

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Needed: People Who Are Full of God

His story only covers about two chapters in the New Testament, but what an impact he made! He did more in a relatively brief time of living and dying for Jesus than many Christians would do if they lived to be as old as Methuselah! I'm speaking about Stephen. One word best describes his life and it's a word we would do well to contemplate and to emulate; that word is "FULL".

"Full" is the word Scripture repeatedly uses with reference to this man of God (cf. Acts 6:3, 5, 8; 7:55). Stephen was full—he overflowed with the character of his God. Some are full of confusion or disgrace (Job 10:15). Others may be full of extortion (Matthew 23:25) or deceit and villainy (Acts 13:10). But Stephen was full of Jesus. And it showed. The word can't ignore or treat with indifference those who are genuinely full of their Lord. A lot of so-called Christianity is so weak and empty it is not even worth fighting by Satan and the world. Would "full" of God be an accurate way to describe us? Notice how Stephen was "full" of the character of God.

**(1) Stephen's Faith Was INCLUSIVE—He Was Full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:3).** By this it is meant that God had ALL of Stephen. The Lord had Stephen's heart, will and mind. God had Stephen's appetite and practice (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:22-26). And while it is true that this context involves the miraculous and that miraculous gifts have ceased (1 Corinthians 13:8-13); Hebrews 2:1-4), one ought not to lose sight of the fact that we still should be full of God and the Holy Spirit's fruit.

**(2) Stephen's Faith Was PERCEPTIVE—He Was Full of Wisdom (Acts 6:3).** Stephen knew the Source and priority of true wisdom (cf. Proverbs 9:10; Jeremiah 9:23-24). He not only knew right from wrong; he also knew what was best as distinguished from what was good (Philippians 1:9-11). Stephen was "full" of spiritual perception and wisdom. How about us? Colossians 1:9-14; Hebrews 5:11-14).

**(3) Stephen's Faith Was RESPONSIVE—He Was Full of Faith (Acts 6:5).** His was a faith that worked through love (Galatians 5:6). Stephen did not merely have faith in faith; his faith had both an object (God) and content (truth). True faith is only as good as its object and content (see Hebrews 10:22). How responsive is your faith?

**(4) Stephen's Faith Was ATTRACTIVE—He Was Full of Grace (Acts 6:8).** A shortage of grace tends to repel people, but speaking and acting graciously tends to be attractive (Ephesians 4:29; Titus 2:11-15). There is a time to speak with boldness and conviction regarding sin, as Stephen well illustrates (Acts 7). However, it also is certainly appropriate to ask, "Can others see something of the grace of God **in** and **through** us?" We are never more like our Lord than when we are full of grace! (John 1:14-18).

**(5) Stephen's Faith Was EFFECTIVE—He Was Full of Power (Acts 6:8).** The power of Stephen's words and actions is unmistakable and that is because Christ was his life (Colossians

3:4) and the gospel was his power (Romans 1:16). Whether in service to others or responding to difficulty and to persecution, there was power in Stephen's life. And that power was not his own but Christ's (cf. Philippians 3:10). Think of the impact the words and life of Stephen must have come to have on young Saul of Tarsus!

Stephen did not live to see the full impact of a life lived fully for God. And neither do we. But if we, like Stephen, take care of the depth and fullness of our spiritual life, we can count on the Lord to take care of our life and ministry's length, breath and height (Ephesians 3:18-19). And like Stephen, whose name means, "victor's crown," we too can be crowned with victory in Jesus!

— Mike Vestal

### ***Prayer Request***

**Janet Wesson** (Jeff's mother) underwent emergency surgery, Sunday, July 21st, due to an intestine problem and another follow-up surgery on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need to keep Janet in our prayers. She may have a long rehab period ahead of her.

**Bill Brown's** vocal cords were affected by the last chemo treatment. Keep him in your prayers that this problem will be resolved and his voice will be okay.

**Miquel Lozano** has requested that we keep him and his family in our prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

Please keep **Emma Ochoa** in your prayers as she goes into Medical Center Hospital tomorrow for knee replacement surgery.

**Brian Basaldua** will be on high powered chemo treatments until he is checked on August 8th to see if he can qualify to have the stem cell surgery. Brian is the brother to Mark Basaldua (Devida's son-in-law).

### ***Prayer List***

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Linda Collum; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Debbie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Conchida Williams; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

### ***Youth***

#### **Bible Quiz Question...**

What Old Testament prophet did Peter quote to begin his sermon on the Day of Pentecost? (a) Isaiah (b) Jeremiah or (c) Joel.

#### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...**

The Apostle Paul turned to preaching to the Gentiles when the Jews rejected the gospel.

## **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.

## **Thank You**

Dear Brothers & sisters at Eisenhower,

I am so very grateful for all of your prayers on my long awaited surgery. Thank you also for your comforting words, cards & delicious food provided during my recovery. May our Lord bless each one of you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Campos

## **Birth Announcement..**

Congratulations to Andrew & Darcee Schwarz on the birth of their baby boy, Macklin David Schwarz. Macklin was born at 7:58 a.m. on July 23rd and weighs 7 lbs. 11 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Again, Congratulations to the Schwarz family. They live in Oklahoma.

## **Office News**

The *“New Mexico Children’s Home”* will be in Odessa September 3rd–5th, 2019. No items are specified at this time. Monetary donations also accepted.

### **WANTED: Loyal Church Members**

- (1) All sizes; Males and Females. Baptized believers; identified with the local church.
- (2) Attend all Bible classes and worship services, except when bad health makes it impossible. Actively participates in work of the congregation.
- (3) Positive thinkers. Optimistic...“Sons of exhortation”. Not grumbling complainers. Not carping critics.
- (4) Pray daily for the church. Speak well concerning their congregation. Refuse to gossip; encourage the youth of the church.
- (5) Compliment teachers. Commend leaders. Praise good works. Sympathize with the sick. Help the weak. Lift up the discouraged.
- (6) Seek the lost. Restore the fallen. Give liberally; volunteer for service.
- (7) Eager to work. Desire a challenge. Strive for excellence in all church activities. Despise mediocrity. Put the Lord first, all else second.
- (8) Study the Bible, Live holy lives. Is this YOU?

## **July 28th, 2019**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### **A.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Rudy Ochoa  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Gary Loving  
Craig Wesson  
Richard Siler

### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Jackie Perkins  
Charles Wood  
Don Eason

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

Larry May

Scot Straw

Josh Weakland

Josh Wells

Cody Wesson

Communion

(In Library)

East

Jr. Munoz

Bill Ryan

John Wood

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Jeff Wesson—556-5547 *Deacon* : Richard Siler—362-1392 *Pulpit* : John Wood—413-7444  
*Table* : Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders* : Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons* : George Warren 557-2171 *Collections* :  
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### **Sunday AM**

*“Spiritual Nature of God’s Plan”*

*(Romans 9:6-13)*

### **Sunday PM**

*“Day of Good News”*

*(2 Kings 7:9-11)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 77*

*Morning Worship...94*

*Evening Worship...64*

*Wednesday...84*

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