

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Build On The Rock

As the Lord brought the Sermon on the Mount to a close, He exhorted His audience to take His teachings to heart. In Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus said, ***“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it”*** (ESV)

Most of us enthusiastically embrace this exhortation and particularly enjoy singing the song with our children about the wise man who built his house upon the rock. The simplicity of the Lord’s point should insure that we all understand exactly what He meant by it. However, it is not entirely clear that we actually grasp what the Lord intended for us to understand from it. We glibly speak about building our spiritual houses on the rock, but what do we mean when we say so? Is it possible we may be overlooking the full implications of what the Lord meant?

The Lord’s closing remarks in the Sermon on the Mount are focused on obeying God’s will. In Matthew 7:21-23 the Lord said, ***“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day. ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”***

The Lord plainly taught that only those who do the Father’s will are going to enter Heaven. He then underscored this truth by the exhortation to build on the rock. However, He did not leave us to our own devices to define what building on the rock means. He explicitly said that the one who hears His word and does it is the one who is building on the rock (verse 24). This reinforces His statement in verse 21-23, especially with regard to those who thought they were doing the Lord’s will, but were not.

It is possible for one to be busy building a spiritual house, but to be doing so on the sand because it is not based upon obedience to God’s word. The people of verse 22-23 were honest, sincere, religious people who were doing good works in service to the Lord. In their minds they were building on the rock, but the Lord said they practiced lawlessness. In the context, this can only mean that they were not doing God’s will, even though they were sincerely religious.

The obvious lesson from the Lord’s statements at the end of the Sermon on the Mount is that the only way we can build on the rock is to obey God’s Will in everything we do. This means that we must do whatever He has commanded in His word. At the end of the Great Commission, Jesus made this very point, saying ***“teaching them to observe all that I commanded you”*** (Matthew 28:20a). In Psalm 127:1 Solomon said it this way, ***“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it”***. Therefore, let us take the Lord’s teachings to heart and be wise builders by not only hearing what the Lord commands, but by doing all that He commanded. If we do so, our house will stand all the trials of life, because we have built on the rock.

—Fred Dominguez

## Response

**Casey Cleveland** came forward Sunday morning, July 19th, confessing sin and asking God's forgiveness, as well as the church, as he repents of them. Casey also made a statement that he wants to live more for Christ. Keep him in your prayers that he will be able to withstand the darts of temptation.

## Prayer Requests

**Levi McGhee**, Dwayne and Larriat's son, is scheduled for tonsillectomy surgery Friday, July 31st. He will also have dental work done at that time also.

**Bernice Easlon**, mother of Don Easlon, will undergo neck surgery, Tuesday, July 28th. Keep her in your prayers.

**Bryan Jernigan**, Jeff Wesson's cousin, is scheduled for surgery Monday, July 27th. Brian will have a tumor removed from one of his kidneys. He lives in Goldthwaite, TX. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Hannah Weakland**, will have her wisdom teeth removed Monday, August 3rd.

## Concerns Update

**Connie Lowe** will be going back to M.D. Anderson in Houston tomorrow morning for her checkup. Connie covets our prayers.

**Ed Fisher** is awaiting tests results from the tests he had done last week. Keep him in your prayers.

## Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; James Drake; Ed Fisher; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Katie Limer; Connie Lowe; Jack McCarty; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Avery Ojado; Jonathan Pegan; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Christa Bella Sellers; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Nancy Slife; James Stevens; Johna Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Tee Wood; T.J. Wright

## Eisenhower's Shut-ins

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Anna Groves; Roberta Hamil; Winford Hambright; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Caleista Millican; Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant.

## Youth

### Bible Quiz Question...

Who was the fastest chariot driver in the Bible?

### Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and buried it in a tomb cut out of the rock.

## FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Christian Take Aim**" at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch "**In Search of the Lord's Way**" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, 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.

## Events

A “Ladies Night Devotional” is scheduled for Friday, July 31st in the Annex. There will be several speakers from our congregation. Also, an “overnight lock in” is planned for all those who would like to stay.

## Office News

Since a part of “Park’s Methodist” was sold to “Memory Care Center, Anna Groves now has a new address. Please record her current address in your “Pocket Directory”... **Anna Groves #611 Memory Care Center, 201 Parks Village Drive, Odessa, TX 79765. The Office phone # 339-1048.** She loves visits. *Note: You will need to obtain the entry code from a nurse or worker to enter her section.*

Our “Food Pantry” needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially as we near the holiday season. We appreciate your generous food donations to help meet this need.

## God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation

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*“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30*

The Gospel Must be HEARD Romans 10:17; John 8:32

The Gospel Must be BELIEVED John 8:24; Mark 16:16

Sins Must be REPENTED OF Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38

Christ Must be CONFESSED Matt. 10:32-33 Rom. 10:10

There Must be BAPTISM (Immersion) for the Remission of Sins Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21

There Must be CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND FAITHFULNESS Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18; Rev. 2:10

### July 26, 2015

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

### A.M.

Larry May  
John Carroll  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Dex Dennard  
Josh Wells  
Charles Wood

### P.M.

Larry May  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Clint Titlow  
George Warren  
Richard Siler

West...

Trinidad Wood  
Bill Tolbert  
Josh Weakland

Scot Straw  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

Bill Ryan  
Dex Dennard  
Richard Siler

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 272-5507 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Scot Straw 368-7852 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Craig Wesson 561-5302 *Contributions:* Craig Wesson 561-5302

### Sunday AM”

*“Paul’s Missionary Policies”*  
(Acts 14:21-28)

### Sunday PM

*“Principles of Discipleship”*  
(Mark 9:38:50)

**Our Records**

*Bible Class...82*

*Morning Worship...130*

*Evening Worship...61*

*Wednesday...102*

*Contribution...\$3,755.00*

