

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Upon This Rock

One of the most reassuring symbols of strength is the image of a rock. For many years a prominent insurance company has featured the image of a rock as their corporate logo. A popular auto manufacturer has long touted its trucks as being “like a rock”. We even use this imagery in our conversations, saying that something is “solid as a rock.”

This same imagery is found throughout the scriptures to depict that faithfulness of God. He is extolled in the psalms as our rock, meaning that He is unshakable and will always be able to sustain His people. In the same way the Lord Jesus used the idea of a rock to illustrate the assurance His disciples have when they give themselves in obedience to God’s will. At the end of the Sermon on the Mount He said that one who heard His word and obeyed it would be like the man who built his house on the rock, and it would survive all the storms of life (Matthew 7:24-27).

The Lord used a rock to illustrate another important teaching in Matthew 16: 17- 18. At that time the Lord asked the disciples who the people thought He was. He then asked them who they thought He was. When Peter confessed that they believed He was the Son of God, the Lord replied, *“Blessed are you Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this unto you, but My Father who is in heaven... I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”*

Some have taken these words to mean that the Lord was going to establish His church on Peter, whose name means “rock.” However, this is not what the Lord meant. We understand this because the Lord used two different Greek words for “rock” in His statement. The Greek word for Peter’s name is *petros*, which means a rock, or stone, or pebble. The Greek word He used for the rock upon which His church would be built is *petra*, which means a bedrock or foundation stone.

The Lord’s church, then, is built upon an unshakable foundation. In the context of this passage, that unshakable foundation is the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. The church stands on this fact. Jesus is the Son of God and the church is built upon Him, as Paul said in I Corinthians 3:11, where he said, *“For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid which is Jesus Christ.”* Therefore, the church will not be overcome by the power of Hades, which is the grave.

This point is essential to our faith. A church built upon a mere man, even one as great as Peter, cannot long stand. Neither can it survive the power of death. We see this in countless instances in which a man builds an organization that ultimately fails upon his death. Only one person was ever raised, never to die again, and that is Jesus Christ (Romans 6:7-8). Because He is never to die again; He is the master over death, and His church is unaffected by the curse of death.

Because the church is built upon this rock, we have full confidence as we go about preaching the gospel and serving the Lord as His people. Whatever Satan may hurl at us, the church will survive because we are founded upon the rock, Jesus Christ. He upholds us and sustains us in every circumstance of life, and we have an unshakable hope for eternity as a result. Like a man of whom Jesus spoke, at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, let us hear and do all that the Lord commands so our spiritual house will be founded upon the rock.

—Fred Dominguez

Prayer Requests

T. J. Wright (Jack's brother) has been placed under Hospice Care. He has been fighting cancer for a while. Jack has requested prayers for Timothy Joe during this difficult time.

Charles Chism is in Medical Center Hospital—Room #456 with heart related problems. Charles is LaDonna Chism's father-in-law. He is in need of prayers.

Robert Jackson who is a neighbor to Bill & Robbie Butler is suffering with COPD. They have requested prayers for him.

Caimee Anne Mooney has been sick with bronchitis and Cathy has been under the weather also.

Concerns Update

Lee Roy Bell is doing better. He is still at Medical Center Hospital—Room #442.

Caleista Millican was released from MCH, Thursday, June 18th, to go back to Parks Methodist. Keep her in your prayers.

Hazel Cavanaugh's six month checkup went well. She is waiting on the test results.

Tracy Leeth is second on the waiting list to receive a liver. Each day that passes is very crucial for Tracy. He is the son of Devida's first cousin.

Prayer List

Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Jane Burroughs; Neva Carrigan; Diane Carver; Hazel Cavanaugh; Steve Chavez; LaDonna Chism; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettles-Dennard; Brian Drake; James Drake; Nancy Fisher; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Katie Limer; Connie Lowe; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Avery Ojado; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Tee Wood; T.J. Wright; Toya Zambelli

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Winford Hambright; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Elder and Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; 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.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What little boy heard God calling his name in the night?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The Sheep gate, Fish Gate and the Tower of Ovens were all in Jerusalem.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called **“Christian Take Aim”** at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; www.thegospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch **“In Search of the Lord's Way”** every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, 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.

Events

A **“Ladies Night Devotional”** is scheduled for Friday, July 31st in the Annex. There will be several speakers from our congregation. Also, an “overnight lock in” is planned after for all those who want to brave the floor. More details and the time will follow.

Office News

We need to replenish our meat fund. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the church and specify **“Meat Fund”**. This fund is to help purchase the meat for special occasions such as funerals, etc. Any amount will be greatly appreciated as always.

Big Bang Theory

I have to come clean and confess that I believe in the Big Bang. Now wait! Don't stop reading here. Let me explain. The Bible, itself, teaches a “Big Bang.” Read it for yourself...

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (2 Peter 3:10).

There you have it...“The Big Bang.” The evolutionists are partly right, but their timing is wrong. The biblical “Big Bang” didn't occur at the beginning of time, as the evolutionists teach.

However, it will occur at the end of time. The “Big Bang” didn't bring things into existence, but it will take things out of existence.

—Steve Higginbotham
Findlay church of Christ
Sparta, TN

June 28th, 2015

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

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Clint Titlow
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Dex Dennard
Bill Ryan
Don Easlon

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Jack Wright
George Warren
Tony Marrs

West...	Don Easlon Bill Brown Dylan Straw	Tom Sorenson Communion (In Library)
East...	Jr. Munoz Isaiah Armendarez Ed Fisher	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Tom Sorenson 631-2518 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Cody Wesson 561-5302 *Contributions:* Cody Wesson 561-5302

Sunday AM”

TBA

Sunday PM

TBA

Our Records

Bible Class...73

Morning Worship...126

Evening Worship...55

Wednesday...101

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