

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Broken-Hearted Because of Lost Souls

Maybe it is a life of unbridled immorality. It might be a fellow defiantly refusing to accept the Lord's authority. Perhaps it is a person who has been swept away by false teaching. For others, it could be that indifference has taken root in their heart. Regardless of what the reason or reasons might be, when a soul is lost, it is an immeasurable tragedy.

Sin stains the soul. Sin slays those who practice it. Sin separates its participants from the Lord. Sin slams shut the door to heaven. Yes, sin stains, slays, separates, and slams. Sin is one hundred percent detrimental.

As we think about the horribleness of sin, we are reminded that our Father calls on all of His children to be tenderhearted (Ephesians 4:32). Each of us has his/her own unique personality/character/makeup. Some Christians rarely show their emotions outwardly, but they have a tender, caring heart. Others among us tear up, blubber and sob at the slightest provocation. Surely, we all have this in common, though: we are saddened by the fact that people live and die outside the Lord.

The God of Heaven is devastated when humans refuse to submit to Him and accept His salvation. In speaking about the rebellious Jews of Ezekiel's generation, God said, "...I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations" (Ezekiel 6:9). Man's sin crushes God's heart.

Do you recall how Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem because its inhabitants would not accept Him as the Messiah, and by rejecting Him brought condemnation on their souls? As He approached the city in what some call His "Triumphant Entry," despite the excitement of some, His heart was broken. Luke's concise record says, "And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it" (Luke 19:41). A few days later, as He was drawing ever closer to the cross, the sadness in His heart sounded forth in these words: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not" (Matthew 23:37).

God's servants are broken-hearted too, when people are lost. Jeremiah is labeled as "the weeping prophet" because we read about how his tears flowed due to the Jews' choice not to obey the Lord God (Jeremiah 9:1).

Have you ever paid attention to the following statement which the writer of the book of Psalms made to God? "Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law" (Psalm 119:136). It is not revealed whom "they" were or what specific transgressions they had committed, but the Psalmist's heart was devastated because of their disobedience and "what such" did to their relationship with the Lord.

Among the early Christians, more than once we read about the apostle Paul being moved to tears because of false teachers and departures from the faith. As he was telling the shepherds of the church in Ephesus about a future departure from the truth, he reminded them that for three years he had warned them night and day with tears (Acts 20:31). While in chains in Rome, he wrote a letter to the saints in Philippi, warning them about enemies of the cross. As he brought up that unpleasant topic, he said he was weeping as he wrote (Philippians 3:18). The man was broken-hearted because of sin and its effect on people's eternal destiny.

Some look at the masses of the world who are steeped in spiritual darkness and just seem to shrug their shoulders with the observation, "Well, it always has been like that; there

is not much we can do about it.” Perhaps others of us have become desensitized to sin. We see it and hear it so much that it kind of feels like it is no big deal. May God help us if we ever get to the point that we view sin as a small matter. And God help us if we do not share His broken heart when people live and die separated from Him. Compassion causes Christians to communicate to lost people what they need to hear, which is God’s eternal, soul-saving truth. “Oh, will you not tell it, today.”

—Roger D. Campbell

Prayer Request

Melissa Moore had an ablation done on her heart Wednesday, September 15th. She requested prayers for a successful surgery.

Genesis Zuniga tested positive for Covid on September 10th. Keep her in your prayers.

Reda Sowell (Carolyn Wilkerson’s daughter) is in ICU in Midland Memorial Hospital. Reda’s condition is quite serious. Carolyn has requested prayers for her.

Eddie and Nina Chavez (Ashley Carson’s parents) both are struggling with getting over the Covid virus and are discouraged. They are in need of encouragements. Please keep them in your prayers that they will be well soon.

Sean Bradley (young man related to one of Jeff Wesson’s co-workers) is on a ventilator at MCH. Prayers are being requested for him.

Tara Grimmett, LaDonna Chism’s husband’s niece, sustained 2nd degree burns on 20% on one side of her body while burning trash. She was flown to Lubbock. Tara is in a lot of pain and needs prayers.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Nola Beckham; Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Joyce Ferneau; Briana Fuentes; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; 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 ... (True or False)

Before the Lord comes again, a powerful person will set himself up as God to be worshipped in the temple of God.

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

Jesus said that it was the (a) lawyers that took away the key of knowledge and prevented people from entering the knowledge of God.

Thank You

To my church family, I feel your prayers and love daily. I am so blessed even though I am mostly homebound. My left foot is healing, just slowly. Seeing my doctor twice weekly!

Love, Jackie

Bridal Shower

Ladies, you are invited to a **“Bridal Shower”** for Kamryn Pepper (Bride-Elect of Cody Wesson) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 16th in the Church Annex. Selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond & Dillards. Come join the fun!

Events

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

The **Westside Church of Christ** has invited us to their **“Gospel Meeting”** on September 26-29 with Hiram Kemp as guest speaker. Hiram will preach on “Renewing our Faith and Focus on Jesus”. Please set aside time to attend if you can.

Prepare to Meet Your God!

When Amos prophesied those words, “Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” in Amos 4:12, his words were a warning, not an invitation.

The people of Israel had shown themselves unrepentant. When God blessed Israel, they forgot Him in their prosperity, God had taken away their prosperity and replaced it with hardship. As God himself put it, **“Yet you have not returned to me.”** As a result, a destructive judgment was bearing down on Israel. The warning to prepare was just a way of telling Israel to brace for the impact of judgment.

Jesus, in contrast, calls us to prepare to meet our God by which He does mean as in an invitation. Jesus promises that He will come again. He informs us to, “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming” (Matthew 24:42). He repeats, **“Therefore, you also be prepared for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect”** (Matthew 24:44). Then Jesus adds, **“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom the master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, finds himself so doing.”** (Matthew 24:45-46).

Prepare to meet your God. Prepare with faith, repentance, and baptism. (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38). Prepare by seeking first the kingdom, (Matthew 6:33). Prepare with the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (Titus 2:5). Prepare by abiding in Jesus and walking just as he walked. (1 John 2:6).

Or, in the words of Amos, “Prepare to meet your God!”

—Cecil May III

September 19, 2021	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Kevin Rhodes	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Bill Ryan	Oliver Hernandez
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson	Larry May
Closing Prayer	Scot Straw	Tom Sorenson
Lords Supper		David Ryan
Scripture Reading:	<u>Jeff Wesson</u>	Communion
	Cody Wesson	(In Library)
	Jr. Munoz	
	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

“TBA”

Sunday PM

“Back to the Bible” (Pt. #3)

(2 Timothy 3:16)

Records

Bible Class... 56

Morning Worship...88

Evening Worship...56

Wednesday...65

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