

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Mission from God

In a popular movie from some years ago, the two primary characters went on a madcap escapade through the streets of Chicago and its suburbs. From time to time as they spoke to people along the way, they would say, “We’re on a mission from God.” For them, that mission not only motivated them to extraordinary effort, it also excused their numerous transgressions of the law in accomplishing it. The result was an entertaining story, albeit far-fetched in the extreme.

While this story was in many ways unbelievable and outrageous, the idea of being on a mission from God is far from unbelievable. The truth is that every Christian is on a mission from God. We used to sing a song at Vacation Bible School that said, “I may never march in the infantry, ride in the Calvary, shoot the artillery. I may never fly o’er the enemy, but I’m in the Lord’s army!” Current events in our world help us to understand the meaning of this idea. We daily see on our television sets soldiers performing various missions at the direction of our military commanders. These missions require courage, commitment and obedience on the part of these soldiers. They require focus, determination and attention to detail. They require our soldiers to recognize the enemy and to defeat him wherever he appears. While we are not soldiers in worldly combat, we recognize the enemy and to defeat him wherever he appears. While we are not soldiers in worldly combat, we are nonetheless in a pitched battle against a determined foe.

As soldiers in the Lord’s army, our mission is threefold. Our first mission is to make disciples for the Lord. This may be likened to the enlistment of new recruits for our armed forces. Our armies would be severely hampered in their mission if they never enlisted new members. In the same manner, our Commander-in-Chief expects us to be actively searching for “recruits” to become a part of his army. Jesus said, **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”** (Matthew 28:19) Our army cannot fulfill its other missions if we fail to accomplish this one.

Our second mission is to maintain our integrity. Soldiers on active duty do not get involved in civilian affairs. They keep themselves separated from these things so they will be better able to fulfill their duties. Paul said, **“Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.”** (2 Timothy 2:3-4) James said that pure religion includes keeping oneself unstained by the world (James 1:27). Clearly, we must maintain our separateness from the world in order to accomplish our mission in the Lord’s army.

Our final mission is to recognize and defeat our enemy, the devil. Just as our army recognizes and defeats its enemies, we in the Lord’s army cannot neglect our foe. Peter warns, **“Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”** (1 Peter 5:8). James says, **“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”** (James 4:7). We must recognize the devil and resist him in order to defeat him by God’s power.

Christians are on a mission from God; a mission to evangelize the lost, to stay faithful and to overcome the evil one. Are you fulfilling your mission or are you missing in action?

—Fred Dominguez

Placed Membership

Sunday evening, September 16th, **Kevin & Mirah Wilcox** expressed their desire to be a part of the Eisenhower congregation of the Lord's people. They have placed their membership and wish to work under the oversight and guidance of our elders here. Please get to know them and their baby daughter, Laurel. Welcome!

Prayer Request

Jurlean Warren was taken to the ER Monday, September 17th due to heart related problems. Her medication was adjusted and she went back home. On Wednesday Jurlean started feeling worse; she may be scheduled for more tests. Please keep her in your prayers.

Several children in the church at **Cagayan, Philippines** have been hospitalized and one has died due to the dengue fever brought in by mosquitoes from the typhoon two weeks ago. The Philippines are in need of prayers.

Concerns Update

Caydon Parker was able to get his brace put on. However, his bone had grown out one inch from the time he was fitted. They had to adjust it again. Caydon will go back to Dallas every four weeks for an adjustment. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Bill Bundick, who underwent colon cancer surgery in Houston on the 14th, came through the surgery okay. Lindsey Wells has requested that we continue to keep her grandfather in our prayers and the he will have a full recovery.

Winford Hambright had his swallow test on Thursday, September 13th. He is still aspirating so he will not be able to eat or drink anything still. Please keep him in your prayers.

Prayer List

Elsie Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Raymundo Calzadias; David Castor; Emma Craig; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Kirk McFarland; Juan & Estella Morolez; Caydon Parker; Jackie Rex; Ida Rodriguez; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Chuck Weaver; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Jesus anointed the eyes of a man who was born blind and instructed him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. Is it true or false that the pool of Siloam is in the city of Jerusalem?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

It is true that Saul gave his daughter, Michal, as wife to another man while she was still married to David.

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 Westside Church of Christ in Midland will have a “Gospel Meeting” with Wayne Jones as guest speaker (September 30th–October 3rd). The topic is: “Life Changing Series! - Living Stones (lessons from I Peter). Please check our bulletin for more info.

Daily Inventory

When evening comes, go off into a quiet place and review your day.

- Have you been kind and thoughtful or mean and thoughtless?
- Have you kept an even temper or have you lost your temper when things went wrong?
- Have you been pleasant or grouchy?
- Have you inspired those whom you have met or have you depressed and discouraged them?
- Have you done something creative and worthwhile or have you wasted the day with petty things?
- Have you been fair and square in what you have done?
- Have you increased the happiness in the lives of others or have you thought only of self?

What we do day by day determines what we become. Hour by hour we build our lives for better or worse. A daily inventory will help keep us on the right track, headed toward our highest ideals.

“...examine yourselves...” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Bulletin Digest

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	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Richard Siler	Dan Igo
Second Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Bill Brown
Closing Prayer	Trinidad Wood	Jaxon Straw

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading) Gary Loving

West...	Larry May	Josh Wells
	Bill Brown	Communion
	David Ryan	(In Library)

East...	Scot Straw	
	Bill Ryan	
	Jackie Perkins	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*: Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit*: George Warren 557-2171
Table: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Doug Guynn 260-0440 *Collections*: Doug Guynn 260-0440

Sunday AM

“Mission Affliction”
 (2 Samuel 16:5-14)

Sunday PM

“Motivation to do God’s Will”
 (John 4:34; 6:38)