

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Just As I Am

One of our old favorite hymns is the beautiful, “Just as I Am”. This hymn was written by Charlotte Elliott in 1834 and has been a standard in many churches ever since. The lyrics portray the wretched condition of people in sin who are seeking relief. With all their guilt, with all their remorse, with all their sorrows, penitent sinners humbly come to the Lord for redemption. It is a song of hope which has long been used at the close of sermons to invite and urge sinners to respond to the gospel.

As wonderful as this great old hymn is, a recent adaptation of it has given even more power to its theme. This adaptation, completed in 2009, added this refrain: I come broken to be mended; I come wounded to be healed; I come desperate to be rescued; I come empty to be filled; I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb and I’m welcomed with open arms. Praise God, just as I am.

This refrain captures the biblical truth of the guilty soul seeking redemption. We come to the Lord for salvation because we are not able to save ourselves. We come to the Lord for salvation because there is no other from whom we may receive it. This is what Peter said in Acts 4:12. ***“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”***

We come, “just as I am”, but we come in order to be changed into someone better than we have been. We are broken by sin and we come to the Lord to be mended as only He can do. We have been wounded by our sins and by life and we come for the touch of His healing hand. We are desperate to be saved from our sins and only He can rescue us from eternal condemnation. Our lives in sin are empty, no matter how much of the world’s goods we may possess and only the Lord can fill us with the only thing of lasting value. We are guilty because of our sins and we come to the Lord to receive pardon by the power of His blood which was shed on Calvary to atone for the sins of this world.

The glorious bottom line is that we don’t have to clean up our act in order to come to the Lord. We come, just as we are, stained and dirty because of our sins and the Lord takes us in that condition. He takes us just as we are, in order to cleanse us from sin in the waters of baptism (Acts 22:16). He takes us to cleanse us so we will rise to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). He takes us so we no longer will be “just as I am”, but will be a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).

One cannot sing these words without coming face to face with both the reality of his sins and with the need to become something different in order to inherit eternal life. The Lord did not shed His precious blood so we can falsely claim His name and then continue to live in sin. He shed His blood so we would be transformed by the renewing of our minds and would no longer be conformed to this world (Romans 12:1-2). The Lord wants us to come, just as we are so we will appreciate the change that only His blood can effect in our soul’s condition.

***“Just as I am” Without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me and that thou bidd’st me come to Thee. “Just as I am” And waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot. “Just as I am” Tho’ tossed about with many a conflict, many a***

*doubt, with fears within, and foes without. “Just as I am” Thou will receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!”* Let this be our anthem and our goal each and every day until the Lord brings us home.

—Fred Dominguez

### **Prayer Request**

**Jurlean Warren** is scheduled for a heart surgery procedure in Austin on July 6th. Please keep Jurlean in your prayers that her surgery will go well and that she gets a resolve for her problem.

**Eliseo Lopez** (Sonia Wood’s father) had to undergo emergency surgery June 27th at MCH when a CAT scan showed that his appendix had ruptured. Luckily, the infection was contained to one area so the cleanup was easy. Eliseo was expected to be in the hospital for a couple of days. Keep him in your prayers.

Betty Branson has requested prayers for her brother, **Curtis Parum**, who is having serious health problems at this time.

**Judy Wells** (Josh’s grandmother) had a PET scan and cancer was found in her left side, left lung and around her heart. Another scan is scheduled to check out her brain. Please continue to keep Judy in your prayers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Caimee Mooney’s** surgical procedure went well. The best and most effective method of treatment for her is still being discussed.

**Michael and Jesse Vasquez** (OHS students) have improved. Michael was released from the hospital and Jesse was expected to be released soon and was being scheduled for rehab. Keep these brothers in your prayers.

### **Prayer List**

Lee Roy Bell, Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Marjorie Foster; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Janis Laminack; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Tanya Nichols; Trina Plyler; Elvia Ruckman; Charles Simmons; Cindy Starcher; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Michael & Jesse Vasquez; Jurlean Warren; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright;

### **Eisenhower’s Shut-ins**

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; 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...**

Because of the popularity of Paul and Barnabas, the Jews of Antioch were filled with envy and Paul said, “Lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us saying...I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles.” From which major prophet was he quoting for his authority?

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

The pool of Siloam is outside Jerusalem so the answer is false.

## Events

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

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.

The **"Tipton Children's Home"** will be here August 1st–3rd for their food drive. They have given us a list of the **Needed Items:** Assorted Cereal, Assorted Soups, Presweetened Kool Aid, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Canned Chili, Granulated Sugar, Miracle Whip, Squeeze Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Canned Pears, Sliced Peaches; **Supply List:** Liquid Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue.

The **"New Mexico Children's Home"** will be back in Odessa September 7th, 2017. They are requesting **applesauce**. Monetary donations also accepted.

## Office News

The Odessa Christian School has several teaching positions available for the next school year. They need teachers for the Pre-K, Elementary and Middle School classrooms. OSC is also in need of an Office Secretary. If interested in any of these positions, please call the Odessa Christian School office 362-6311.

**Attention Ladies...**All ladies 60 years and up are invited to **"The Steel Magnolias' Summer Tea"** hosted by the teenage girls' class on Saturday, July 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex. Ladies, please mark your calendars for that date. Please sign the signup sheet that is in the east foyer.

**NOTE:** Sunday, July 30th is our **"Fifth Sunday Services"**. We will have a potluck luncheon after the morning service followed by our P.M. service in the annex. We want to invite all our visitors to join us.

### July 2, 2017

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Larry May  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Josh Weakland  
Don Easlon  
Tony Marrs

### P.M.

Larry May  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Dylan Straw  
Bill Butler  
Bill Brown

Lord's Supper  
West...

Jr. Munoz  
Bill Tolbert  
Mike Roemisch  
Richard Siler  
Trinidad Wood  
Bill Brown

Scot Straw  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Don Easlon 288-5834; *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Scot Straw 368-7852; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Bill Ryan 272-5507; *Collections*: Bill Ryan 272-5507

**Sunday AM**

*“Lessons for Newlyweds”*  
*(Romans 7:1-6)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Betrayal”*  
*(Matthew 26:47-50)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 79*  
*Morning Worship...119*  
*Evening Worship...72*  
*Wednesday...87*  
*Contribution...\$5,699.50*