

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Speak Unto Us Smooth Things” (Part 1)

“Which say to the seers, see not; And to the prophets, prophesy not unto us right things, Speak unto us smooth things, Prophecy deceits.” (Isaiah 30:10, KJV).

The people of whom Isaiah wrote did not want the prophets to prophesy the Truth, they wanted them to speak “smooth things.” Rebellious people demand an easy religion. It is not the Truth they want; it is assurance that all will be well. These are the people who can grow eloquent about the joy of their lifestyle and indignant over the Gospel of sin and judgment. In the days of the prophets some men wanted to hear only pleasant things. They applauded those who said what the people wanted to hear and stoned the prophets of plain truth. Jeremiah wrote, “The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so” (Jeremiah 5:31). Paul wrote to Timothy: “For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth and turn aside unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

The New Testament plainly teaches we all need to strictly follow sound doctrine and walk in the straightened way. (Matthew 7:13-14)

- The New Testament teaches that God’s Word is Truth. (John 17:17)
- That knowing and obeying the Truth will make one free from sin. (John 8:32; Matthew 7:21-27)
- But believing and obeying a lie will result in damnation. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)
- Men must be very careful that they do not add to, take from, substitute, change or modify in anyway, the Word of God. (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19)
- To do what is not authorized by the Word of God or go beyond the doctrine of Christ is sin. (2 John 9:11)
- Men may depart from the Truth and may pervert the Gospel. (1 Timothy 4:1; Galatians 1:6-9)
- And so the Children of God are to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints. (Jude 3)
- The thing that is to be preached is the Word of God. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)
- Just as Jesus severely rebuked error during His earthly ministry He expects us to do the same today. (Matthew 23:1-36; 1 Timothy 5:20)
- Men are called upon to decide whom they will serve—Christ or the devil. (Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 11:26-28; 30:19; Matthew 6:24; 7:13-14)

—J. Noel Meredith

(Part 2 next week)

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Julia York and her family in the loss of her stepfather who passed away last week in Hobbs, NM.

Prayer Request

Carolyn Wilkerson will undergo testing on her esophagus, stomach and small bowel, Wednesday, October 26th. She has not been feeling well for a long time. Keep Carolyn in your prayers that she gets an answer and solution to her health problems.

Also, **Rudy Alaniz**, Maria Anaya's son, has been sick for a long time with no answers yet. She has requested prayers for him.

Bella Lee, Don Lee's great granddaughter, had a bicycle accident that resulted in a broken jaw. She is on mostly liquids and morphine for the pain. Bella underwent jaw surgery on Wednesday, October 19th in Austin. Keep her in your prayers.

Trina Plyler was taken back to the hospital last week due to an infection. She needs continual prayers at this time.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Chuck Keith; Mildred Lee; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Augie Rubalcado; Haley Shook; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Bill Wood; Charles Wood; John Wood.

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.

October 30th is our Fifth Sunday Service. We will have "**Potluck Luncheon**" following our morning service followed by the evening service. All our visitors are welcome.

Our "Fall Festival" night for all ages is on Saturday, October 29th at 6:00 pm in the church parking lot.

Youth

Bible Knowledge ... "Who said this?"

Zacchaeus said, "Look Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor..." (Lk. 19:8)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Julia and Caleb York on the birth of their baby girl, **Sarah Lynn**, who came into this world on Wednesday evening at 7:41 p.m., October 12th. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Office News

The items requested for our "**Food Pantry**" for this week are: Mayo, Boxes of Jello or Puddings and Gallons of water.

Be A Better Person

Do we not all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor would treat us better than before? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and

treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The “Golden Rule” is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it—and, even if they do not need help, help them anyway. Perhaps they will return the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile; wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read 1 John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). Do not just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

“If someone says, “I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

—Carey Scott

October 23, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Don Easlon	Isaiah Armendarez
Second Prayer	Bill Ryan	Tommy Garcia
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Jon Roemisch
Lords Supper	<u>Oliver Hernandez</u> Richard Siler Travis Ruckman Tommy Garcia	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 *Collec***tions:** Craig Wesson

Sunday AM

“Tough Love”
(Judges 10:1-16)

Sunday PM

“The Surety of a Better Covenant”
(Hebrews 7:18-22)

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