

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Man Who Lived Too Long

The true story is told three times in Scripture—in 2 Kings 20; 2 Chronicles 32 and Isaiah 38 and 39. He did not outlive his health. He did not outlive his mind. But Hezekiah may have outlived his love for God.

King Hezekiah brought sorely needed religious reform and restoration to Judah. When he fell sick, God's prophet Isaiah told him that his time was up. He was only 39 years old! "Thus say the Lord, "Set your house in order, for you shall die; and not soon recover." Hezekiah was as rattled as you and I would be by such news. He wept bitterly, and he prayed fervently. Graciously, God sent Isaiah back with a promise of fifteen more years as a result of Hezekiah's prayer.

In his prayer, the king asked God to remember how he had walked before Him in faithfulness and with a whole heart and how he had done what was good in God's sight. He vowed to walk in humility all of his days if he was allowed to recover.

God answered Hezekiah's prayer, but Hezekiah did not keep his promise. In foolish pride, he showed off his wealth to foreigners who would come back as greedy enemies. Three years after his desperate prayer, Hezekiah's first son was born to him. What joy! But that son, Manasseh, would become king at age 12, reign for 55 years and lead the people "astray to do more evil than the nations had done whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel." And to think he never would even have been born if Hezekiah had died at 39. Isaiah came back to warn Hezekiah about how bad things would turn out in his family and his country after he died. The only bottom line that Hezekiah cared to see was that "there will be peace and security in my days."

I don't know what the original illness was that threatened his life, but by now Hezekiah had a serious heart condition. I hope that he did not die with it, but it seems like Hezekiah lived too long.

What would you do if death was knocking hard on the door? If you prayed, and God responded with assurance of a specific bonus span of time to your life, what would you do with that extra time? Would you spend it selfishly or give it back to God in faithful and grateful service.

Here's the real question: what are you doing with the life God has given you today?

Think about the rest of your life this way: "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and

make a profit” - yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? ...For you are a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin” (James 4:13-17)

Pray like Bernard of Clairvaux did: “O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.”

—Danny Boggs

Neosho, MO

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of **Linda Horton**. Linda passed from this life Saturday, June 25th at Medical Center Hospital following a long illness. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 9th at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

Prayer Requests

Mirta Garcia is having trouble with her back. She has a bulged disc and is on bed rest for the next few weeks to recover.

Jim Craig's niece, **Paisley Ausbrook's**, one and half month old baby girl underwent open heart surgery last week. The family is requesting prayers for Paisley's baby daughter.

Jim Craig is also requesting prayers for **Ednee Darby** who was involved in an automobile accident last Saturday night, June 25th in Lubbock. Ednee's little six year old granddaughter sustained a fractured spine and also a fractured pelvis from the accident. Keep this family in your prayers.

Concerns Update

John Cole was able to go home from the hospital Friday, June 24th. He will have home help care to assist him with rehab.

Sissy Bundick's bloodwork that she had done last week turned out good. Sissy is Lindsey Well's stepmom.

Bill Bundick, Lindsey Well's grandfather, was diagnosed with salmonella food poisoning.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Neva Carrigan; Eddy Chavez; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; John Cole; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Ethan Driggers; John Ford; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Kelsey Gomez; Anna Groves; 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; Judy Wells; 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, Marilyn Upshaw; 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

The Texas and Clements Ladies Bible Class have invited our ladies to their “**Annual Ladies Day**” program on Saturday, August 13th, 2016. Urisonya Flunder from the 20th & Birch Church of Christ in Lubbock will be their guest speaker. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Ladies, please mark this date on your calendars.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What did King David steal from Uriah?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

Samson’s last words were, “Strengthen me I pray, just this once, O Lord”.

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.

Office News

The “**Odessa Christian School**” is in need of a degreed classroom teacher. They are not concerned with the grade level of teaching expertise. If you qualify and are interested, please contact Nancy Campbell at the school 362-6311.

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.

Our “**Fifth Sunday Services**” is July 31st. We will have a potluck following our morning services followed by our evening service. All our visitors are welcomed to join us.

New Mailing Address

Steve Horton, P.O. Box 12641, Odessa, TX 79768

Food for Thought...

A chip on the shoulder eventually becomes a heavy load.

July 3, 2016

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Josh Weakland
Charles Wood
Mike Roemisch

P.M.

Larry May
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Isaiah Armendarez
Scot Straw
Bill Ryan

Lord's Supper

West...

Josh Wells

Jr. Munoz

Isaiah Armendarez

Tom Sorenson

Communion

(In Library)

East...

Jeff Wesson

Charles Wood

Dex Dennard

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Jr. Munoz 363-1309; *Pulpit*: Tony Marrs 553-7349; *Table*: Tom Sorenson 631-2518; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Fight the Lord's Battles"
(1 Samuel 18:17)

Sunday PM

"Love Fervently"
(1 Peter 1:22)

Our Records

Bible Class... 76

*Morning Worship...*125

*Evening Worship...*73

*Wednesday...*71

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