

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Finger of God

When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well, He told her, *“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”* (John 4:14). This is a fundamental truth about our Father in Heaven. He is not bound by physical limitations because He is spirit. This enables Him to be everywhere present in time and space. Theologians call this omnipresence.

However, as we read through scripture we often see references to the face of God, the ears of God, and the hand and arm of God. Such references are not intended to suggest that God has a physical form. Rather, they are descriptive ways of illustrating the actions of God toward mankind. For example, He turns His face and ears toward the righteous (2 Chronicles 7: 14-15), but He sets His face against the wicked (Leviticus 20:5).

Another description of God that is interesting is what is said about the tablets of stone on which were written the Ten Commandments. In Exodus 31:18 the scripture says, *“When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.”* This is the only place in scripture where this description of God is found, and I wonder if we fully appreciate the significance of it.

In the 1996 movie “Twister,” a group of storm chasers is discussing the relative strengths of tornados, and they mention an F5 tornado. Someone asks what an F5 is, to which one of the storm chasers replies, “The finger of God.” Too often, it seems, this is the only way in which some people think of God’s power. If God acts, it must be a destructive thing. This is borne out by the fact that for many people the finger of God can only refer to something terrible.

This is not at all the idea conveyed in Exodus 31:18, however. The finger of God reached down from Heaven and wrote the ten words (the literal meaning of the Hebrew that is translated “commandments”), so that Israel would know how to please Him. In Deuteronomy 10:13 Moses said that the commandments and statutes of God were given for Israel’s good. In other words, the finger of God was wielded in order to help His people receive His blessings and avoid His wrath. What a contrast to the world’s view!

In 1956 Cecil DeMille created the definitive film portrayal of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt by the power of God. His film, entitled, “The Ten Commandments”, depicted the finger of God as streaks of flame that etched the commandments into the stone tablets. While we cannot say with certainty that this is how God wrote upon the tablets of stone, it graphically portrayed the fact that God’s commands came directly from His hand to mankind. This was not the last time, however, that the finger of God revealed His will to mankind.

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Paul said that all scripture is inspired (literally, God-breathed). In 2 Peter 1:20-21 Peter said that men spoke from God having been moved by the Holy Spirit. This was the finger of God at work writing on the tablets of our hearts, so every person in every generation will know how to please Him and how to avoid eternal punishment. Far from being the destructive force that is envisioned by the unbelievers, the finger of God is gracious and loving, showing us the way to eternal life through the word which He Himself inspired. How grateful we should be that the finger of God has touched the world for our good!

—Fred Dominguez

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Wilkerson has undergone two surgeries on her colon in the past week at Medical Center Hospital. The doctors discovered a hole in her colon and were able to repair it. However, as a result, Carolyn developed an infection in that area which is being treated with antibiotics. Please no visitors.

Trina Plyler has stage 3 colon cancer. She will be starting chemo treatments and radiation. Trina is the daughter of George and Jurlean Warren who lives in Mineral Wells, TX. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Brian Drake; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jack McCarty; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Avery Ojado; Jonathan Pegan; Judy Phillips; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Nancy Slife; James Stevens; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What birds did Mary take as an offering to the Temple after the birth of Jesus?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The lilies of the field, they toil not neither do they spin.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Christian Take Aim**" at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; www.thegospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch "**In Search of the Lord's Way**" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

Events

The Southside Church of Christ will have their "**18th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**"—October 4th -7th, 2015. Please check out the flyer posted on our bulletin board listing the speakers and the lessons to be presented during the lectureship.

The ladies of Eisenhower have been invited to the **Parkway Drive Church of Christ "Ladies Day"** Saturday, September 26th—9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a "Meet and Greet Continental Breakfast" in the foyer. The theme this year is: "Christian Women in Escalation and Obligation." The Motivational Speaker is Urisonya Flunder from 20th & Birch church of Christ, Lubbock, TX

Lee Street Church of Christ, Midland, TX will hold their "**Fall Gospel Meeting**", **September 20th—24th** with Roger Henderson from Dayton, OH as guest speaker. Their flyer is on our bulletin board.

Thank You

We received a telephone call from **Andrew Schwarz** thanking us for the cards and prayers on his behalf during and after his colon surgery. He said the surgery went well and he is doing really well. Andrew will have chemo and possibly radiation treatments, but he did not know when they would start. Keep him and his family in your daily prayers.

Office News

Our “**Food Pantry**” is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.

The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 8th for a food drive. They are requesting **Cream of Chicken Soup**. Monetary donations also accepted.

There will be a “**Ladies Breakfast**” Saturday, October 3rd in the Annex. The men of the congregation will be doing the cooking.

TO THINK ABOUT...

“Have we become so worldly in our appreciation, so fleshly in what stirs us, so entertainment-oriented, so unsatisfied by simple New Testament worship, that we seek more and more to employ the world’s devices to stimulate religious interest? -David Pharr

September 13, 2015

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	John Carroll	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Tony Marrs	Richard Siler
Second Prayer	Bill Brown	John Wood
Closing Prayer	Bill Butler	Trinidad Wood
Lord's Supper		
West...	Craig Wesson Clint Titlow Dylan Straw	George Warren Communion (In Library)
East...	Scot Straw Richard Siler Cody Wesson	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: George Warren 550-0805 *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties*: Jacob Carson 432-940-3775
Collections: Jacob Carson 432-940-3775

Sunday AM”

“*Israel’s Cry*”
(*Exodus 2:23-25*)
(*Exodus 3:9-10*)

Sunday PM

“*Resurrection*”
(*Mark 12: 18-27*)

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