

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Precious in the Sight of the Lord”

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” (Psalm 116:15). ***“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”*** (Hebrews 9:27).

Death is a subject that most of us try to avoid, but with the passing of time we must recognize its reality. Recently a group of nine year olds was giving their opinions of death. In their sweet innocence they discussed this unpleasant subject. One said, “Maybe I’ll die someday, but I hope I don’t die on my birthday because it’s no fun to celebrate your birthday if you are dead.” Another said, “When you die you don’t have to do your homework in Heaven, unless your teacher is there too.” One little boy said, “When you die, they bury you in the ground and your soul goes to Heaven; but your body can’t go to Heaven because it’s too crowded up there already.” A little girl said, “Only good people go to Heaven. The other people go to a place where it is hot all the time, like in Florida.” We all know that death is no laughing matter, but it is refreshing to listen to our little ones as they develop their minds and begin to explore the world around them.

It makes no difference how much you try to get ready for death; the ugly shock is always there. The funeral homes and cemeteries are places of sorrow and tears. There is a feeling of hopelessness that pervades the living. Even the apostle Paul referred to death as having a “sting”. ***“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** (I Corinthians 15:56-57).

It is no wonder then that the Psalmist said long ago that, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”

When the apostle Paul was in prison in Rome and realizing that death could be near, he wrote to the Christians at Philippi saying, ***“For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*** (Philippians 1:21). Death no longer held a horrible chain around his neck; he was free from sin which brings death and he knew that “in Christ” he was the recipient of eternal life by the grace of God. It is God’s free gift to those in Christ. (Romans 6:23). When a child of God nears death the words of (Ecclesiastes 7:1) become real in his life: ***“The day of man’s death is better than the day of his birth; it is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting.”*** Why? It is because the Christian does not go to a funeral but to a victory service.

Our Loving Savior Cares

The Book of Revelation is a whole book dedicated to offering comfort to persecuted believers. It explains that Jesus and His Father see our tears (7:17; 21:4), hear our prayers (8:3-4), value our sacrifices (14:13; 20:4), avenge our wrongs (6:9; 8:3), and assure our victory (15:2). A key word in the book of Revelation is “overcome”. Of the twenty-eight times it is used in the New Testament, John used it twenty-four times; once in his account of the gospel, six times in his epistles and 17 times in Revelation (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 17:14; 21:7).

An excellent one-line summary of Revelation is: ***“If you will overcome, then you may come over and live with God.”*** He has shown that He cares for you; have you shown that you care for Him (John 14:15).

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Abilene, TX

Prayer Request

The family of **Patty Montgomery** is requesting prayers for her at this time. She has been undergoing cancer treatments for approximately two years which have stopped working. Patty was released from the hospital last week and put under in-home Hospice Care. Patty lives in Bainbridge, Ohio.

Please keep **Amber Parker** in your prayers. She is having health complications from a recent surgery. She was released from the hospital in Lubbock but is expected to be remitted for more testing to see why she is not recuperating from her surgery like she should. Brian and Amber live in Andrews, TX.

Concerns Update

Barbara Crowder (George Warren’s sister) was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer instead of lung cancer. The family is requesting prayers for her. Barbara lives in Weatherford, TX.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Isabel Chacon; Eddie Chavez; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; Leta Collier; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Ethan Driggers; Cassandra Driver; John Ford; Monica Garcia; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Kelsey Gomez; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Natalie Hudson; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Charles & Helen Jones; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Patty Montgomery; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Trina Plyler; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singleterry; Bob Spurlin; Virginia Stanton; Cheryl Thompson; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ryan Lee Wint; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw; 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.

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Bible Quiz Question...

What was the name of Moses's wife?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The book of Matthew is the longest of the four gospels.

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

Howdy from Aggieland!

Thank you so much for all that "Showered" us with diapers, wipes, and most importantly your love! We are so thankful for our Eisenhower Family!

Love, Cameron, Alyssa, Teyla and Jolene May

Office News

The next food drive for "***The New Mexico Children's Home***" is Tuesday, August 30th. They are requesting **Canned Peaches and Canned Apricots**. The home also accepts monetary donations.

Food for Thought

Religion is not just doing religious things but doing all things religiously.

Strength unused becomes weakness.

Everyday religion is the antidote to failure. Practice these safeguards:

- Every day let God say something to you. Keep the line of communication open between you and God by reading His Word.
- Every day say something to God. Stay in contact with the source of strength by prayer. We cannot walk alone. Prayer avails.
- Every day say something for God. Share the good news. Tell a friend. Speak a kind word.
- Every day do something for God. Look for opportunities to serve. Opportunities are abundant; only a blind man could not see them. Encourage the downtrodden. Exhort the wayward. Comfort the sorrowful. Support the weak.

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August 21st, 2016	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jacob Carson	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Josh Weakland	Bill Butler
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Tom Sorenson
Lord's Supper		
West...	Craig Wesson	Bill Butler
	Denny Wilson	Communion
	Isaiah Armendarez	(In Library)
East...	Josh Wells	
	Dex Dennard	
	Dylan Straw	

Other Responsibilities: **Elder :** Allen Weakland 362-1403; **Deacon:** Rudy Ochoa 214-0398; **Pulpit:** Richard Siler 362-1392; **Table:** Bill Butler 362-7486; **Song Leaders:** Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; **Recording Duties:** Chris Butler 362-7486; **Collections:** Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Celebrating Christ"
(Philippians 2:1-11)

Sunday PM

"Christian & Government"
(1 Peter 2:13-17)

Our Records

Bible Class... 73
Morning Worship...138
Evening Worship...76
Wednesday...88
Contribution...\$4,318.00