

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Self-Evaluation”

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates” (2 Corinthians 13:5). The Bible teaches that we need to evaluate ourselves in order to make sure we are walking in the faith. John, writing to the seven churches of Asia, after commending those at Ephesus, wrote, “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent” (Revelations 2:3-4). As an individual needs to examine himself, congregations need to examine themselves also.

The main work of the church lies in the area of teaching. Paul wrote, “And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). Jesus said to the disciples, “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). First we are to evangelize the lost and then we are to further educate them in the ways of the Lord. Some ways by which we can take the Gospel to a lost and dying world is through paper articles, radio internet, mailing of or distributing of bulletin articles or other religious magazines, Bible Call, etc. Gospel Meetings are also a medium through which we can attempt to reach the lost, but we need to attend these meetings ourselves, as well as to invite others, “And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waiting for them and had called together his kinsmen and near friends” (Acts 10:24). Family and friends is a good place to begin our evangelistic effort. Christians are to be evangelistic.

God will give the increase when we do the planting and watering, but if there is no planting or watering taking place, then there will be no increase. Jesus said, “And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow” (Matthew 12:3) and Paul penned, “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase (I Corinthians 2:6). Again, Jesus said, “Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled” (Luke 14:23). We cannot convert the world by sitting in the building and waiting for them to come to us. We are commanded to go to them.

Benevolence opens doors of opportunity to teach the lost. It is said, “Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Paul tells us, “And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:9-10). When the Gentile churches helped the poor in Judea, God was glorified. Paul wrote, “For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this administration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ and for your liberal distribution unto them and unto all men” (2 Corinthians 9:12-13).

These are all Biblical means through which members can edify one another, glorify God in the community and evangelize the world.

—Larry Yarber

Prayer Request

Both **Charles Wood** and **LaDonna Chism** are having problems with their breathing at this time of year. Please keep them in your prayers that they will feel better soon.

Bruce Plyler (George & Jurlean Warren's son-in-law) was taken to a hospital in Mineral Wells last week with low blood sugar symptoms. We need to keep Bruce and Trina in our prayers as they are dealing with serious health issues.

Maria Anaya is scheduled to have another stent put in her right leg on October 26th which will help the blood flow. Maria will have the procedure done in El Paso.

Concerns Update

James Drake is out of the hospital after being treated for a COPD flare-up a couple of weeks ago. He is in need of prayers.

Diane Salinas (Sylvia Campos' niece) was unable to have the T-Cell transplant due to her high temperature. The surgery was postponed until her fever subsides. Keep Diane in your daily prayers that she can get this procedure done soon.

Prayer List

Robert Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Steve Chavez; Jon Cooper; Jazmine Duron; Don Easlon; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Leo Holloway; Vertie Howard; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Barbara Murphy; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Erica Patiño; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Tim Tolbert; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Bobby Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Robert Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... Fill in Blank

Helmet of _____.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

It is true; Nicodemus was a Pharisee (John 3:1)

Events

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

Gloria Craig is hosting a "**Family Devotional**" on Saturday, October 10th at 4:00 pm. She is having Chili Dogs. Please check with her as to what you can help out with. Everyone is invited

Food for Thought...

Today's trying times in about 20 years will be "the good old days".

Hard work is often the easy work you didn't do at the proper time.

Strengthening Christian Relationships

The early church had strong spiritual relationships. Here are some spiritual rules that will help us have the same spiritual closeness:

- 1. *Give the benefit of a doubt.*** What is said or done may not be intended the way we first perceive them.
- 2. *Be patient.*** Many are weaker and not as talented as we may be, therefore they need our patience as they struggle to develop. An inspection of our own hearts may help us be patient. We may find that we are not as perfect as we first thought
- 3. *Be a servant to all.*** Have the best interest of all at heart. Serve them to bring out their best. This takes humility.
- 4. *Do not judge others harshly.*** We judge out of pride. Besides, there is no way that we can know all that others have to deal with. Nor can we know all they are doing for the Lord. Judging is a sin. Remember we all commit sin—we need to put down our casting stones.
- 5. *Watch our tongue.*** We sometimes use our tongues to anger; to punish others. But God is the avenger—not us. The tongue is a lighted match. Use it for good, not to burn down the forest.
- 6. *Be kind.*** Our people experience enough harshness in the world. They certainly don't need to receive it from us. They need to experience from us the consoling touch of a sweet spirit.
- 7. *Be forgiving.*** We all sin. We all need forgiveness from God. God forgives us and we must forgive others. Only hateful bitter hearts hold grudges and will not forgive.
- 8. *Be encouraging.*** Our people need a good word from us. They need to be uplifted—not put down. Our encounters with them should leave them feeling better about themselves—not more depressed.

These rules can be summed up in the words of Jesus, "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

—Wayne Robbins

October 4, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Jacob Carson	Oliver Hernandez
Second Prayer	Tommy Garcia	Gary Loving
Closing Prayer	Doug Guynn	Miguel Lozano
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Larry May	Don Easlon Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 363-1309 — *Pulpit:* Jr. Munoz 363-1309 — *Table:* Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Craig Wesson 934-4633 — *Collections:* Craig Wesson 934-4633

(Our services are also live streamed on FB)

Sunday AM

"Test of Love"

(I John 3:11-15)

Sunday PM

"Back to the Bible"

(John 3:16)

Our Records

Bible Class... 52

Morning Worship...76

Evening Worship...52

Wednesday...56

Contribution... \$2,816.00

