

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The God Who Sees

“No one is perfect,” the saying goes, and that saying is true. James reminded us of this when he wrote, “For we all stumble in many ways” (James 3:2). However, there is a world of difference between those who stumble, realize it, seek forgiveness and try to do better, and those who are oblivious to it. One of Satan’s greatest tools is that of self-deception, where one no longer reviews the matters of one’s heart. When the Hebrews writer warned of being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13), it applies as much to refusing to honestly examine oneself, as it does to lying, stealing, immorality or any other “obvious” sin that one may see in another.

It is amazing the lengths to which one will go to justify oneself, when the heart gets hardened by sin and honesty with oneself is abandoned. An action that is condemned in others is quite alright when practiced by oneself. Some of the wildest reasons for forsaking the assembly are offered, that surely if that person heard someone else say, would be immediately rejected. The motives one offers for not being involved in the work of service, which sound so logical to oneself in the context of the church, are obviously rejected as unfit to be offered to one’s employer. The logic behind selfish behavior, which makes one unconscious of how inappropriate it is when done by oneself, is disdained when heard from others. It is all too common to practice things in one’s own life that is readily seen and condemned in others when practiced by them.

If such behavior is pointed out to one, where he is faced with the reality of his own discrepancies, it is easy to attack the other for their failings, or to appeal to God’s grace. Phrases such as, “I’m glad I’m going to be judged by God and His grace, not you.” are often hurled back. No doubt some have arrogantly attacked people gripped with sin, but some have been arrogantly attacked when love was their true motive of heart for others. This is how sin seeks to keep itself entrenched in people’s lives.

It is true, we all need God’s grace, and all want to be judged by Him mercifully. Without grace, no one would be acceptable before God. And yet, grace is not a covering for sin, but its cure. “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?” (Romans 6:1-2). Paul goes on to say, “What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed and having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness” (Romans 6:15-18).

This take us back to a willingness to be honest with ourselves, truly, genuinely, completely. Without honesty of the heart, we allow sin to take root and harden us, deceiving us to who we are, what our motives are and what we ultimately do. Paul tells us, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith, Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - that is, unless indeed you fail to meet the

test!” (2 Corinthians 13:5). More honest soul-searching will lead us closer to God’s will, His grace and mercy, His life. To harden our hearts and stop up our ears as to who we really are will only disappoint in the end. “By this we may be sure that we are in Him; whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked” (1 John 2:5-6).

—Robert Johnson

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the family of **Ezekiel Martinez**. Ezekiel passed away on Sunday, August 29th. He is the youngest son of Alex and Barbie Martinez. Services are pending at this time.

Prayer Request

Glenna Callendar was hoping to be back to our worship services by now, but she is still pretty weak most days. Glenna needs prayers for strength.

Carolyn Siler’s sister, **Wanda Lomax**, is at ORMC with Covid. Please keep her in your prayers that she receives the best possible care.

Brady Berry, Bill and Vickie’s son-in-law, has Covid but is able to be at home to recuperate.

Concerns Update

Daniel Reyes reported that he was feeling somewhat better. He has good and bad days.

Terresia Weaver was experiencing stomach pains from her last Chemo treatments.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Nola Beckham; Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Joyce Ferneau; Briana Fuentez; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; John & Belinda Katon; Betty Leeth; Alex Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Larriat McGhee; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Daniel Reyes; Jackie Rex; Steve Savell; Cynthia Schulze; Jackie Schulze; Albert Steinke; Shane and Nicole Sweeten; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

What did Samuel name the stone he set up to commemorate God’s help in defeating the Philistines? (a) Mizpah (b) Ebenezer or (c) Beth Peor.

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

Jesus was speaking to the High Priest. Jesus’ words made reference to one of Daniel’s prophecies about the Son of Man who would establish an eternal kingdom (Daniel 7:13,14).

Events

Watch “***In Search of the Lord’s Way***” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Crib Shower....

We are hosting a “crib shower” for BethAnn Easlon. A crib is set up in the foyer for her gifts. BethAnn and Steven are having a baby girl sometime this month.

Brown Trail School of Preaching
Kevin W. Rhodes, Director

Brother Rhodes graduated from Mid-West School of biblical Studies in 1992 and then received a Bachelor of Science degree in History from the University of Central Missouri in 1996, with additional hours in Ancient Greek from the University of Houston. He holds a Master of Arts in History from West Texas A&M University (2006), a Master of Arts in Political Science from Tarleton State University (2011) and a Master of Education Instructional Design and Technology from West Texas A&M University (2016).

Kevin has preached in Missouri, Alabama, and Texas, working with the Granbury Street church of Christ in Cleburne, Texas for fifteen years. During his more than twenty-five years of preaching, he has served as the Director of Curriculum for Midwestern School of Preaching, as an adjunct faculty member of the Central Alabama School of Biblical Studies, as an adjunct faculty member at Hill College, and as the Associate Editor of Sound Words. He is also the host of Expositions on the Gospel Broadcasting Network and has appeared as a panelist multiple times on GBN Live. He has spoken on various programs throughout the brotherhood, including Polishing the Pulpit and Focal Point, and conducts marriage seminars, singing schools, teaching workshops, and leadership seminars, in addition to gospel meetings.

Brother Rhodes has authored several books, including “How to Study the Bible: A Practical Guide to Biblical Hermeneutics”, What God Hath Joined Together; The Beauty of Christian Marriage”, “A Consequence of Legitimacy: Domitian’s Conflict with the Senate and the Imperial Cult’s Conflict with Christianity”, and “Follow Me: A Call to Authentic Discipleship”. He has also written extensively for many brotherhood periodicals and has been a contributor to many lectureship books over the years. Kevin has recently begun the laborious process of editing his translation of the Greek New Testament.

September 5, 2021

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Don Easlon
Tommy Garcia

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Jackie Perkins
Larry May
Oliver Hernandez

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Scot Straw
Jr. Munoz
Bill Ryan
John Wood

David Ryan
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332-*Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151- *Table:* David Ryan 512—924-0983—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* John Wood 413-7444—*Collections:* David Ryan

Sunday AM

“Jesus-The Politically Incorrect Evangelist” (Pt. #1)
(John 4:1-8)

Sunday PM

“Back to the Bible” (Pt. #1)
(John 8:32)

Records

Bible Class... 67

Morning Worship...98

Evening Worship...50

Wednesday...61

Contribution...\$4,593.30