

Eisenhower Church of Christ

These Are Your Marching Orders, Too!

Just before our Lord ascended into heaven to assume His position on the throne of the universe, He left a command which was both a charge and a challenge to all who would walk under His banner. That charge has become the marching orders of the church of Christ. Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:18-20). This command was the impelling power which sent the early Christians "about preaching the word," and it must once again become an imminent impulsion with every child of God until this generation can also say that the Gospel has been "preached in all creation under heaven."

These marching orders issued by the Great Commander-in-Chief resulted in action which would today be termed fanatical. Many sold their houses and their land; others deserted their homes instead of their Savior and so were scattered abroad. Some changed both their religion and their occupation. Some were imprisoned, some banished from society. A goodly number made the supreme sacrifice. But before these sainted souls are stigmatized as fanciful fanatics, let the world take note of the terrific impact which they had upon a decaying civilization. These devoted disciples of the first century accepted their marching orders and in keeping with their Master's wishes, quite literally "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

The marching orders have not changed. Neither has the condition of the world. It is still wrong side up. How then can we allow the Lord's charge to have a different effect upon our lives? We, too must be willing to leave our "father's house" and our "kindred" and go into the places where the lost are calling. Preachers must open their ears to the Macedonian call echoing loudly from countless cities destitute of spiritual truth. Every evangelist should make it his aim, at least once during his life, to preach the Gospel where Christ has not been named (cf. Romans 15:20). The challenge of Christ and the condition of the cosmos make this imperative. But the marching orders reach deeper than this. Brethren everywhere need to be awakened to the fertile fields which await the harvest sickle. Savable souls abound in areas of the globe that we have hardly thought about and they are plentiful in sections of the country not remotely removed from our "strongholds." Christian people, with faith in their hearts and God's Word in their hands, need to go into the highways and byways seeking those who have fallen by the wayside. The Lord's work must be supported by the personal efforts of every Christian. The preaching of the Gospel must extend beyond the confines of our "meeting houses" to the very boundaries of the human race. When brethren's fervor for furthering the cause of Christ reaches the stage which critics term fanatical then perhaps the world will both largely note and long remember what we have done here.

May we profit by the mistake of a defeated king of the ancient world. The army of Sparta was invading the country of Thrace and as they crossed the Hellespont, the king sent to the people of the different regions asking whether he should march through their country as a friend or as a foe. Most of the regions replied, "By all means as a friend." But the king of Macedonia said, "I will take time to consider it." The king of Sparta quickly answered this indecision. "Then let him consider it, but meantime we march, we march." It is just so with the spiritual hosts of wickedness. While congregations are considering the possibility of helping in mission work, the army of Satan is

marching. While Gospel preachers hesitate in their decision to go into ALL the world, the army of Satan is marching. During the lingering lull of our indecision and inactivity, souls are trampled under by the trudging feet of time. Let us not linger lest we lose the precious souls for which the Lord died. Remember, these are your marching orders, too.

—James W. Boyd

Response

Daniel Igo responded to the invitation last Sunday, July 8th. He stated that he had sin in his life and asked forgiveness from God and his brethren. Daniel expressed a desire to live right before God and has placed his membership with us here at Eisenhower. Please get to know Daniel and give him a warm welcome.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Kallie Wesson in the loss of her grandmother, **Patsy Hoermann**, who passed from this life on July 4th. Her funeral services were conducted on July 7th in Andrews.

Prayer Request

Carolyn Wilkerson was hospitalized last week due to dehydration and just not feeling well. She is home now but still not feeling well. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers.

Jennie Fuls is in rehab at this time. She is making some progress, but is still in need of prayers.

Charles Simmons is home recuperating from a seizure he had last week. Prayers have been requested for him.

Concerns Update

Caydon Parker will not have to undergo the major surgery as was first planned. Cook's Children's Hospital referred him to another hospital in Plano, TX where Caydon will be fitted with a chest brace he will have to wear for one year. The brace will have to be adjusted at least twice during that time. Continue to pray for Caydon that this procedure will work out great.

Wayne Bradford was released from the hospital Friday, July 6th. He is at home under Hospice Care. Please continue to keep Wayne in your prayers.

Elsie Bradford is still in the Nursing Home and is doing better. She is clear of staph infection. She is recovering from a broken femur bone.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Gayle Bitner; Elsie Bradford; Wayne Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; David Castor; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Juan & Estella Morolez; Maxine Newton; Caydon Parker; Jackie Rex; Ida Rodriguez; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Chuck Weaver; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What was the name of the king of Amalek who Saul spared in disobedience to the Lord?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

It was the city of Ephesus who told Paul, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost". Then he explained the way more perfectly and they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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.

Crib Shower

We are hosting a *“Crib Shower”* for Jacey & Dex Dennard who is expecting their baby girl, Jaye Catherine, in August. They are requesting diapers (all sizes) and wipes.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Cameron & Alyssa May on the birth of their son, **Owen Mitchell**, who arrived at 8:02 a.m., July 9th, 2018. Owen weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 in. long. Owen’s “Proud Grandparents” are Larry & Janis May. Again, congratulations to the May family.

A PSALM OF SUMMER

Now it came to pass that Spring turned to Summer again. God’s people raised their voices and said: “Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay at home; he maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; he leadeth me down the interstate each weekend. He restoreth my suntan; he leadeth me to state parks for comfort’s sake. Even though I stray on the Lord’s Day, I will fear no reprimand, for thou art with me. I anointest my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth dry; surely my trailer shall follow me all the weekends this summer and I shall return to the house of the Lord this Fall.

“But then it is hunting season and that’s another Psalm.”

–Bulletin Digest

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Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jaxon Straw
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Don Easlon
Bill Tolbert
Doug Guynn

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Richard Siler
Charles Wood
Jr. Munoz

Lord's Supper

West...

Scot Straw
Bill Ryan
Richard Siler

Cody Wesson
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Rudy Ochoa
Charles Wood
George Warren

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Larry May 638-3990 *Table*: Cody Wesson 561-5302 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

“Now Then Do It”
(2 Samuel 3:17-18)

Sunday PM

"Testing of Abraham"
(Hebrews 11:6-9, 17-19)

Our Records

Bible Class... 49
Morning Worship...97
Evening Worship...68
Wednesday...46
Contribution...\$4,944.00

