

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

Some seem to have the idea that the Bible is a book only for preachers to find a text in. Preachers' sermons sometimes show that is what they think. They select a text and never get back to it or else pay no attention to its context.

Preachers have no monopoly on understanding the Bible. Preachers gain a knowledge of the Bible in the same way as anyone else, through study. It is a mistake to think of preachers as apostles. The apostles were inspired by the Holy Spirit to receive revelation. Since revelation has been completed, we have no living inspired men today. We have an inspired book. The inspired prophets and apostles still function through the Word:

*How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit (Ephesians 3:3-5).*

Paul received it by revelation and wrote what he received to the Ephesians. He told them that when they read the epistle they would know as much as he knew. If the Ephesians, by reading, could know as much as Paul, then may we not by the same means know as much as any preacher. The preacher learns what he knows by reading and others may read and know the same thing. All any preacher knows is what he can read in the Bible. I know there are some that claim to know things they cannot read in the bible, but this is a false claim.

My father had about a fifth-grade formal education. The president of a Bible college preached in a meeting and stayed in our home. He later said to me: "Your father knows more Bible than any teacher I have." After I began preaching, I often discussed difficult passages with him. I cannot remember a single occasion that I brought up some verse that it was necessary for him to open his Bible to discuss it. His independent study of the Bible and his wonderful knowledge of it has been a source of inspiration to me. It has confirmed my faith in my ability to understand the Scriptures if I will apply myself. His diligent and careful study of the Bible convinced me that I could know as much about the Bible as anyone if I would work at it hard enough and long enough.

## Study the Bible

If one studies math, he needs a math book. If one studies language, he needs a language book. We seem to have forgotten this when we come to the study of the Bible. Instead of studying the Bible, we start looking for a book about the Bible. Nothing is wrong in using other material to aid one's study of the Scriptures, but books should never become a substitute for the bible. It is right. What is written by men may be right but it may also be wrong.

The Bible should be studied first and let it speak then read what others say. I often find that when one is faced with some question, the first thing he does is to start looking for some book on the subject. It appears that it is forgotten that the Bible is a good book to consult first about any question.

The Bible is its best interpreter. Take some time and read the quotations in the New Testament from the Old Testament and notice how the quotes interpret the Old Testament passages. If inspired men used Scripture to interpret Scripture, why do we think we can improve on God's method? What is often made difficult and confusing by some commentary is made simple when one lets the Bible do the interpreting. As I have already pointed out the Bible is inspired and all books of men are uninspired. When one reads the Bible and lets the Bible unfold its message, his faith is built on the rock of divine truth and not human wisdom. What men say may be right but it may also be wrong. Make the Bible your book. You make it your book only by personal study. No one can take your place in this work.

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law he doth meditate  
day and night (Psalm 1:1-2).*

— Franklin Camp

### **Prayer Request**

**Trina Plyler** has been admitted back in the hospital twice since our last report. Both times were due to an infection. Please continue to keep Trina in your daily prayers that she can get over what is causing these infections that are attacking her body.

**Terresia Weaver** will have her nineteenth chemo treatment on Monday, November 7th. After this treatment, more tests will be done to see what progress she has made. Please keep Terresia in your prayers that she will receive improvement in her numbers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Rudy Alaniz** is feeling better now.

Also, **Augie Rubalcado** is doing much better now following his accident.

**Carolyn Wilkerson** is awaiting her test results from the tests that she had done two weeks ago.

### **Prayer List**

Rudy Alaniz; 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; Bella Lee; Mildred Lee; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Augie Rubalcado; Haley Shook; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Bill 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.

### **Youth**

Bible Knowledge ... "Who said this?"

The Samaritan woman said, "Come see a man who told me everything I ever did." (John 4:29)

### **Office News**

The items requested for our **"Food Pantry"** for the next two weeks are: Black Pepper, Boxes of Jello and Puddings.

### **New Addresses: (Please record these in your directory)**

Ann Ellison's new address is:

1827 Roaring Fork

San Antonio, TX 78260

Cody & Kamryn Wesson

13 Sussex Drive

Odessa, TX 79765

### **Food for Thought...**

Don't think in terms of forever. Think of now and forever will take care of itself.

A Wedding does not make a marriage.

### **Clock Watchers**

Brief sermons are in great demand. If one could package and sell twenty-minute sermons with "preheat and serve" instructions, he could become an instant Forbes celebrity. The "hurry up and get this over with" philosophy has found a home in the church.

"If a man cannot strike oil in twenty minutes, he is drilling with a dull bit" may provide a chuckle, but not from the spiritual mind intent on drinking deep from the well of living water. Sunday's high noon sounds the gun for the Indianapolis 500 to the local restaurants; beating the Baptists to the drumstick has become a sporting event.

One brother said, "When the sermon goes overtime, I turn it off." Rest assured he never said that about his favorite television program. One can easily discern Sunday's time of day by taking note of the activity in the pew. Proceeding past the "allotted time" is like scraping the top off an ant bed. Overtime is no man's land where preachers void of stout hearts, fear to tread.

Some try to justify this disturbing lack of interest in God, worship and the Gospel by pointing to man's diminutive attention span. This is insane. The application of this point is always limited to small children or adults in a worship assembly. The truth is, the capacity of one's concentration is dependent upon his sense of priority and interest. One lack of spirituality can devote rapt attention for several hours to some entertainment medium, while experiencing a severe shortage of mental vigilance under the sound of Gospel preaching.

Missionaries tell of people who walk for miles to sit for hours on backless boards in thatched huts and scorching heat to feast on the treasures of the Gospel. It is indeed tragic when one's interest in spiritual things can be exhausted during the course of a thirty-minute sermon.

— Frank Chesser

<b>November 6, 2022</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Song Leader	Jon Roemisch	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Scripture	Scot Straw	Gary Loving
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson	Tommy Garcia
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Larry May
Lords Supper	<u><a href="#">Craig Wesson</a></u> Bill Ryan Steve Easlon Jr. Munoz	Richard Siler Communion (In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834—*Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871—*Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924—0983—*Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151—*Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —  
*Recording Sermons:* Cody

**Sunday AM**

*“Micah’s Religion”*  
*(Judges 17:1-13)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Necessity of Blood”*  
*(Hebrews 9:16-22)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 78*

*Morning Worship...NC*

*Evening Worship ... NC*

*Wednesday...77*

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