

Eisenhower Church of Christ

While the Earth Remains

Since 1970 April 22nd has been officially recognized as “Earth Day”. The impetus for this ongoing event was a catastrophic oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, CA in 1969. Each year on this date environmentalists gather in nearly 200 nations around the world to draw attention to their concerns. Two factors characterize these events. The first is the implication that the world would be a better place without humans. The second is the notable absence of any reference to God. Instead, proponents refer to “Mother Earth” in terms that deify the planet. The stated goal in these events is to save the earth. While no honest person would argue against being responsible in our use of the resources on our planet, the greater danger is in removing the God who created this planet from any consideration in this matter.

The scriptures are explicit in their discussion of the purpose of the earth. The origin and purpose of the earth are described in Genesis 1. God systematically created the earth and filled it with everything necessary for mankind to live upon it. In Genesis 1:26-30 the scriptures tell us that God created mankind and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. He also told them to subdue the earth and to rule over the animals. At that time God gave both man and animals every green plant for food (v. 29-30). Later, after the flood, He again told mankind to fill the earth (Genesis 8:15-17) and then He gave all the animals to man for food (Genesis 9:1-4).

Before He did so, however, God said something about the earth. In Genesis 8:22 He said, ***“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease.”*** This was to reassure Noah that God would never again destroy the earth with water as He had just done. The implication of this statement is that the earth will continue to provide for all mankind’s needs so long as God allows it to remain. In other words, mankind cannot exhaust the resources that God has placed on the earth. There will always be enough resources to sustain life until God decides to destroy the earth.

Environmentalists are trying to save the earth as though it will last forever and there is nothing beyond life on this planet. The scriptures, however, are clear that the earth is not intended to last forever. In 2 Peter 3:10-13 Peter said that the elements will be destroyed with intense heat when the day of the Lord arrives. This will not be the result of a man-made nuclear holocaust or some environmental doomsday. Instead, it will be the result of the word of God (2 Peter 3:7). The destruction of the earth and universe will be the prelude to the final judgment of all mankind.

While we should all be responsible in our care of the environment in which we live, our greater concern should be to prepare ourselves for eternal life. When the day of the Lord comes and with it the destruction of the physical realm, the Son of God will come with His mighty angels in flaming fire to deal out retribution to all who do not know God and who have not obeyed the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8). At that time the saved will be ushered into the new heaven and new earth to which Peter referred (2 Peter 3:13). This is the place to which our Lord has gone and in which He is preparing dwelling places for the redeemed (John 14:1-3).

In the meantime, let us make the most of the abundant resources of our earthly home without being wasteful or irresponsible. Let us also be grateful to God for this beautiful place in

which we live, knowing that while it remains, the earth will sustain all who live here, just as God planned from before the beginning of time.

—Fred Dominguez

Prayer Request

Ora McAfee has been diagnosed with a slow growing bone cancer. She will have tests done every 4-6 months to monitor its growth. It has to be considerably worse before any treatment will be administered. Please keep Ora in your prayers that she gets the needed treatments.

Jimmy Weaver will be scheduled for hernia surgery at the end of this month. We want to keep him in our prayers that all will go well with the surgery and that he will have a speedy recovery.

Winford Hambright is scheduled to have a swallowing test at the end of August. He is at the Parks Living-Room #405. Winford welcomes visits; after 11:00 a.m. Please keep him in your prayers that he will be able to swallow again.

Hattie Gilmore is going through a lot of pain because of her arthritis. She has requested our prayers.

Caimee Anne Mooney underwent dental surgery, Wednesday, August 15th. The surgery went well and Caimee handled it very well. The family says thanks for the prayers.

Prayers have been requested for **Raymundo Calzadias**. He is the pulpit preacher at the 61st and Ector Church of Christ and is undergoing tests concerning serious health issues.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; David Castor; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Juan & Estella Morolez; Caydon Parker; Jackie Rex; Ida Rodriguez; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Chuck Weaver; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Jesus' first miracle was the turning of water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana. What was the second miracle he performed in the city of Capernaum?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

When Jesus asked his apostles, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" The two personages they named was John the Baptist and Elias. (Matthew 16:13)

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.

Office News

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be here Tuesday, September 4th—Need **“Instant Oatmeal”**. Monetary donations accepted.

What Does the Bible Say?

Some men say, “There are many religious bodies or churches”. What does the Bible say? The Bible teaches that there is one body or church. The church is “His body” (Ephesians 1:22-23) and there is “one body” (Ephesians 4:4).

Some men say, “Human creeds are needed.” What does the Bible say? The Bible teaches that God’s Word is sufficient. Through His inspired word we are “equipped for every good work”. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Some men say, “It doesn’t matter what name you wear religiously.” What does the bible say? The Bible teaches that we glorify God in wearing the name “Christian” (I Peter 4:16).

Some men say, “There are many faiths.” What does the bible say? The Bible teaches that there is “one faith” (Ephesians 4:5).

Some men say, “We can walk by different rules.” What does the Bible say? The Bible teaches that we are to “walk by the same rule” (Philippians 3:16).

Some men say, “Doctrine is inconsequential”. What does the Bible say? The bible teaches we must “abide in the doctrine of Christ” to have God’s approval (2 John 9-11).

Some men say, “There are many baptisms.” What does the Bible say? The bible teaches that there is “one baptism” (Ephesians 4:5).

Some men say, “Baptism is not essential to salvation.” What does the Bible say? The Bible teaches that baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).

“What do you say?” Are you content less or more than a “thus saith the Lord.” My friend only “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). God’s word “is truth” (John 17:17). That’s what the Bible says.

via—Findlay Church of Christ—Sparta, TN

August 19th, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Richard Siler	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Doug Guynn	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Scot Straw	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
West...	Craig Wesson	Scot Straw
	Gary Loving	Communion
	Josh Weakland	(In Library)
East...	Bill Ryan	
	Charles Wood	
	Richard Siler	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit*: Tom Sorenson 638-9447 *Table*: Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Cody Wesson 561-5302 *Collections*: Cody Wesson 561-5302

Sunday AM

*“Exalting God in Worship”
(John 4:23-24)*

Sunday PM

*“Principles for Teaching Evangelism”
(Matthew 28:19-20)*

Our Records

Bible Class... 67

Morning Worship...106

Evening Worship...75

Wednesday...90

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