin; Becky Gillespie; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Gynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Linda Tate; Jurlean Warren; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; John Wood

Eisenhower’s Homebound....

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

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

The **“78th Annual Meeting of the Pecos River Encampment”** June 17-19 Family Camp—No Dorms; June 19-25 Full Camp. Paul Shero is the Speaker. Their flyer is posted on our BB.

New Arrival...

Congratulations, to Craig and Kallie Wesson on the birth of their baby daughter, Perry Jo. She

arrived six weeks early at 11:37 a.m. on Saturday, May 27th and weighed 4 lbs.15 ozs. Perry Jo had a safe arrival; however, she will be in the NICU for a little while. Again, congratulations to proud mom and dad, grandparents, Jeff & Holly, all her uncles and aunts and of course, her brother and sister, Carter & Jolene. Again, Congratulations!

Office News

Our “**2023 Summer Series**” begins June 7th and goes through August 30th. Our first speaker will be Sean Prather from Monahans. We have invitation flyers on the table in the foyer for you to use to invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” will be July 24th-26th. The theme is: “The Flood”. Bring your children and invite your neighborhood children also.

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” this week and next week are: **canned meat and salt.**

JESUS IS:

In Matthew He is the **King of the Jews.**

In Mark He is the **Servant**

In Luke He is the ***Perfect Son of Man***

In John He is the **Son of God**

In Acts He is the **Ascended Lord**

In Romans He is our **Righteousness**

In Ephesians He is our **Armor**

In Colossians He is the **Preeminent One**

In 1 Timothy He is our **Mediator**

In 2 Timothy He is the **Giver of a Crown of Life**

In Titus He is our **Great God and Savior**

In Philemon He is our **Partner**

In James He is the **Lord of Hosts**

In 1 Peter He is the **Lamb Without a Blemish**

In 2 Peter He is the **Long-Suffering Savior**

In 1 John He is the **Word of Life**

In 2 John He is the **Word of Truth**

In 3 John He is the **Believer’s Hope**

In Jude He is our **Master**

In Revelation He is the **Lord and King**

June 4, 2023

Announcements
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture Reading
 Second Prayer
 Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
 Steve Easlon
 Allen Weakland
 Jeff Wesson
 Scot Straw
 Larry May
 Jon Roemisch

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
 Jacob Carson
 Allen Weakland
 Jeff Wesson
 David Baldwin
 Craig Wesson
 Caleb York

Lords Supper

Don Easlon
 Jacob Carson
 Jr. Munoz
 Jackie Perkins

Richard Siler
 Communion
 (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 — *Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“The Challenge of Anxiety” (Matthew 6:24-34)

Sunday PM

“Fellowship of the Faithful” (Hebrews 12:18-24)

Our Records

Bible Class... 68
Morning Worship...102
Evening Worship ... 59
Wednesday...61
Contribution...\$6,236.50