

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Just Passing Through

Albert Brumley wrote a hymn some years ago entitled “This World is Not My Home”. This beloved and popular hymn begins with the words, “This world is not my home I’m just a passing thru.” Truer words were never written!

In reference to those faithful saints of old, the Hebrew writer tells us, “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” (Hebrews 11:13).

We are all strangers in this world! Both Paul and Peter described our physical bodies as nothing more than earthly “tabernacles”; in other words, temporary, earthly dwelling places for our eternal spirits.

Because earth is filled with such unpleasant things like sorrow, sickness, pain, aging, and death, this world is not suited as our eternal home. Even earthly joys and pleasures are transient. This world is unable to provide us with that eternal bliss that the human spirit longs for. Job did not desire to always live in this world. (Job 7:16). David spoke of someday “flying away.” (Psalms 55:6). Paul desired to depart this world to be with Christ. (Philippians 1:23). Peter looked to the day when he would “cast off” his earthly tabernacle. (2 Peter 1:14).

Jesus, Himself, has gone to prepare an eternal abode for the faithful. (John 14:2-3). What a wonderful thought to know that this eternal home will be free of those things that bring so much suffering to us in this life. Sorrow, pain, darkness, and death will be left outside the gates of our new home. Matter of fact, nothing will be permitted to enter into our future abode that might corrupt it. (Revelation 21:27). Peter describes our heavenly home as “an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that fades not away.” (I Peter 1:4).

It is in this future home that the redeemed of all ages will live and eternal life will be possessed. The next time this world might get you a little down just remember the beloved words of that old hymn: “This world is not my home I’m just a passing thru.”  
—Milton Smith

## Be Not Conformed to This World

Christians are supposed to be different from those in the world. In Romans 12:1-2, Paul wrote: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

This instruction given to the saints at Rome is sorely needed by Christians today. We live in a world which subjects us to various pressures, calling upon us to “conform”. Because “everyone else” lies, cheats, steals, drinks booze, gambles, uses vulgar language, engages in immorality, is involved in the mad pursuit of material things, is intent on the things of this life that are pleasurable, etc., Christians are under heavy temptation to do likewise.

When many encourage such activities, excuse sin by saying: “When in Rome, do as the Romans do.” remember that Paul wrote to those who were in Rome and told them to not do as the Romans do. He said, “Be not conformed to this world”. It does not matter how popular and widespread sin and ungodliness may be. It does not excuse sinful conduct nor make such practices more acceptable.

Christians are called upon by Paul, in Titus 2:12, to deny ungodliness and worldly lust and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. This we must do, regardless of what those about us are doing, and regardless of what they are saying. Jesus said: “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14,16).

The life of the Christian is to be different—a pure, clean, wholesome kind of difference—a spiritual life pleasing to God that others may see. It is sad indeed when our conduct cannot be distinguished from that of the worldly people around us. How about you? Are you careful to conduct yourself correctly in all of your relationships in life? Do you keep your life clean and your practice pure? Do you know what God has said about living our lives here on earth in preparation for the hereafter?

—Southside Church of Christ

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Neil Driver** who passed from this life Thursday, May 26th at his home. A memorial service was scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 4th at the Eisenhower Church of Christ.

We would also like to express our condolences to Lindsey Wells who lost her aunt, **Kathy Bundick**, Friday morning, May 27th in Lubbock. She died while under hospice care. Kathy was 55 years old.

### ***Prayer Requests***

We want to keep **Betty Branson** in our prayers. Betty is struggling with shortness of breath and weakness. She has inflammation in her lungs and is on different antibiotics. Betty has had several other tests done and waiting on results.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Caimee Ann Mooney** had a urinary tract infection last week and was put on antibiotics. She is doing much better now.

Please keep **Charles and Helen Jones** in your daily prayers. Charles has been having mini seizures and Helen had a MRI done Monday, May 30th. They are in need of prayers.

Continue to pray for **Meta Troutz** as she deals with several health issues. She is home now.

### ***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; 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 today. 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. If you or your children plan on going, please check with the office about getting the “Schedule” and “Release Forms”.

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Why was Stephen stoned to death?

### **Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...**

The biggest river in Egypt is the Nile River.

## **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.

## **Thank You**

We are doing as well as we can expect. We appreciate being on the prayer list and know that's a help. You are all in our prayers. Have a good day.

In Christian Love,

Harold & Neva

## **Office News**

The next food drive for The New Mexico Children's Home is Tuesday, August 30th. They are requesting **Canned Peaches and Canned Apricots**. The home also accepts monetary donations.

## LIFE, A FRAGILE THREAD

I just un-wrapped a new calendar  
Three hundred-sixty-five pages smooth and cold  
I fanned them through my fingers  
And wondered what each day would hold.

Joy, happiness, death; the sod...?  
There's no way one can know  
But the answer lies in walking daily  
By the side of the living God.

**June 5th, 2016**

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

**A.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Dex Dennard  
Larry May  
Denny Wilson  
  
Bill Ryan  
Tom Sorenson  
Richard Siler  
Craig Wesson  
Dylan Straw  
Isaiah Armendarez

**P.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Josh Weakland  
Rudy Ochoa  
Tony Marrs  
  
Don Easlon  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 556-5547; *Deacon*: Don Easlon 288-5834; *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Don Easlon 288-5834; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702; *Collections*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702

**Sunday AM**

*"My Ways are Not Your Ways" (1 Samuel 8:5,22 & 1 Samuel 12:17)*

**Sunday PM**

*"Joy Inexpressible"*  
*(1 Peter 1:6-9)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 76  
*Morning Worship*...125  
*Evening Worship*...NC  
*Wednesday*...84  
*Contribution*...\$4,289.00