

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Preach the Word

There are a lot of priggish, puritanical brethren who are led astray by the assumed piety of certain preachers. What brother “Long-face” preaches is surely the truth because he is such a devout man. They size up what he preaches by his piety and not by the Book. I am not opposed to piety. The bible teaches us to be sober. It also teaches us to be honest. But the man who keeps insisting that he is honest is generally a crook. And he who parades his piety is usually a hypocrite. Piety, like honesty, flourishes better when it is treated as something personal and too sacred to be put on parade.

If piety is the test of soundness, then the Pharisees would be orthodox. They were reverent. The Pharisee would stand on the street corner and make long prayers. He could be seen of all men. I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, nor a dresser of sycamore trees, but I predict that these super pious brethren will be on the street corners next. Paul was reverent, saintly, godly and heavenly minded, but was not too pious to call one fellow a “son of the devil” (Acts 13:10). His brotherly love did not keep him from resisting Peter. ***“I resisted him to his face because he stood condemned”*** (Galatians 2:11). The real test of one’s orthodoxy is not his sincerity or affected devotion, but whether he is true to the charge to preach the Word.

Realizing that the Gospel and not piety is the power of God unto salvation, how shall we preach it? It must be preached boldly and without fear or favor. The second recorded prayer in Acts is a prayer for boldness. Brethren today ask the preacher to tone down his preaching until it is so tame as to be insipid.

Some say that we should be like John, the apostle of love. Of course, they think John was not vigorous and trenchant in his preaching. Was John a shy, soft, effeminate preacher of the Word? The Sanhedrin was amazed at the boldness of Peter and John (Acts 4:13). Please notice that the text says “Peter and John.” John was just as bold as Peter.

What reckless saints were those early preachers: they did not regard their own lives in preaching Christ (Acts 20:24). Watch these great men in action and compare some brethren who are apparently afraid to quote the Great Commission with emphasis lest they should offend some sectarian. No doubt the uncompromising fearlessness of these apostles was derived from Christ. ***“They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus”*** (Acts 4:13). No one would suspect a compromising, cringing preacher of having been associated with the world’s greatest Preacher.

Faithful preaching of the Word of God will accomplish divine results. **First:** The Word preached, believed and obeyed will put one into Christ where he is saved from his sins (Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Gal. 3:26-27). **Second:** The Word preached will expose false teachers. Paul told the elders of the church at Ephesus that false brethren would arise among them: ***“I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them”*** (Acts 20:29-30). False teachers should be exposed. Those in the church shall not be spared. **Third:** The Word preached fulfills the sacred charge of Paul to Timothy.

We would thus save ourselves. ***“Take heed unto thyself and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee”*** (I Timothy 4:16).

The early preachers did not please everybody. Occasionally a preacher of our day boasts that all were pleased with his work. Even the sects dismissed to attend his services. How different from Paul. He did not please the world or all the brethren. When he went into a place to preach he had a revival or a riot. The enemies of the truth spoke of Paul and his companions after this fashion, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

—G. K. Wallace

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Jack Wright**. Jack passed from this life around 5:00 p.m. at MCH on Thursday, August 8th. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Chapel on Monday, August 12th and His services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the Eisenhower Church of Christ. Allen Weakland conducted the services.

A fatal car accident, on the evening of August 7th on U.S. 84, took the lives of **Ella and Aranza Payne** (daughters of Rob & Christy Payne). The Payne family lives in Amherst, TX. and are members of the church there. Their funeral services were held on Thursday, August 15th at 3:00 p.m. in Littlefield, TX.

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; 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... Fill in the Blank

When the Lord returns "both the earth and the _____ that are in it will be burned up."

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah. (Genesis 25:20)

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

My Christian family; I would like to thank you all for the prayers, words of encouragement and cards I have received. Progress is slow but I'm feeling better every week. In Christian

Love, Linda Collum.

Birth Announcement...

Congratulations to Mirta and Tommy Garcia on the birth of their baby girl, **Marisela**. Marisela was born Monday, August 12th at 12:16 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20.25 inches long. Marisela joins her big brother and sister, Tommy and Mireya. Again, congrats!

Office News

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be in Odessa Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019. They have requested **Individual Instant Oatmeal Assorted and Grape Jelly**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Note: A “Family Devotional” is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gloria Craig. Please bring a side dish and a chair; the meats will be furnished.

A Tattered Book

Before me is a tattered book with frayed edges and a torn cover. It’s not an old book, but a well-worn one. It has been dropped, stepped on, cried on and sweated over. Some of the pages have been repaired with scotch tape after being torn by accident, or by the non-malicious shenanigans of my toddler son.

It’s obvious the words of the book have been labored over. Some of them are underlined; some are highlighted in yellow, while others are contained in brackets of various configurations. To the sides of some of the words are scribbled stars, question marks and, by some, exclamation points.

Yet, in spite of its dilapidated appearance, the book remains precious. I unashamedly carry it and would open it in the presence of the vilest as well as nobility. It’s the focal point of my library and, as far as I’m concerned, every other library on earth. It contains not only the answers to every question man has ever asked, but also answers to some he hasn’t thought to ask.

This book is my companion during my journeys into territories of life where I must walk alone. It’s my staff which sometimes supports a tired spirit and a battered faith. It’s my counselor and source of counseling to others because it is the final rule by which all is measured to be true or false, wise or foolish.

You see, this book is close to my heart because it is the only thing on this earth that can tell me of a Savior’s love. It is God’s one and only communication to modern man. It’s the living and life-giving Word of God; My Bible.

–Bulletin Digest

August 18th, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Jackie Perkins	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Jr. Munoz
Closing Prayer	Gary Loving	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Josh Weakland</u>	
West...	Scot Straw	Jacob Carson
	Jeff Wesson	Communion
	Trinidad Wood	(In Library)
East	Richard Siler	
	Oliver Hernandez	
	Miguel Lozano	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon* : Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit* : Tom Sorenson 638-9447 *Table* : Jacob Carson 940-3775 – *Song Leaders* : Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons* : Josh Wells 770-6753 *Collections* : Josh Wells 770-6753

Sunday AM

"Lamentation of Jesus"
(Luke 19:36-41)

Sunday PM

"Rights/Responsibilities of the Redeemed"
(Hebrews 10:19-25)

Our Records

Bible Class... 71

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