

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Can We Make Judgements?

There is a trend in the world that says that we should not make judgements or be judgmental. In one way this is true, in that we should not be too quick to condemn others. But in another way, nothing could be further from the truth. We have become so afraid of condemning others that we have failed to firmly stand where the Bible stands. The fact is we are not condemning them but the Bible is. If the Bible condemns a certain sin or vice we are often afraid to say what the Bible clearly states because we are afraid that it might be condemnatory or offend someone. But is this the way God would have us to be? Are we to be afraid to tell the truth? We most certainly must be careful how we say things to others, but we are no friend if we allow them to believe that they are in a safe condition with God when they are not.

There are many reasons why we do not like to say some of the things that we must. The first reason has already been stated, that is we don't want to condemn anyone. But the fact is that many that we meet are already in a lost or condemned state and we should take every opportunity to try to save them. Some may not want to tell others the truth because they do not think they know enough. But we can at least tell them what we know for certain. Others may keep silent because they have a family member or friend that is living in the certain sin they must condemn. The truth needs to be told regardless, even to a friend or family member. And sometimes we will not speak the truth because we know that we are doing the same thing. No doubt we need to quit the sin and then confront others. Those of us that will not stand on the truth and speak up for it, are enemies of God and the Cross of Christ. We have no love for the lost nor for our own soul.

Did John the Baptist refuse to tell the truth to Herod about his adulterous marriage? What penalty did he receive for speaking the truth? Did Stephen the first Martyr recant, was he wishy washy in his speech? What happened to him? These men and many others died because they condemned sin and offended others. Did they say it in love? Yes. Did they say it in malice? No. They said it because it needed to be said. Colossians 1:27-28 says, ***“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”***

How long are we to beat about the bush until we tell them what they need to know? How will they be saved if our message is not clear? How will they keep from making a fatal mistake if we do not warn them of the pitfalls of sin? Why should they be made to guess about their condition? We often only have one chance to make an impression on those we meet. Should we not impress upon them the importance of doing what is right? Edmond Burke once said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Evil is progressing now in our

country. Homosexuality, adultery, drunkenness, lying and stealing are on an increase. Evil continues to grow and fester while we sit back and do not say anything. Our country is almost no longer fit to live in because of the filth that plagues our land. If we do not act now many more will be lost and the morality of our country will continue to decline. Is that what we want for ourselves, our family or our children? If not then let us do what we know must be done. Let us speak the truth in love and perhaps avert a crisis.

—Robert Barcroft

Placed Membership

We would like to extend a warm “Welcome” to **Sonny & Linda Coggins** who placed their membership with us here at Eisenhower, Sunday, September 11th. We look forward to working with them for the cause of Christ.

Prayer Requests

Harold Carrigan is in Medical Center Hospital. He has fluid on his heart and lungs. Harold is in Room #453.

Ruby Davis is not doing well at this time. She has constant knee pain but still manages a positive attitude. Ruby lives at Manor Park Assisted Living in Midland, TX.

Barbara Crowder underwent surgery Wednesday, September 14th to have part of her liver removed. Barbara is George Warren’s sister who lives in Weatherford, TX.

Helen Jones is in Room #429 at Medical Center Hospital. Please no visitors at this time.

Charles Dickens, grandfather of Alan Michael Gibson, fainted and fell Friday, September 9th and hit his head and has a really bad cut on his head. Charles is in ICU in an Alabama hospital. Alan Michael is Hannah Weakland’s fiancé.

Concerns Update

Please keep **Lon Howard** in your prayers as he will undergo surgery on September 21st. Hopefully he will get some pain relief with this surgery.

Prayer List

Betty Anderson; Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Krizdon Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Isabel Chacon; Eddie Chavez; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; Leta Collier; Carol Cooper; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Ethan Driggers; Cassandra Driver; John Ford; Monica Garcia; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Kelsey Gomez; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Natalie Hudson; Bobby Hunt; Charles & Helen Jones; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Kirk McFarland; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Laura Olivas; Amber Parker; Trina Plyler; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singleterry; Madison Smith; Bob Spurlin; Cheryl Thompson; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; 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.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

There were two principle religious sects in Christ's day. In Matthew chapter 16, these two came "tempting, desiring Him that He would show them a sign from Heaven." Name these two religious sects.

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Simon, who they compelled to bear Jesus' cross after Him, was from the country, Cyrene.

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.

The "**Southside Church of Christ's 19th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**" is scheduled for October 9th-12th. Theme: "Except". Please check out their flyer on our bulletin board for a list of the dates, time and keynote speakers.

The "**Westside Church of Christ**" will have their "**Fall Gospel Meeting October 2nd—5th**" Theme: "Getting Close to God" with Guest Speaker John Moore. The topics are posted on the bulletin board.

"**A Marriage Enrichment Seminar**" entitled "**Traveling the Road of Marriage**" with John & Carla Moore is scheduled for September 30th—October 1st at the Westside Church of Christ, Midland, TX. The details are posted on bulletin board.

Office News

The "**Tipton Children's Home**" truck will be in Odessa October 25-27 for any food items and supplies we have collected for them. They are requesting... **Whole Dill Pickles, (Saltines, Club, Ritz Crackers), Assorted Cereal, Chicken Broth, Sliced Peaches, Green Chilies, Canned Tuna & Chicken. (Requested Supplies) Aluminum Foil, 13 and 30 Gallon Can Liners, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Small liquid hand soaps.** (Note: Their list is also posted on the Bulletin Board)

September 18, 2016	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Bill Ryan	Dex Dennard
Second Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Tony Marrs
Closing Prayer	Bill Butler	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
West...	Tom Sorenson	John Wood
	Tony Marrs	Communion
	Dex Dennard	(In Library)
East...	Larry May	
	Jacob Carson	
	Don Easlon	

Other Responsibilities: Elder : Jeff Wesson 556-5547; **Deacon:** Bill Ryan 272-5507 **Pulpit:** George Warren 557-2171 **Table:** John Wood 413-7444; **Song Leaders:** Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; **Recording Duties:** Chris Butler 362-7486; **Collections:** Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Saul"

(Acts 8:1-3)

Sunday PM

"Sanctifying Christ in Your Heart"

(1 Peter 3:13-17)

Our Records

Bible Class... 76

Morning Worship...140

Evening Worship...84

Wednesday...85

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