

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Is My Name Written There?

One of the great hymns often sung for “teaching and admonishing one another” (Colossians 3:16) is a song entitled, “I Know My Name Is Written There.” This song was written by Daniel Sidney Warner, a denominational preacher in the Church of God in the late 1800’s. This song centers around the “Book of Life.” The Book of Life is a very special book that God revealed throughout the pages of inspiration. The things that God revealed about this wonderful book are comforting to those who have obeyed the Gospel and are remaining true to it.

The Book of Life—Past. The first mention of the Book of Life came from Moses’ pen. In fact, Moses offered to have his name erased from this book for Israel’s sake. **“And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written”** (Exodus 32:31-32) As noble as Moses’ intentions were, thankfully, for Moses’ sake, God does not operate in such a way. David went to the other extreme and asked God to remove the names of David’s enemies from the Book of Life. **“Let them be blotted out of the book of the living and not be written with the righteous”** (Psalm 69:28; cf., Isa. 4:3; Daniel 12:1; Malachi 3:16). From other Old Testament passages, it appears the Jews kept a register of their citizens, which was known as the Book of the Living (Ezekiel 13:9; Nehemiah 12:22ff). From this register, they would add names of those born and remove names of those who died each year.

The Book of Life—Present. When we turn to the pages of the New Testament, we see the Book of Life again, but now it does not deal with physical Israel, but rather with spiritual Israel, the church of our Lord. Upon returning from the Limited Commission, the disciples, excited about their God-given powers, were told to not rejoice in miracles, **“but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven”** (Luke 10:20b). Paul, by inspiration’s pen, affirmed that the names of many of those who labored with him from the church in Philippi **“are in the book of life”** (Philippians 4:3). How comforting it must have been for the persecuted saints during John’s time to know that faithfulness would ensure that their names would not be blotted out of the Book of Life (Revelations 3:5). Writing of Heaven itself, John penned, **“And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life”** (Revelation 21:27).

The Book of Life—Personally. Is your name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life? Only those whose names are written there are going to Heaven (Revelation 21:27). Therefore, it is imperative that our names are inscribed upon the Book of Life’s pages. How does one get his name written there? For God to record our names in the Book of Life, we must become spiritually alive to God. When we die to sin and are born again (John 3:3-5; Romans 6:1-5), our names are written in the book of the living. If we continue faithfully and never quit, our names will continue to be chiseled upon the sacred pages of God’s Book of Life (Revelation 3:5). However, our names can be removed from this book as well. If we become unfaithful to our Lord and His church, **“God shall take away his part from the book of life”** (Revelation 22:19).

Have you obeyed Jesus? Are you faithful to Him? There are only two groups of people—those whose names are written in the Book of Life and those whose names are not written therein (Revelation 13:8; 17:8). Eternity is at stake; make sure your name is written there! For what a comfort it is to honestly sing, “I know my name is written there”!

—Rodney Nulph

Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the family of **Wanda Lomax**, Carolyn Siler's sister. Wanda passed away on Saturday, September 4th at ORMC. Her services were held at 11:00 a.m. on September 11th at the Parkview church of Christ. Keep this family in your prayers.

Also, our sympathy goes out to Miguel Lozano and his family in the loss of his son, **Jeremiah**. Jeremiah died, September 7th at MCH. Keep the Lozano family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Glenna Callendar had a medicine I.V. put in on September 7th to help her heart get back into rhythm. It worked, but a mass was discovered on her aorta valve; a possible infection or calcium deposit is suspected. Keep her in your prayers.

Nina Chavez (Ashley Carson's mom) was diagnosed with the Covid virus last week. Ashley has requested prayers for her mom that she will be able to overcome this virus. Keep Nina in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Bethany Pritchard is feeling better and is out of the hospital. She is a friend to the Wesson's.

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; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna McCarty; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

What group of people did Jesus say took away the key of knowledge and prevented people from entering the knowledge of God? (a) Lawyers (b) scribes; or (c) Pharisees.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

(b) Ebenezer (1 Samuel 7:12) Ebenezer means "Stone of Help." Samuel is giving God credit for a victory over the Philistines where earlier there was defeat at the same place.

Events

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

The Southside Church of Christ will be holding their "**23rd Annual Lubbock Lectureship**" on October 3rd-6th this year. The Theme is entitled, "A New Heaven and a New Earth." Their flyer is posted on our bulletin board showing the speakers and topics.

Crib Shower....

We are hosting a "crib shower" for BethAnn Easlon. A crib is set up in the foyer for her gifts. They are having a baby girl.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

One of the most popular entertainers of the vaudeville era was W.C. Fields (1880-1946). While Fields could make audiences roar with laughter, he was certainly not a Christian and made no pretense of his disdain for the Bible. Thus, it came as a great shock when one of Field's friends, visiting him in the hospital near the end of his life, found him reading the Bible one day. When asked what he was doing, Fields, ever the comedienne, replied, "Just looking for loopholes."

Friends, one day we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:10, we read, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." On that great day, we will be judged by the word of God. Jesus Christ said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

God's law, unlike man's, has no loopholes. No lawyer will be able to fool the Judge of all men or be able to negotiate a plea bargain. Hebrews 9:27 reminds us, "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." If the JUDGMENT DAY were today, where would you spend eternity, in Heaven or Hell?

—Travis L. Quertermous

September 12, 2021	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Richard Siler	Tommy Garcia
Second Prayer	Tom Sorenson	Larry May
Closing Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		David Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Jacob Carson</u>	Communion
	Don Easlon	(In Library)
	John Wood	
	Craig Wesson	

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. #2)
(Ephesians 6:17)

Sunday PM

"Back to the Bible" (Pt. #2)
(Romans 1:20)