

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A faithful Christian has trouble, sorrow, and woe the same as anyone else, but his troubles are likely to be exacerbated and increased by the fact that he daily takes up his cross and follows Christ (cf. Lk. 9:23; I Pet. 4:12-14). However, faithful Christians are assured: ***“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”*** (I Cor. 10:13). Ultimately they will escape every misery of life, for in Heaven ***“there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”*** (Rev. 21:4). The eternal tragedy is that not everyone will enter into Heaven’s glory (Matthew 7:21-23; 25:31-46; 2 Thess. 1:6-9).

Many that believe what Jesus says about Heaven refuse to believe what He says about hell. There are those who see the sufferings caused by poverty, diseases, accidents, natural disasters, wars, the cruelties of men, grief, and the depressing drudgeries of life, and conclude that if there is a hell, it is in this life and that it is here on this earth. Such an errant conclusion is the result of misinformation and/or a deluded imagination. Reason dictates that beyond what God has revealed in His Holy Word, no man is capable of knowing about the realities beyond the grave. Because He does know such things, Jesus explained to the Sadducees that there is no marriage in Heaven (Mt. 22:30), and He lets us know that just as surely as there is a Heaven, there is a hell (gehenna), a place of eternal torment.

The English word “hell” in the King James Version’s New Testament is translated from three different Greek words—hades, tartarus, and gehenna. Hades can refer to the grave (I Cor. 15:55), or to the unseen realm of all the dead, the saved and the lost (Rev. 20:13). ***Tartarus*** is where the ***“angels that sinned” are being kept “in chains of darkness...reserved unto judgment”*** (2 Pet. 2:4). ***Gehenna*** is the destination where lost souls will spend all eternity in wretched agony separated from God.

With the exception of James’ one-time use of the word *gehenna* (Jas. 3:6), every other time that word is found in the New Testament (Mt.5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mk. 9:43,45,47; Lk. 12:5), Jesus is the one saying it. Scattered throughout His usages of that word, Jesus connects it with “judgment,” ***“the fire that never shall be quenched,”*** and ***“damnation.”*** Besides those descriptive terms, more information about hell is provided in God’s inspired Word.

Awaiting the final Judgment in *hades*, on the side of the “great gulf” from whence the lost have neither escape nor relief, the rich man said, ***“I am tormented in this flame”*** (Lk 16:24). After the final Judgment, conditions for the lost will not be improved. Referring to that time, Revelation 21:8 states: ***“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*** At the “second death”, a man’s being does not cease to exist. Rather, the “second death” is an eternal separation from God spent in the lake of fire ***“which burneth with fire and brimstone.”*** God’s Word also tells us of the continual anguish the lost will experience in hell.

Inspiration’s picture of hell is grievous to behold. Hell is a lake of fire, but there is no light there. It is a place of darkness. Those in hell will not suffer in silence; their agony will not permit them to do so. Speaking of hell as the destiny of the disbelieving and disobedient Jews of physical Israel, Jesus said: ***“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth”*** (Mt. 8:12). That same ***“outer darkness” and weeping and gnashing of teeth*** are also found in Matthew 22:13 and 25:30. Likewise, Jesus described the suffering the lost will experience in hell, when He spoke of those who are cast ***“into a furnace of fire” and that “there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth”*** (Mt. 13:42-50), Darkness permeates hell. Fire endlessly torments its inhabitants. Excruciating pain causes them to grit and grind their teeth. Their deep sorrow makes them weep and their misery makes them wail.

Most, if not all, conservative Bible scholars recognize and acknowledge that figurative language is utilized in the Bible’s revelations about hell. However, this should not be taken to mean that hell is an abode less severe. Just as Heaven’s glories are far superior to what the inferior words of man can depict, the actual horrors of hell stretch far beyond every mortal’s comprehension. As bad and as hard as things can be to bear throughout the few days in this life, nothing here compares to that which will be eternally experienced in hell.

—Tommy J. Hicks

Sympathy

Our sincere condolences go out to Myndi Smith and her family in the loss of her mother, **Ada Jewell Bettles-Dennard**. Jewell passed from this life Friday, November 6th at the Buena Vida Nursing Home. Funeral services were scheduled with Hubbard Kelly Funeral home for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 10th. The service was conducted by Allen Weakland and Mike Vestal.

Prayer Request

Nancy Easlon accidentally fell off her back porch and broke her right ankle. She was fitted with a boot and is on crutches.

Meta Troutz, mother of Kim Guynn, is in Midland Memorial Hospital with pneumonia. Please no visitors at this time.

Concerns Update

James Drake was released from the hospital to go home Tuesday, November 10th. James is still in need of prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Bill Bundick; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Cruz Coe; Dayton 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; Maxine Newton; Laura Olivas; Connie Phelps; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Marilyn Upshaw; Teresa Vires; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Jack Wright

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Who ruled Palestine at the time of Jesus?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

"Sheol" is a place for the dead.

Events

"Wednesday Night Services (November 18th) The **"Devotional Speaker"** is Jacob Carson and **"Song leader"** Larry May.

Sunday, November 29th is our **"Fifth Sunday Service"**. We will have a Potluck luncheon after our morning service followed by the evening service. All our visitors are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called **“Christian Take Aim”** at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; 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.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone that cooked our meal on Saturday! We would not have had one without each of you! I want to thank you for all the cards we are getting! It means so much to me and Eugene. Our love to each of you!

Eugene & Anita

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 signup sheet in the foyer for those who would like to host a **“Family Devotional”**. We need hosts for 2016. Please put your name beside the month that works for you.

Things Only A Mom Can Teach

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: “If I’ve told you once, I’ve told you a million times ‘Don’t Exaggerate’.”

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: “Just wait until your father gets home.”

My mother taught me about OSMOSIS: “Shut your mouth and eat your supper.”

My mother taught me about WISDOM OF AGE: “When you get to be my age, you will understand”.

—Bulletin Digest

November 15, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
John Wood
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Bill Ryan
Bill Brown
Jr. Munoz

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Trinidad Wood
Scot Straw
Rudy Ochoa

Lord's Supper

West...

Don Easlon
Cody Wesson
Isaiah Armendarez

John Wood
Communion
(In Library)

East... George Warren
 Larry May
 Dylan Straw

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Don Easlon 363-0350 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486;
Table: John Wood 230-0689; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Don Easlon 363-0350
Collections: Don Easlon 363-0350

Sunday AM

"The Exodus"
(*Exodus 12:31-42*)

Sunday PM

"Binding the Hands of Jesus"
(*Mark 15:1-5*)

Our Records

Bible Class... 73
*Morning Worship...*129
*Evening Worship...*64
*Wednesday...*82
Contribution...\$5,389.03

