

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Just a State of Mind

A woman summoned her waiter and requested that he turn the air-conditioning down. Minutes later, she summoned the waiter again, asking that the air-conditioning be turned up. As her complaints continued, a man seated at the next table said to the waiter, “She must be driving you crazy, making you turn the air-conditioning up and down like that,” “Not at all,” the waiter replied, “We don’t have air-conditioning.”

I have observed a lot of people like that woman. Some of them keep their thermostats on eighty in the winter and seventy-two in the summer. Still, their houses are too cold in January and too warm in July. It’s all a matter of mind.

The bible conveys a similar message. Solomon wrote of man, *“as he thinks is in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7)*. We are what we think. The apostle Paul admonished, *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8)*.

Whatever we allow to fill our minds will control our lives.

Jesus taught that *“out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34)*. Words and deeds are the expressions of thoughts. It is no wonder that Solomon also wrote: *“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23)*.

Those concerned with living right will also be concerned with thinking right. The mind is a battlefield. To win the war we must keep the battlefield cleared of all those things which make for defeat. That is why Christians oppose pornography, filthy and vulgar language, indecent movies and TV programs, and vulgar and suggestive books and magazines. The battle is difficult enough without filling the mind with that kind of garbage.

In order to succeed in the struggle we must fill our minds with God’s word. The Psalmist exclaimed, *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11)*. We must do the same.

—Roger Rush

Priorities in Worship

“Worship” is a familiar term for many, but few of us may know much about its origins. This is clear in how we use the term somewhat casually in everyday language. The term originally meant “worth-ship,” that is, to give or recognize the worth of someone or something. We may use it in common speech to indicate affection, but it is really much more than that. Worship is a reverent act of declaring God’s inestimable power, his unparalleled love, and perfect goodness. So how do we do this properly? ...By keeping three things in mind.

- 1. Be prepared.** Rushing out the door, screaming at the kids to take their breakfast with them and put their shoes on in the car is not being prepared. It is stepping into the church building already having conditioned our minds for the importance of giving God the glory He is due.
- 2. Put aside other thoughts.** Things like what we’re having for lunch, last night’s episode of our favorite television show, and whether our belt matches our shoes distracts us more than we might realize. Worship is entering into the presence of God with our fellow believers, and should be treated as such.

3. Focus our minds. Keeping our minds on God is vital. Hymns to God should not be sung half-heartedly. We should pay attention in prayers and meditate during the Lord's Supper. Distractions will appear, to be sure. A crying infant who refuses to be satisfied or a toddler trying to escape his parents by army-crawling under the pew in front of him, are inevitabilities. But our reverence for God is reflected in how well we can put aside distractions and focus on Him. As the creator and redeemer of our souls, He is more than worth the effort.

—Dewayne Bryant
Rush Springs church of Christ
Rush Springs, OK

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Thelma Henry**, Jurlean Warren's older sister and June Smith's aunt. Thelma passed away Wednesday afternoon, July 13th, in Tennessee. Jurlean and June traveled to Tennessee for her services. Keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

John Wood just completed five steroid infusions (one per day). Please keep John in your prayers that the treatments will be successful in controlling his pain.

Charles Simmons will have another surgical procedure on Friday, July 22nd in San Angelo. This procedure will burn nerves in his back in order to relieve pain. Continue to keep Charles in your prayers.

Concerns Update

James Drake had out-patient surgery Thursday, July 14th at MCH. His pacemaker was replaced and upgraded. James went home that afternoon and was feeling okay but was expected to feel even better in a day or so. Continue to keep James in your prayers.

Opal Hager and **Virginia Stanton** (Christy Weakland's grandmothers) both are dealing with serious health issues at this time. The family is requesting prayers for them.

Mitchell Bundick (a heart transplant recipient) underwent blood transfusion treatments to help reverse the signs of rejection. Mitchell is Tracie Halbert's brother and Lindsey Well's cousin. Please keep Mitchell in your prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Bill Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Eddy Chavez; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; 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; Carolyn Morrison; 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.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Who did Jesus heal beside the pool?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

There are at least 260 OT quotes in the NT.

Thank You

Words can't express how much we appreciate all the kindness you all have shown to our family through the sickness and now passing of our precious mother and wife, Neva Carrigan. From home and hospital visits, to food for the family and Allen officiating the funeral, you have all been a blessing to us all.

In Christian love, The Carrigan and Collum family

Eisenhower Family,

Thank you for all the hugs, phone calls and cards. It meant a lot to see you at mom's funeral. Thank you again.

Love, Eugene & Anita Smith & Matthews & McGlothlin families.

Dear Eisenhower,

We appreciate your cards, calls and all your prayers in the past few months. We thank you for your continued encouragement and love. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

In Christian Love, Susan & Charles Simmons

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 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 CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS...

Bill Brown's (up-dated) Cell Phone #432-703-6225

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

July 24, 2016

Announcements
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture
 Second Prayer
 Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
 Cody Wesson
 Allen Weakland
 Larry May
 Tony Marrs
 Rudy Ochoa
 Bill Tolbert

P.M.

Larry May
 Jacob Carson
 Allen Weakland
 Larry May
 Josh Weakland
 Don Easlon
 Josh Wells

Lord's Supper

West...

Scot Straw
 George Warren
 Dex Dennard

Tom Sorenson
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Craig Wesson
 Bill Ryan
 Richard Siler

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

"Danger within Doubt"
(1 Samuel 27:1)

Sunday PM

"Jesus"
(1 Petr 2:4-10)

Our Records

Bible Class... 73
Morning Worship...118
Evening Worship...80
Wednesday...90
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