

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Hanging on by a Thread

We all know what it means to be hanging on by a thread. To just barely be attached to something. To almost not be attached. We may visualize someone dangling from a cliff and the only thing keeping him from falling to his doom is this little twig of a tree on the side of that cliff. If we put ourselves into that situation would we want that little sprig of growth to depend on or would we not rather have a full grown tree to carry our weight? Most right thinking individuals would much rather have the tree and the bigger the better. Physically when we are in danger we want as much security as we can get. But the sad thing is that most do not think this way when it comes to their spiritual safety. Most Christians are just barely hanging on by a thread. And it is not because they cannot have a better connection to God but because they choose not to.

In John 15:1-8 Jesus talks about our relationship to Him and God. Christ is called the vine and the individual Christians are called the branches. Christ the vine is the source of all nutrients to the branches and unless the branches abide in the vine they cannot survive. God as the husbandman or vine dresser will cut off the dead branches if they do not grow and produce. But He will also encourage more growth and production in the branches that produce.

Many Christians are barely attached to Christ and like the branch that is barely attached to the tree will wither and die. They think that just because they are attached by a thread that this is sufficient to save them. But unless we abide in the Vine Jesus Christ we will not produce and grow and God will cut us off. Some may already be cut off and do not even realize that as a Christian they are quite dead. The only thing that may be left is for them to be burned in the eternal fires of hell.

My brethren, if we are not growing as we should, it is because we are not firmly a part of our Lord. The good news is that we can once again become a productive part of the Church by reapplying ourselves and becoming a productive part of the body of Christ. It is our choice that separates us from Christ and it will be our choice that will allow us to be grafted in again. We separate ourselves from Christ when we do not do His will. When we do not pray to God and study His word to show ourselves approved. We separate ourselves from God when we do not attend every service of the church as is our duty and our privilege to do. We pull away from God and lose that safety of an eternal abode because we are only hanging on by a thread. We barely are holding on. ***“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation”*** (Hebrews 2:1-3). Let us all get a firmer grip on our Christianity and quit hanging on by a thread.

Prayer Requests

Isabel Chacon is having tests done and has requested a part in our prayers. Isabel is a longtime friend of Jeff and Holly Wesson and was especially close to Holly's mother. Please keep her in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Charles Simmons is still having some back pain. He will be scheduled to have his nerve endings burnt again to help control the pain. No definite date has been set. Keep Charles in your prayers

Linda Horton was released from the hospital Thursday, June 2nd. She is at Buena Vida Nursing Home going through rehab. Keep Linda in your prayers.

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 Singletery; 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

"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...

Who was the oldest of the two brothers; Moses or Aaron?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Stephen was stoned to death because he was a Christian.

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

Thank you all for your visits, cards and words of comfort during this time of sorrow for my family. Thank you also for the food and hugs. You all helped to make a horrible time not so horrible. Please keep my kids and grandkids in your prayers.

Love to all,

Loyce Driver

From: Stacy Ruckman

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful shower & gifts. A special thanks to Sonia, Christy, Bonnie, Ashley & Larriat for putting it all together. We are more than prepared (physically) for the arrival of our new addition. Love, Stacy

To Our teenage girls class (God's Precious Angels) & a blessing to us too!

Young ladies, I want to "thank you (very much) for the "Steel Magnolias Spring Tea" you gave us (May 7th) I really, really enjoyed it very much! It is so nice & thoughtful of you all. All was good & fellowship great. Keeping you in my prayers for God to bless & keep you safe in his care now & in your future ahead of you.

Love you in Christ, Hattie Gilmore

To My Brothers of Church of Christ,

With a warm appreciation...A note to tell you "Thank You!" so very much for the good breakfast I enjoyed. I couldn't have done better myself. (Now don't let that swell your head). God bless you & keep you safe.

Love you, Hattie Gilmore

Office News

The "Strengthening the Family" visitation groups will not meet through the summer months. We will start again in September.

June 12th, 2016	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	John Wood
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Tony Marrs	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	George Warren	Scot Straw
Closing Prayer	Bill Butler	Jr. Munoz
Lord's Supper		
West...	Josh Wells	Don Easlon
	Cody Wesson	Communion
	Josh Weakland	(In Library)
East...	John Wood	
	Trinidad Wood	
	Craig Wesson	

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

"Heart to Obey God"
(1 Samuel 15:10-19)

Sunday PM

"Focus of Our Hope"
(1 Peter 1:13)

Our Records

Bible Class... 75
*Morning Worship...*145
*Evening Worship...*84
*Wednesday...*96
Contribution...\$5,251.00