

Eisenhower Church of Christ

There are Voices that Call

One of the great battles of this age, and every age, is an attempt to conquer and control the minds of men. There are powerful appeals to the low, sensual, and evil desires in the hearts of men. There seems to be a determined attempt to undermine and destroy the moral standards that once made America great. Our homes are being destroyed, our families are fragmented and our children are left without moral training and direction. However, not all is lost because we still have the Word of God and some faithful men who preach God's Word in a sinful and rebellious world. So, there are still voices vibrant with hope and inspiration and these voices summon us to rise to pursue high ideals and to live righteous lives. There are still lights that shine in the darkness and the Gospel is still God's power unto salvation to all who believe and obey the truth (Romans 1:16).

Jesus blessed His disciples when their ears and eyes were open to spiritual instruction, saying, "***Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear***" (Matthew 13:16). One can see and hear what he wants to hear and see along the pathway of life. He can feed on filth and rejoice in evil or feast on the Word of life and rejoice in righteousness.

All Should Hear and Obey the Gospel

Paul says God has chosen us unto salvation through sanctification and belief of the truth, "***Whereunto He called you by our gospel***" (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14). The call of the Gospel is optional, or our response to it is because we have the power to accept or reject it as we see fit. The Gospel call is an intelligent, understandable message addressed to man's mind. It begins with teaching and results in hearing, learning and then coming unto God (John 6:44-45).

1. Hear the Gospel of Christ (Romans 10:13-18).
2. Believe in Christ (Hebrews 11:6; Acts 16:31)
3. Repent all past sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess that Jesus is God's son (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37).
5. Be baptized (which consists of a burial or immersion for the remission of sins) (Romans 6:1-8; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16).

We make no apology for the "five steps" or acts of faith mentioned above since we are encouraged to "***walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham***" (Romans 4:12). In fact, walking by faith is characteristic of all of those who seek to please God. Let us also bear in mind that when salvation is affirmed based on one condition in a passage of Scripture, it can never be received without that condition being met, although it may require a great deal more. "Whosoever will" may come in humble, submissive obedience to the Gospel of Christ (Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 7:21), while vengeance from God awaits those who obey not the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Reject the Call of the World

The world's call is a powerful and sensual appeal to the lusts that result in sin and separation from God. ***“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world”*** (1 John 2:16). The attraction of wealth, the pursuit of sinful pleasure, and the desire for worldly fame, or power, never brings lasting peace or satisfaction. It is like the desert mirage, with its false promise of water, for the fevered lips and swollen tongue of a man dying of thirst. (Continued on Page 4)

Prayer Requests

Prayers were requested for **Josh Wells**. He had a medical procedure done last Tuesday in Ft. Worth. Keep Josh in your prayer that he has a quick recovery from his surgery.

Atasi Titlow (a former member) was taken to the ER on Friday, July 7th. She has been having headaches and neck pain. Test show that she has had a series of mini strokes due to a bilateral vertebrae artery dissection. Atasi needs prayers to get well. She and Clint live in Colorado and are parent of twins.

Concerns Update

Doug Guynn's MRI had his (rescheduled) MRI test done on Friday, July 14th. Keep Doug in your prayers that he receives a good report.

Jefferson Wood had toe surgery on Thursday, July 13th. Prayers were requested that the surgery would go well. Let's pray for a speedy recovery for Jeff.

Bill Tate (Linda's husband) is having physical therapy at the Encompass Health Rehab Hospital in Midland. He is expected to be released to go home tomorrow morning and continue his therapy at home. Continue to keep Bill in your prayers for a speedy recovery from his hip surgery.

Sylvia Campos has not started her physical therapy yet, but it should be soon.

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; Connie Jimenez; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Emma Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Bill Tate; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; Jefferson Wood; John Wood; Natalynn Wood.

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.

Office News

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” is July 24th-26th at 6:30—8:00 pm, Monday thru Wednesday. The theme is: “The Flood”.

NOTE: We are missing an Annex Key that is on a green dowel rod. If you have this key in your possession, please turn it in to the office. We need to keep track as to where all the keys to the annex are. Thank you.

Food for Thought

Folks are generally about as happy as they make up their mind to be. The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention. It’s very easy for parents to hear themselves talking; all they have to do is listen to their children.

Heed the Call from Within

We are told that *“to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”* (James 4:17). The preaching of the Gospel brings a conscious knowledge of right and wrong and results in recognition of our sinful condition, and the need of repentance. Peter’s audience on Pentecost were convicted of having crucified and slain their Lord and were “pricked in their heart” and said, *“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* (Acts 2:37-38). It was through such preaching that Stephen’s hearers were *“cut to the heart”* (Acts 7:54) and Paul’s preaching caused sinful Felix to tremble (Acts 24:25). The only acceptable response to such preaching is faith in God and obedience to His will.

The Final Call to Men

The final call that will be issued to all men is not optional. It is the inevitable call of death, and our summons to judgment (Hebrews 9:27). When the Lord descends from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God is sounded, none will fail to heed the summons (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

The other calls that we have mentioned are optional. You can hear and obey the Gospel or reject it. You can walk in the ways of the sinful world or refuse its temptations. You can heed the promptings of a good conscience or ignore its protests against evil until it becomes seared and dead, but you cannot evade death. You have no power to escape the final judgment to come (John 5:28-29). So, why not prepare now, my friend?

— J. A. McNutt

July 16, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Don Easlon
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Don Easlon
Bill Ryan
Jeff Wesson
Jon Roemisch

P.M.

Don Easlon
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Don Easlon
Scot Straw
David Baldwin
Cody Wesson

Lords Supper

Cody Wesson
Steve Easlon
Jr. Munoz
Caleb York

Jon Roemisch
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson — Contributions: Jon Roemisch

Sunday AM

“Divine View of Marriage”
(Hebrews 13:4)

Sunday PM

“Recharging the Battery”
(Joshua 15:13-19)

Our Records

Bible Class... 82
Morning Worship... 101
Evening Worship ... 58
Wednesday... 79
Contribution... \$6,043.25