

Eisenhower Church of Christ

We Must All Appear

Paul wrote, “For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). John recorded, “***For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life***” (John 3:16). Paul said, “***For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men***” (Titus 2:11).

It seems that mankind today often focuses on different groups of humans. In the United States of America this mind-set is rampant among many. We have European-Americans, African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans, etc. DNA tests are available today that can supposedly trace your ancestry “1,000+ years into history” or if you buy into the propaganda of evolution, to “discover how much Neanderthal DNA you inherited!” The Bible student knows that the mind-set of segregating humans into sub-groups is not new. For example, the Pharisees wanted to cling to their physical relation to Abraham. God’s prophet told them, “***And think not to say within yourselves, ‘We have Abraham to our father:’ for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham***” (Matthew 3:9). John the Baptizer’s message to those Jews was that their lineage did not matter to God, but their repentance did because judgment was coming (Matthew 3:7-12). Christ’s apostles even struggled with this issue when they saw Jesus speaking with a Samaritan woman (John 4:27). There were issues in the early church between Jews and Gentiles (Acts 15: Romans 9-11) and sadly, there are still problems that can arise today.

God created all men equal and accountable to Him. Moses wrote, “***So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them***” (Genesis 1:27). Peter told Cornelius and his household, “***Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him***” (Acts 10:34-35). Paul said God, “***...made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth***” (Acts 17:26). Rebuking Christians for showing favoritism, James wrote, “***But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin and are convinced of the law as transgressors***” (James 2:9). The phrase “ye commit sin” is a present tense, active voice verb. James tells his readers that if they favor one group of people above another they are sinning!”

What is the solution to these problems? How can Christians avoid and denounce favoritism and racism? Simply put—we must look at this world and everything in it from God’s perspective. When people fail to keep God in their knowledge, terrible things happen. Paul wrote, “***And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (fitting)***” (Romans 1:28). However, when an individual knows the God of the Bible and His will that is revealed therein, there is no room in their heart for such evil, hateful attitudes. Paul told the Galatians, “***God accepteth no man’s person***” (Galatians 2:6) and the Romans, “***For there is no respect of persons with God***” (Romans 2:11).

Every man has an eternal soul that will be somewhere forever. Jesus spoke of the resurrection of those who have done good and those who have done evil (John 5:28-29). As noted, “***We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ***” (2 Corinthians 5:10). The Gospel does not apply only to certain people or ethnicities. It applies to all men. God commands all mankind to repent (Acts 17:30) because He is going to judge all mankind by Jesus Christ (Acts 17:31). Jesus did not die on the cross to offer salvation to just a segment of the world, but to the whole world. His mission on earth the first time was not, “to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:17). His mission when He appears on the last day will be to judge humanity and the faithful will “meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

—Barry O’Dell

Prayer Request

Charles Simmons (Susan Simmons' husband) had another seizure last week and was taken to the hospital. He is in Room #946. A PT test was done on Monday, September 24th, which measures how quickly the blood clots. Keep Charles in your prayers that they can find the cause of his seizures.

Josh Wells had an Endoscopy done on his esophagus and stomach last week. His esophagus is normal but inflammation was found in the stomach. A biopsy was done. Continue to keep Josh in your prayers that he gets a good report.

Bill Bundick (Lindsey Wells' grandfather) is in the hospital with double pneumonia. The doctor could not find the blockage as was previously reported so no colon surgery is scheduled. Bill does plan to continue with his dialysis. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Janet Wesson (Jeff's mother) was scheduled for a lung biopsy on Friday, September 21st in Abilene, but the doctors were unable to find the spot in question. They did see another spot much smaller that they will keep an eye on.

Albert Stegall (Patsy Mitchell's dad) is having some heart related problems and she has requested prayers for him.

Concerns Update

Jurlean Warren had an angiogram done last Thursday, September 20th at MCH. The test results were good. They found no blockage. Continue to keep Jurlean in your prayers.

Prayer List

Elsie Bradford; Bill Bundick; 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; Jurlean Warren; 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.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where was Jesus baptized?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

The answer is false. The pool of Siloam is outside the city of Jerusalem.

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 “**Gospel Meeting**” with Wayne Jones at the Westside Church of Christ in Midland starts today and goes through Wednesday, October 3rd. The topic is: “Life Changing Series! - Living Stones (lessons from I Peter). Please check our bulletin for more info.

The Parkview Church of Christ has scheduled a “**Gospel Meeting**” with Lee Moses from the Berea church of Christ in Rives, TN doing the preaching. The date is (October 7th-10th).

Service or Circus?

A man once stated that one of the greatest disappointments of his childhood was when he saw a tent going up. He thought it was a circus, but upon investigation he discovered it was a revival meeting. He further stated that one of the greatest disappointments of his adult life came when he saw several Christians putting up a tent. He thought it was a revival service, but upon further investigation discovered it was little more than a circus.

Have you noticed lately how reverence has given way to merriment, fear has given way to familiarity, congregational singing has given way to special performances, Bible teaching has given way to drama, and preaching the gospel has given way to after dinner speeches in the assemblies of the saints? Nearly anything and everything that brings applause, draws a crowd, increases the contribution and satisfies the young people is thus sanctioned by some churches today.

However, is there not a sanctity and sacredness to worship that cannot be sacrificed on the altar of entertainment and cultural relevancy? I for one believe there is. No question about it, the circus has come to town! But this is one circus I don't plan to attend.

“...If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts...” (Malachi 1:6).

September 30, 2018	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Cody Wesson	Dex Dennard
Second Prayer	Scot Straw	John Wood
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Jacob Carson
Lord's Supper (Scripture Reading)	<u>Jacob Carson</u>	
West...	John Wood Trinidad Wood Dan Igo	Josh Wells Communion (In Library)
East...	Josh Weakland Jackie Perkins Jr. Munoz	

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

*“Whole-hearted Religion”
(Jeremiah 32:39)*

Sunday PM

*“Benefits of Spiritual Growth”
(II Peter 1:5-11)*

