

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Very Special Persons in the Church

In Christ's one and only church there is no "clergy/laity" split. However, the doctrinally sound Bible Class teachers in every congregation are truly Very Special Persons. There are a number of reasons why this is so.

Generally speaking, those willing to teach a bible Class are among the most faithful, hardest working, and spiritually minded people in a congregation. Putting the kingdom of God first (Mt. 6:33), and recognizing that teaching the Bible is a God-given responsibility (Romans 12:6-8; James 3:1, ASV); they count it an honor and a privilege to serve God and His church in this day.

Teaching God's Word, Bible Class teachers render a tremendous service to God, to the church—and, through God's providence, even to those who may not yet have heard and obeyed the Gospel. Because of their true-to-the-Book teaching and their being godly examples, only eternity will reveal the spiritual influence Bible Class teachers will have had in the lives of their students. Not only pointing the way in which their students should go, they are helping lead them down the path of righteousness. Having the humble heart of a servant and considering it to be an honor and a privilege to be a teacher in the Lord's church, these committed souls are unaware of their nobility, but they are noble. Regardless of the ages of those being taught in any Bible Class, the nobility of the teachers in those classes is being manifested in their personal sacrifices, selfless work and dedication to God.

Consider the little children who yet "cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand" (John 4:11). Ephesians 6:4 states, "***And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord***" (Ephesians 6:4). Parents, specifically fathers, have the responsibility to see that their children are brought up on "the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (ESV). Parents are most grateful for the help the Bible Class teachers are to them in doing so.

Bible Class teachers of the very young must patiently help to cultivate in the children an understanding of the Word of God. Their aim is to develop within the children an attitude to love God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church and the lost souls of men. Children's Bible Class teachers know that it is never too early in the lives of their students to begin instilling in them loyalty to the Bible as God's final, complete and only authoritative guide in a life of faithfulness to the Lord.

Bible Class teachers not only benefit children, they are a blessing to those who have reached the age of accountability and who have obeyed the Gospel. To strengthen, stabilize and edify the members of the church, for the very purpose of edifying the church, God has included teachers in its organization. Paul was making this point when he said... "***But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ... And He gave some apostles; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive***" (Ephesians 4:7, 11-14).

Bible Class teachers who teach adult Christians, especially those members of the church who are matured in the faith, cannot be fledglings. They must have progressed in their development of spirituality and their acquisition of Bible knowledge far beyond the "milk" of the "principles of the doctrine of Christ." Adult Class Bible teachers must be able to present lessons containing "strong meat" (Hebrews 5:14; 6:1). A value cannot be placed on the worth of a Bible Class teacher who can take his/her students (ladies teaching ladies, too) from the ABCs to the XYZs of God's Word.

Bible teachers occupy a God-given position. They do the divinely directed work of teaching God's Word, building up the spiritual strength of the church in the here and now, and preparing souls for eternity when time is no more.

Whichever congregation any member of the church attends, along with a debt of gratitude, he/she owes the Bible Class teachers there his/her support. One of the very best ways for a member of the church to show his/her appreciation for, and to bolster the morale of, his/her Bible Class teachers is by faithfully attending Bible Class. Another way to do so is by exhorting those chronically absent from Bible Class to repent of their negligence and to begin attending faithfully.

—Tommy J. Hicks

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Maxine Newton in the loss of her son, **Theron Strickland**. Theron lost his battle with cancer on Wednesday, July 31st in a hospital in Littleton, CO. He was 70 years old. Keep Maxine in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Request

Paulie Ann Easlon, who was born on Monday morning, August 26th had to be taken to the Cooks Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth due to a heart problem that was detected. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. Please keep Paulie Ann, Beth Ann (her mom) and the Easlon family in your prayers.

Hattie Gilmore has a swollen knee and has a difficult time walking. She will be homebound until her knee gets better. She needs prayers.

Glenna McCarty is down with bronchitis again and has been put on medication and rest. Glenna will be staying in until she gets to feeling better. Keep her in your prayers.

Bill Ryan is struggling with A-fib. He has asked that we keep him in our prayers.

Marilyn Upshaw was admitted into Medical Center Hospital last weekend but was released to go home on Monday, August 26th. Please keep Marilyn in your prayers as she deals with a bi-polar problem.

Carolyn Wilkerson has requested prayers as she is struggling with serious leg problems. Please keep her in your daily prayers that the doctors can diagnose a way to help her legs.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; 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; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; 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.

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... Multiple Choice

Where were Paul and Barnabas when the people began to worship them as gods? (a) Lystra (b) Derbe or (c) Iconium

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Barnabas was in Jerusalem when he received word about the many Gentiles in Antioch who turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:22)

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.

Eddie Parrish is scheduled to hold a *“Gospel Meeting”* at the Andrews Church of Christ on September 15th-18th. We have posted their invitation on the bulletin board. Check it out for the time and topics for each service.

Thank You

To my brothers and sisters in Christ;

Thank you all for the phone calls and expressions of concern, also the prayers offered on my behalf before and after my knee surgery. My surgery went well and I am improving more each day.

In Christian Love,

Emma Ochoa

Surrounded by Unfailing Love

Psalm 32:8-11 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.”

David had learned from his life experiences that there was a way that we should travel down life’s road. This road that we travel must be the way the Lord instructs. The wrong way will bring woes.

He also shares with us that we will take wrong turns and get on the wrong way at times in our life. We have the opportunity to get back on the right road if we are not as “stubborn as a mule”. If we use the good sense God gave us, we will get back on track and experience the “unfailing love of God that surrounds us.”

–Carrol Duncan

September 1, 2019

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Shane Sweeten
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Jackie Perkins	Miguel Lozano
Second Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Scot Straw

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Larry May

West...

Josh Wells

Clint Titlow

Trinidad Wood

Communion

Don Easlon

(In Library)

East

Oliver Hernandez

Craig Wesson

Tom Sorenson

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon* : John Wood 413-7444—*Pulpit*; Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table*: Clint Titlow 972-804-2402 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*; Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Collections*: Cody Wesson 934-4646

Sunday AM

“Overcoming Ingratitude”
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Sunday PM

“TBA”

Our Records

Bible Class... 62
Morning Worship...93
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