

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Baptized Unbelievers (Part 2)

Baptized Unbelievers Fail in their Giving

Concerning giving, Paul taught: *“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him”* (2 Corinthians 16:2). There are baptized people who do not believe giving is necessary. Others do not give as they are prospered, or they give grudgingly only out of necessity. These types of giving are condemned (2 Corinthians 7). There are many who do not purpose in their heart what they will give to the Lord. Instead, they give of what is left over after the week’s activities. One cannot believe what God has said and act in such a manner while attempting to worship in spirit and in truth.

Baptized Unbelievers Ignore James 1:27

James designates some requirements for those who are striving to live the Christian life and manifest Christianity. *“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”* Many baptized people do not follow this admonition. Not only do they ignore the orphans and widows, but they fail to keep themselves “unspotted” by the world. Some church members live so much like worldly people one cannot tell the difference. This is sad. Many will be lost because of their unbelief.

Conclusion

Like Rome, we today face the decline of religion, even in the church. There are those who have been baptized into Christ, yet break up homes, fail to train their children and desire excitement and entertainment more than they desire to serve God. Such behavior undeniably shows unbelief, for Jesus said, *“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness”* (Matthew 6:33). May we live in such a way as Christians that we manifest active belief in God and His Word. Never become a “baptized unbeliever”!

—Tommy J. Hicks

YOU AND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

God’s wisdom is never more evident than when He provided for us a place of love and fellowship called the church. He is my Father. Jesus is my older brother, and I am surrounded by people who are my brothers and sisters. We’re part of a family. One song says, “Sometimes we laugh together and sometimes we cry...”

The church is a place where people can fail and still be drawn in close. And it is not a question of whether we fail; but is a question of when. We all have feet of clay. Sometimes our families fall apart. Sometimes we have trouble with our kids and a lot of other things.

Fifty years of preaching have taught me that all too often when people just royally mess up, they cower for a short time, then go someplace else to worship. But, when we royally mess up that's when we need our church family the most. Sadly, when a man has a deep problem, he is sometimes more apt to confess his sin to someone sitting at a bar than to people in God's family. So, when you fail, don't run away from the church. Run to the church. That's where you'll find love.

—Gary Puryear

Placed Membership

Gary and Carrie Loving moved to Odessa a few months ago and have been attending service here at Eisenhower. They have placed their membership and want to worship and serve the Lord with us here under the guidance of our eldership. Let's give Gary and Carrie a very warm welcome.

Response

Casey Cleveland came forward Sunday evening, July 30th asking forgiveness of his past sins against the Lord and His church. Please keep Casey in your prayers that he will put the Lord first in his life and the desire to become a stronger Christian in order to fight off the fiery darts of temptation.

Prayer Request

Wilene Wright was admitted into MCH Tuesday morning, August 1st. She was being scheduled for a biopsy. Wilene is in Room #506.

We need to keep **Harold Carrigan** in our prayers as he is going through a rough time. He is still at Madison Medical Resort.

Concerns Update

Jurlean Warren is still having both good days and bad days. We need to continue to keep Jurlean in our prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Jane Burroughs; John Cole; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Glenda Hillis; Cathy Irby; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Alana May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Elvia Ruckman; Ryan Charles Rutledge; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; James Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; 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 Paul ask Philemon to forgive in his letter?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

It was the woman at the well who said to Jesus, "Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well."

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.

The "**20th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**" at the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock is scheduled for October 8th–11th, 2017. The Theme is "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth. The flyer showing all the speakers for this year is posted on the bulletin board.

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be back in Odessa September 7th, 2017. They are requesting **applesauce**. Monetary donations also accepted.

PURPOSE

Life without purpose
is barren indeed,
There can't be a harvest
unless you plant seed,
There can't be attainment
unless there's a goal,
And man's but a robot
unless there's a soul...
If we send no ships out,
no ships will come in,
And unless there's a contest,
nobody can win...
For games can't be won
unless they are played,
And prayers can't be answered
unless they are prayed,
So whatever is wrong
with your life today,
You'll find a solution
if you kneel down and pray,
Not just for honors
and prestige and wealth...
But pray for a purpose
to make life worth living,
and pray for the joy
of unselfish giving,
For great is your gladness
and rich is your reward,
When you make your life's
purpose the choice of the Lord.

—Helen Steiner Rice

August 6th, 2017

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

A.M.

Allen Weakland
 Jaxon Straw
 Allen Weakland
 Allen Weakland
 Dex Dennard
 Bill Tolbert
 Mike Roemisch

 Scot Straw
 Josh Wells
 Richard Siler
 Jr. Munoz
 Bill Ryan
 Tommy Garcia

P.M.

Allen Weakland
 Craig Wesson
 Allen Weakland
 Allen Weakland
 Josh Weakland
 Bill Butler
 Tom Sorenson

 Chris Butler
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*: Jr. Munoz 363-1309; *Pulpit*: Jacob Carson 940-3775; *Table*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Craig Wesson 934-4633; *Collections*: Craig Wesson 934-4633

Sunday AM

"The New Testament Provides Us Hope"
(Romans 8:18-25)

Sunday PM

"Crucifixion of Jesus"
(Matthew 27:32-26)

Our Records

Bible Class... 66
*Morning Worship...*115
*Evening Worship...*74
*Wednesday...*75
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