

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Foes of the Family

Thinking people and casual observers must see by now that the family defined by the Bible is in a battle for survival. When you speak of a family, you speak of something as old as man. It started in Eden with God's blessings (Genesis 2:22-25). The first mention of a man and his wife is in Genesis 2:25. No other institution reaches beyond that, but it has forever had its foes.

### **Easy Divorce**

Over one million couples will learn of "divorce granted" this year from some court in our land. That means millions of people are to be affected by the breakup of a family. Some are now saying one out of two marriages will end in divorce. To what would one attribute such a victory for this foe of the home?

One thing is the legal side of the coin. Divorces are being made easier and easier. In California, there is a no-fault divorce, so one does not have to give a reason for the divorce. One judge specializes on group divorce, on one occasion giving sixteen at the same time. Thus, the embarrassment is removed, and divorce comes easily.

Sometimes it is made easier by those who preach and teach. Some now would justify one's being divorced and remarried for reasons other than the one the Lord gave (Matthew 19:9). We are now told (though it is not new) that if one was divorced for some cause other than fornication before he was baptized, he could remain with his or her second, third, or fourth partner after he was baptized, thus making it easy for the divorced person to live on in adultery just as he did before his baptism. We are told that baptism changes the nature of adultery into something pure, wholesome and undefiled (Hebrews 13:4).

Sometimes counselors advise people to divorce because they are not compatible. This is in spite of Paul's admonition that those who are married should not seek to be loosed (1 Corinthians 7:27).

Some try to salve the conscience by saying, "It would be better for the children." anybody knows that is a cop-out. This nothing more than an excuse for one to run from an obligation. This ignores the effect the breakup of the home has on children. It is hard for a child to lose a parent by death or divorce. At least, though, children could say about death that if the parent had the choice, he (or she) would still be with them. This could not always be the reasoning in the case of divorce.

Indeed, we know that a home where war is the norm and not the exception is a hard place for a child, but if two people try, they can work through their problems. Even that gives the children more than they have where divorce finally raises its ugly head.

Loose morals also contribute to easy divorce. Divorce is not hard for those who have their eye on the back door at the time of marriage. They approached it as though they were buying an article that could be exchanged if they were unsatisfied. Divorce will come easily if one goes into marriage without the intent to be faithful, reserving the right to live as though not married. Such would untie him or her legally from a partner to who he or she was never committed from the start.

### **Evils of Drugs and Drink**

Does anybody doubt the effects these have on the home? Ask a few battered and bereaved wives who have lived with drunkard husbands. Ask some young lady trying to raise a small child in a drug-

infested home and circle of friends if such things are not foes to today's homes. Imagine a young lady married to a man who must smoke his joint with his friends while she tries to protect her child from such influences.

Does your heart not go out to Abigail, who was married to Nabal, who was given to drunkenness (1 Samuel 25)? Think of all the shame she had to endure and the uncertainty that faced her day and night because she never knew what to expect. Yes, these are foes of the home and family that the faithful must oppose.

—Winfred Clark

### ***Prayer Request***

**Haley Shook**, Devida's granddaughter who saw a neurosurgeon last Monday concerning a bulging disc in her lower back that is causing her pain, will do physical therapy of spinal suppressions. Keep Haley in your prayers.

**Augie Rubalcado** who was injured in a motorcycle accident a few weeks ago and has undergone surgery for repairs on his arm is still not totally recovered from it. Please continue to keep Augie in your daily prayers that he will heal properly for a full recovery.

Dylan Straw's father-in-law, **Chuck Keith**, is in the hospital in Arlington. He had a severe infection and was on a ventilator for a few days. He is improving but was still being monitored.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Mark Erwin**, Linda Tate's brother, was taken to the ER at MCH early last week. He was treated for heart related issues and was able to go home by the end of the week.

**Glenna Callendar** says that her oblation surgery has helped her so much. She is getting better each day. She wants to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and calls.

### ***Prayer List***

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; Mario Carmona; LaDonna Chism; Debbie Cox; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Deysi Lopez; Arely Martinez; Chloe Maass; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Zulema Morales; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Darryl Williamson; Bill Wood; Charles Wood; John Wood, Aaron York, Julia York.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

### ***Events***

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

We will have our "Fall Festival" night for all ages on Saturday, October 29th at 6:00 pm in the church parking lot. There will be candy, food, fellowship, fun and games.

### ***Youth***

Bible Knowledge ... "**Some More Threes**"

Job had three "comforting" friends. (Job 4:1; 8:1; 11:1)

### ***Office News***

The items requested for our "**Food Pantry**" for the weeks of October 16th and 23rd are: Mayo, Boxes of Jello or Puddings and Gallons of water.

## ***Food for Thought***

To belittle is to be little.

### **John's Seven Signs**

The book of John focuses on seven of Jesus' miracles and a careful study of each can provide us with principles of encouragement.

**Disappointments?** Remember when Jesus addressed an embarrassing moment, turning the water into wine? (John 2:1-11). He is still the One we turn to when life turns on us. With Paul we say, "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me" (2 Tim. 4:17).

**Doubts?** Remember when He healed a boy from afar and told his daddy to return home and the father went without question? (John 4:46-54). He is still the One in whom we place our faith and our dreams; "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

**Disabilities?** Remember when He healed a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years? (John 5:2-9). By His loving providence, we can still "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10; cf. Phil. 4:13).

**Desires?** Remember when He fed five thousand with a sack lunch? (John 6:1-14). He still meets the desires of those who cry, "For to me, to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

**Despair?** Remember when He reached out for Peter? (Mt. 14:25-32). Are we not thankful that His hand extends to us with the promise: "I will never leave you nor forsake you"? (Hebrews 13:5).

**Darkness?** Remember when He gave sight to a blind man? (John 9:1-11). But wait! To a man stumbling in the wretched darkness of Satan, He is still "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

**Death?** Remember when He stood outside the tomb of a friend, cried and said, "Lazarus, come forth"? (John 11:1-44). Better still, there will come a day "in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29).

He is "Jesus" (literally, "He who saves"), a man of miracles. But He is even more, since He touches our own lives in so many marvelous ways. We truly are blessed to call Him, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

Dan Winkler

### **October 16, 2022**

#### **A.M.**

Announcements	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Steve Easlon
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Gary Loving
Closing Prayer	Phil Halbert

#### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson
Trini Wood
Caleb York

### **Lords Supper**

Scot Straw  
Don Easlon  
Jacob Carson  
Doug Guynn

Craig Wesson  
Communion  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz—212-2231 *Pulpit:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 *Table:* Craig Wesson 934-4633—*Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Steven Easlon *Collections:* Craig Wesson

**Sunday AM**

*“Pre-Requisites of Salvation”*  
*(Romans 10:1-13)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Priesthood of Melchizedek”*  
*(Hebrews 7:1-10)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 73*  
*Morning Worship... 86*  
*Evening Worship ... 67*  
*Wednesday... 69*  
*Contribution... \$6,171.75*