

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Ship Will Not Sink!

Perhaps, the best remembered statement made by old brother J. D. Tant is, “Brethren, we are drifting!” Tant meant that many crew members of the grand old Ship of Zion, the church, were veering off course, “the faith which was once for all delivered,” and were slowly, but ever so surely, drifting into the treacherous waters of doctrinal error. Paul dealt with this very consideration when he exhorted Christians, through Timothy, to be “Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck” (I Timothy 1:19). Since Tant made his famous statement, vast numbers of the Ship of Zion’s crew have allowed themselves to be “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14).

Ignorant, doctrinally derelict crew members have permitted the Ship of Zion’s bulwarks to appear impuissant. Seeing what appears to be her vulnerability, the enemy fleet has attacked her from without and from within. The Destroyers from Denominationalism have sought to sink her. The Cannonballs of Calvinism have attempted to penetrate her sides. The Marines of Modernism stand on her deck, and the Lancers of Liberalism are found within her hull. Many of her crew have otherwise mutinied.

Still, those who have not surrendered are wielding the sword of the Spirit. They are “set for the defense of the gospel” (Philippians 1:17) and will “fight the good fight of the faith” (1 Timothy 6:12) and, they will be victorious. Using the Bible for their compass and their map they keep to the course God has chartered. These never-surrendering sailors of the Savior, with the Lord’s help, will keep the Ship of Zion safe and tranquil in whatever waters she sails. With Christ as its anchor, this ship cannot drift.

To stay on course, the preaching must be scriptural not sectarian, doctrinal not denominational, exegetical not existential, apostolic not apostate, sure not subjective, correct rather than cute, powerful not puny, fearless not frivolous. It will take preachers who do not take “*popularity polls*” to see “*how they are doing*” with the brethren. If his brethren complain, “Why don’t you preach positively,” his unhesitating reply must be, “I *positively* will preach the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” If people accuse him of “preaching people to hell,” he will be heartbroken because in truth he is trying to keep people from going to hell—and, he realizes that preachers who refuse to take a stand for the truth against all error, who pat people on the back while they sin, who can preach any of their sermons in any denomination church without the members there ever knowing that he was not one of them, this is the preacher who is really “preaching people to hell.”

Though brethren complain when he preaches a “negative” sermon (i.e., a sermon informing them and others of what they are doing and/or teaching is wrong) the faithful sailor on the Ship of Zion remembers that Paul told Timothy: “If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed

until now. “Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching, continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee” (1 Timothy 4:6-16). At any rate, when people do not like what they are teaching, Christ’s sailors should expect to hear criticism. It has always been so from Moses to the Apostle John. Come what may, as long as Jesus is at its helm, the Ship of Zion will not sink.

—Tommy J. Hicks

Sympathy

Paul Rigsby (Devida’s cousin) passed away Tuesday, June 20th, in Hillsboro, OH. He was a diabetic with very low potassium levels. Paul was put on a ventilator early Tuesday morning, but passed away at 2:30 p.m. that day when the ventilator was removed.

Prayer Requests

Alex Rubalcado cut his arm and had to undergo surgery to repair an artery and tendon last week. Please keep Alex in your prayers that he has a speedy recovery. Alex is the son of Mary Anchondo.

Hattie Mae Gilmore fell on Friday, June 16th and bruised her arm and wrist. She did not have any broken bones. Continue to keep Hattie in your prayers.

Ubaldo Herrera and his family traveled to Arizona for a family reunion last weekend. Prayers were requested for their safe return.

Concerns Update

Jurlean Warren came through her gall bladder surgery just fine, but is still having some pain issues. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Sylvia Campos was to get the results back on Friday from the MRI that was done on her neck and spine. Continue to keep Sylvia in your prayers that she receives the cause of her problem and gets a solution.

Prayer List

Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; Charlie Carson; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Glenda Driver; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Aisha Garcia; Becky Gillespie; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Cheri Hodges; Lon & Lana Howard; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Terresia Weaver; Perry Jo Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; John Wood; Natalynn Wood; Samantha Woody.

Eisenhower’s Homebound...

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

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

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

A Message...

Sending a warm hello...and hoping today is sunny for you all. ‘Where there is a father, there’s a strength to depend on.’ Happy Father’s Day to my brothers, and many more. Love you all in Christ, Hattie Mae Gilmore

Office News

There is a **“Deacon’s Meeting”** in the library following our second service today.

Our **“Vacation Bible School”** is July 24th-26th at 6:30—8:00 pm, Monday thru Wednesday. The theme is: “The Flood”. Please invite your family, friends and your neighborhood children.

Today, we will have a **“Potluck Luncheon”** following our A.M. service followed by our P.M. service. All our visitors are welcome to join us for some good food and fellowship.

The item requested for our **“Food Pantry”** for this week is: canned soups.

NOTE:

It has been decided that we will take a break from collecting food pantry items for now. We will start collecting again in the fall. Thanks to all of you who have helped supply our food pantry. It is in good shape at this time. Also, if anyone is in need of food, please do not hesitate to let us know. The pantry is there to help out our members or others who are in need.

You Are Advised to Check

Research indicates that 80% of hospital bills have errors in them. Yes, that is correct...80%! That means you could pay too much for surgery or treatment. Consumer advocates urge you to demand a detailed bill and check every item. They also state that most hospitals and doctors are willing to negotiate on costs for procedures and treatments before and after the fact.

You are certainly advised to check on the scriptures in conjunction with the things stated or claimed by preachers, teachers and church leaders. While most teachers are sincere, nobody is infallible! The fact that we have numerous Christian groups teaching conflicting methods involved in salvation, worship and the nature of God tells us that somebody, somewhere, has made some serious errors.

There are even those that teach that Jesus was NOT the Son of God in the flesh—though many scriptures are clear on this fact. **John 8:58; 10:33; Colossians 1:15-18; Hebrews 1:3; 2 John 1:7.** So check your hospital bill and check your Bible. Do not buy into something that is incorrect. The Lord wants you to know the truth **John 8:32.** You are advised to check everything. Your life may depend on it.

—Rich Laing
Highland Village Church of Christ
Austin, TX

June 25, 2023

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lords Supper

A.M.

Jeff Wesson

Oliver Hernandez

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Craig Wesson

Scot Straw

Trini Wood

Jon Roemisch

Don Easlon

Larry May

Jackie Perkins

P.M.

Jeff Wesson

Craig Wesson

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Trini Wood

Bill Ryan

David Baldwin

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

“Pornography”

(Matthew 5:27-29)

Sunday PM

“Philippine Work”

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Records

Bible Class... 66

Morning Worship... 103

Evening Worship ... 56

Wednesday... 66

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