

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Hungering and Thirsting

Have you ever been really hungry or really thirsty? We who live in this country are often so blessed that we do not experience the lack of food or drink. It is very seldom that we go without food or water for any length of time. But it is certain that when we do we are not very happy about it. On occasion it does happen that we will be extremely hungry or thirsty. And when we are hungry, really hungry it seems that there is not enough food in the world to satisfy our desire. The same is true when we are exceedingly thirsty. A barrel full of water would barely touch our thirst, Jesus said in Matthew 5:6 ***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*** This is the attitude that we should have toward being righteous. We should hunger and thirst after it. We should desire it as a starved man desires food or as a man stranded in the desert desires and longs for drink.

But is this the way that we think about being righteous? Do we desire to be filled? If not perhaps it is the case that we have left off doing what we should for too long. There is something that happens to those that have not eaten or drank anything for too long. When one is forced to do without physical food and drink as would happen to one stranded in the desert for many days, they start to lose their desire for these things. And as is often the case when this happens they must be forced to drink and eat. It may take them several days to once again regain a healthy appetite and thirst. We know often when people lose their desire for food that they are not healthy. But those that are healthy will eat. If we are not thirsting after righteousness, it shows that we are not as healthy spiritually as we should be.

We need to have the desire to be righteous so that we will become righteous. Who has ever become something that they have not desired? And if they did were they ever any good at it until their desire grew? The same is true for righteousness. Having a desire for righteousness does not necessarily mean that we like doing all that we have to do in order to reach that desired goal. As any athlete may not like all that they must subject themselves to in order to be good at what they do. Nor do many of us like going to work every day but know that we must if we want to have money to live on. The same is true for those that desire to be right before God. But we will do what we need to do in order to be righteous.

All the work that is involved in being righteous is not always desired. But if we want to be right in God's sight we will do all that is required to do so. If you have the desire to be righteous, I hope that you truly are hungering and thirsting for it. I hope that you have not become ill to the point that you would rather die than eat and drink. The goal of heaven is worth the price of preparation. We may have to work harder at study and living a godly life. We may have to make time in our busy schedule for worship, study and gospel meetings. We may have to give up some of life's pleasures in order to feast on righteousness. But when we have done all, we will be able to stand

before God on the Judgement Day and be able to enter into an eternal rest and drink up all the glories of God and heaven. The result is worth the effort. Let us feast on the righteousness of God that is found in His word.

—Robert Barcroft

Baptism

Our hearts were made to rejoice Monday evening, July 11th, 2016 when **Honorio** and **Blanca Ramos** confessed their sins and then put their Lord on in baptism. Allen Weakland had the honor of assisting them in their obedience to the gospel. Let's give our new brother and sister a very warm welcome into the body of Christ.

Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the family of **Neva Carrigan**. Neva passed from this life Thursday evening, July 7th, 2016 after a lengthy illness. Her funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 11th at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Allen Weakland conducted the service.

We would like to express our sympathy to Rod Nutter and his family in the loss of his father, **Michael Nutter**. Michael passed away July 6th. His services were held at Frank Wilson's Funeral Home at 11:00 Monday, July 11th. Rod and Charis were members at Eisenhower a few years back.

Prayer Requests

Mitchell Bundick (cousin of Lindsey Wells) will be starting some transfusions soon. Mitchell had a heart transplant a few years ago and is recently showing signs of rejection. Please pray these transfusions help reverse the sign of rejection.

Maria Anaya is requesting prayers for her niece, **Monica Garcia**. She is in the hospital due to her lupus getting out of control. The family is requesting prayers for Monica at this time.

Concerns Update

Eddie Chavez, Ashley Carson's father, will not be needing surgery since they did not see any of the tumor left but he will have to go to Houston for radiation treatments when a date is set. Eddie will have to stay in Houston for approximately six weeks for the treatments.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Bill Bundick; Sissy Bundick; 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; Patty Montgomery; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singleterry; Bob Spurlin; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells;

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

How many Old Testament quotations are there in the New Testament?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

Matthew’s Gospel has the most quotations from the Old Testament. It has 70.

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.

NOTE: CHURCH DIRECTORY ADDITION...

Honorio & Blanca Ramos, 2401 Halifax Ave., Odessa, TX 79761 (Phone 432-258-5021)

July 17, 2016

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

A.M.

Larry May
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Bill Brown
Bill Butler
Rudy Ochoa

P.M.

Larry May
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Bill Ryan
Jacob Carson
Tony Marrs

West...

Josh Wells
Don Easlon
Jr. Munoz

Tom Sorenson
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Trinidad Wood
Jacob Carson
Dylan Straw

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

“*Keeping One From Sin*”
(1 Samuel 25:32-33)

Sunday PM

“*The Abiding Word*”
(1 Peter 1:22-23)