

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Hear and Obey

We sometimes chuckle as we remember things our mothers said or did as we were growing up. We are less jovial about these things when we catch ourselves saying and doing the very same things with our own children. One of the most common mom-isms is the question, “Do you hear me?” It’s a simple enough question, but what cements it in our memory is the fact that it is often shouted loudly and in heated tones only inches away from a child’s ears. Most of us have had this question addressed to us, and have addressed it to our children as well. The point of the question is not to check the child’s hearing, but to emphasize the expectation that the child will obey the parent’s orders on that occasion.

Our Lord, of course, was not prone to outbursts of anger, but He used several phrases that made the same point as, “Do you hear me?” One of these was, ***“He who has ears, let him hear.”*** He used this phrase at the end of the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:9), and on several other occasions. He used similar words in each of His letters to the seven churches of Asia in Revelation 2 & 3. The point of this phrase was just what our mothers wanted us to understand. There is an expectation of obedience to what has just been said.

The Lord emphasized the need for obedience in another way at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 7:24-27 the Lord said that the one who heard His words and did them would be like a man who built his house on a rock. His house would withstand everything that life might throw at it. On the other hand, the one who heard the Lord’s words and did not do them would be like a man who built his house on the sand. His house would fall when life came crashing down on it. The benefits of obedience should be obvious from this illustration.

On another occasion, the Pharisees accused the Lord of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons (Luke 11:15). In response to this the Lord explained that a house divided against itself will fall. Therefore, He could not be casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub. Instead, He was casting them out by the power of God, thus demonstrating that the kingdom of God had come upon them.

The Lord’s rebuttal was so eloquent and powerful that a woman standing in the crowd exclaimed, ***“Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which you nursed”*** (Luke 11:27). To this the Lord replied, ***“On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it”*** (Luke 11:28). This reply was not a sign of disrespect for His earthly mother, Mary. It was the kind of corrective statement that the Lord often made when people missed the point of His teachings.

The most important aspect of the Lord’s teaching was, and is, that we are expected to not just hear what He said, but to obey it as well. Many heard the Lord’s

teachings as He went from place to place, but few actually obeyed His teaching. Some listened looking only for an opportunity to accuse Him. Others listened out of simple politeness with no intention of acting on what He said. Those who heard and obeyed what He said were the only ones who would be blessed by God.

This is a fundamental truth that has not changed since God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He expected them to hear and obey and He still expects us to hear and obey today. If we truly want to go to Heaven, we must not only hear the word of God, but we must observe it as well. Nothing else will please Him.

—Fred Dominguez

Prayer Request

James Drake was taken to MCH last week with congestive heart failure. He was treated and released to go home November 8th but had to go to a doctor that day to get shots put in his knees because of pain. Keep James in your prayers.

Jim Simmons (brother-in-law of Susan Simmons) underwent cancer surgery on Tuesday, November 8th. **The doctors were able to remove all the cancer.** Susan is asking that we continue to keep Jim in our prayers.

Also, **Brenda Simmons** (Jim's wife) is undergoing treatments for her bladder cancer. Jim and Brenda live in Loxley, Alabama.

Melida Frazier (Devida's sister) had tests run last week and is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, November 16th in Columbus, OH. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dottie Fisher has requested prayers for her sister, **Betty Burns.** Betty is in the hospital in Houston. She may need some heart related procedures done to assist with a diagnosis.

Concerns Update

Tracie Halbert's is home recovering after her surgery on November 1st.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Melida Frazier; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Connie Lowe; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Lester Savoy; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; John Tessendorf; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

How many Psalms are there in the Book of Psalms?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

King Saul killed himself with his own sword.

Events

Watch **"In Search of the Lord's Way"** every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

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.

Office News

The **"New Mexico Children's Home"** will be back in Odessa December 7th, 2016. They are requesting **Tea Bags** and **Koolaid**. Monetary donations also accepted.

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home will have an **"Open House"** November 19th.

Ladies' Night...

There will be a **"Ladies' Night"** Thursday, November 17th. We will be making 41 "Holiday Gift Bags" for our elderly, shut-ins and those who go in the hospital. There's a list of items needed for the baskets on the bulletin board. **Some items may require two people to fill the need.** Please check it out if you would like to help.

"November 23rd" we will have our "Thanksgiving Service" conducted by the men of our congregation.

"November 30th" Our Wednesday Night Congregational Singing Service.

Food for Thought...

Something cracks every time a hot lie is put into a cold fact.

The things you try to forget are the ones others try to remember.

A Church is Almost Certain to Grow....

- When each member has a deep concern for the lost.
- When each member enters into worship with enthusiasm.
- When each member is interested in aggressive Bible School.
- When each teacher is interested in improving his teaching ability.
- When each elder and deacon is dedicated to the work.
- When the preacher preaches the Word with love.
- When each member is personally involved in His work of soul saving.
- When each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.

So they said, **"Let us rise up and build."** Then they set their hands to this good work.

—Bulletin Digest

November 13, 2016	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Larry May	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Clint Titlow	Tony Marrs
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Scot Straw

Lord's Supper

West...

Jeff Wesson
Bill Tolbert
Phillip Halbert

Scot Straw
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Richard Siler
Jr. Munoz
Sonny Coggins

Other Responsibilities: *Elder of the Month:* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon:* Josh Wells 770-6753
Pulpit: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291
Recording Duties: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Collections:* Josh Wells 770-6753

Sunday AM

"Remaining True to the Lord"
(Acts 11:23)

Sunday PM

"Peter's Exhortation to Elders"
(1 Peter 5:1-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 79
*Morning Worship...*110
*Evening Worship...*73
*Wednesday...*86
Contribution...\$4,320.50
Special Contribution \$1,309.45