

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## I Need to Know Satan

The devil has been portrayed in popular literature and in the media down through the years anywhere from being a comical character to a being who is almost omnipotent with total control of those whom he affects. The Bible certainly does not suggest Satan is to be laughed at. Even though Satan is very powerful, the Bible does not teach that he is all-powerful. Satan is the enemy of the Christian, and it is imperative to know how Satan works if one hopes to one day live in Heaven.

Satan's goal is to take as many souls as possible with him to hell. There are ample biblical stories that illustrate this fact. Throughout divine history, he tried to destroy those who belong to God. In Genesis Chapter Three, he is successful in tempting Adam and Eve and sin enters into the human race. He is described in Job 1:7 as ***“going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”*** The apostle Peter tells us that Satan ***“walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”*** (I Peter 5:8). He even tried to destroy Jesus (Matthew 4:11; Hebrews 4:15). Everything wicked and evil in this world is ultimately attributed to Satan (James 1:13-17).

There are three basic avenues through which Satan works to accomplish his goal. In I John 2:16 the Bible says, ***“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”*** The devil uses trickery, deceit and half-truths in accomplishing his work. It is Satan's desire that mankind gets caught up in this world by tempting people to live only for the moment and to be concerned only about this life.

Satan also works in the “intellectual” realm or “doctrinal” realm by tempting people to believe ideas that do not originate with God. The apostle Paul talks about such ideas in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 where he says, ***“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”*** Paul also writes about those who would in latter times teach forbiddance of marriage and abstinence from certain food (Timothy 4:1-5). He refers to such ideas as ***“deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.”***

Satan uses any means available to keep people from obeying God and to tempt those who belong to God. When the seed (Word of God) is sown on the wayside soil, it is the devil who takes the Word out of their hearts ***“lest they should believe and be saved”*** Luke 8:12). In 2 Corinthians 4:3, the apostle Paul writes of those to whom the gospel is veiled. They are referred to in verse four as those ***“whose minds the god of this age has blinded.”*** Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 2:11 concerning Satan and states that ***“we are not ignorant of his devices.”*** In describing the qualifications for bishops, the Bible warns in I Timothy 3:7 of those who might fall into ***“the snare of the devil”***. The Christian is to put on the whole armor of God so he can stand against the ***“wiles of the devil”*** (Ephesians 6:11). Thayer defines “wiles” as “cunning arts, craft, deceit, trickery.”

It is vitally important that Christians be knowledgeable about Satan so they can overcome him. It is also important to remember that since Christ is on the Christian's side, he can be

victorious over any temptation and difficulty that comes his way. It is fitting to close with I Corinthians 10:13, ***“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond which you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”***

—Brent Gallagher

### **Sympathy**

**Bethany Annice Lewallen**, a friend of Jaxon Straw, passed from this life on Monday, October 12th at Medical Center Hospital after battling a long illness that has claimed her life. Bethany's service arrangements were assigned to the Sunset Memorial Garden. Keep this family in your prayers.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Ora McAfee** will have neck surgery Tuesday, October 20th at ORMC. Hopefully this will alleviate her shoulder and arm pain. Remember to keep Ora in your prayers.

**Hannah Weakland** was diagnosed with mononucleosis (mono). She is on medication and needs plenty of bed rest. Keep Hannah in your prayers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Jack Wright** is much improved, but still in serious condition. Jack has been moved to Room #304 on the rehab floor at MCH. He is still in need of prayers.

**Andrew Schwarz** will have a chemo port put in Thursday, October 22nd. He will get a chemo treatment every other week for the next 12 weeks. His treatments will start on Monday, October 26th. Keep Andrew in your prayers.

**Dottie Fisher** will be gone to Houston to visit her daughter for the next 10 days. Keep her in your prayers for a safe trip there and back.

### **Prayer List**

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Bill Bundick; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Cruz Coe; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettles-Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Andrué LaFlure; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Ora McAfee; Jill McAfee; Jack McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Thelma Smith; Marilyn Upshaw; Teresa Vires; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Jack Wright

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

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Jewell Dennard; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant;

### **Youth**

**Bible Quiz Question...**

Which two disciples were the first to hear that Jesus had risen from the dead?

**Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...**

John the Baptist baptized his first people in the river Jordan.

## **FYI**

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Christian Take Aim**” at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

## **Events**

John and Sonia Wood are hosting this month’s “**Family Devotional**” Sunday, October 25th following the evening service. Boys bring drinks; girls bring chips. For more information see John or Sonia.

The next “**Ladies’ Project Night**” will be Thursday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm. We will continue to work on the heart pillows. Don’t forget to bring your scissors.

## **Office News**

Our “**Food Pantry**” is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.

The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 8th for a food drive. They are requesting **Cream of Chicken Soup**. Monetary donations also accepted.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to host a “**Family Devotional**”. We need hosts for 2016. The devotionals are held in the annex the last Sunday of each month after our evening service. Please put your name beside the month that works for you.

## Prayer

Prayer is our direct connection to our Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus. Sometimes we forget about the power of prayer and its importance. When a power outage occurs we generally call the electric company immediately to report the problem. Or if our cable television blacks out we call and complain to the cable company. Shouldn’t we go directly to the source, God, when situations in our spiritual life occur? Paul writes to the church in Colossae that they “*continue to offer prayers earnestly and vigilantly with thanksgiving.*” In **I Thessalonians 5:17** we are reminded, “*to pray without ceasing.*” In **I Timothy 2:8**, Paul writes “pray everywhere...without wrath and doubting.” Prayer is an awesome tool that we must use more effectively. “*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*” **James 5:16**.

–Bulletin Digest

<b>October 18th, 2015</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	John Wood	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Scot Straw	Bill Ryan
Second Prayer	George Warren	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Tony Marrs	Cody Wesson
Lord's Supper		
West...	Jr. Munoz	Josh Wells
	Tom Sorenson	Communion
	Josh Weakland	(In Library)
East...	Bill Tolbert	
	Jeff Wesson	
	Dylan Straw	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder :* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* John Wood 230-0689 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table:* Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties:* Dex Dennard 296-1582; *Collections:* Dex Dennard 296-1582

### **Sunday AM”**

*“Entreat the Lord”*

*(Exodus 8:8)*

### **Sunday PM**

*Last Supper”*

*(Mark 14:17-26)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class...89*

*Morning Worship...150*

*Evening Worship...73*

*Wednesday...73*

*Contribution...\$4,749.29*

