

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Staying in Line with the Truth

Man's first and noblest impulse is to accept the truth. The majority of men want to be right, if it does not cost too much. Some people are in error with honest convictions, but many are in error because it is easier and cheaper than to stay with the truth. The truth of God pierces men to their hearts and that hurts. A motley crowd was thus affected on the day of Pentecost and they cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" They were men of obstinate minds, too, but the truth Peter preached pricked their hearts. They were brought to a standstill so far as argument was concerned. They had to go against what they knew was the truth or make a change. They wisely decided and accepted the truth.

The test of a man is not in his following the truth when it does not hurt him, but in staying with it when it does hurt him—when it destroys his pleasure, causes him to part with his money or upsets his long-cherished notions.

John says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth" (3 John 4). It is not joy, but sorrow, to a preacher to learn that half of his converts backslide and become unfaithful. A man shows his love for the truth when it causes him to cut off his right hand or pluck out his right eye.

Paul told Timothy, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:14-15). Timothy's mother and grandmother had taught him the truth and Paul admonished him to stay with it. Some young people think it is a sign of independence and advancement to throw away their mother's faith. They think they should discard it because it is their mothers, and that they embraced it when they were unlearned and immature. It is not easy to stay with the truth when one's associates are making fun of what they call his foggy notions.

Strong Men

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). Heaven's faith does not make cowards. While it is designed to make men tremble at their own ways, at the same time its purpose is to give strength and make men courageous. There is a class of intellectuals who look upon faith as a sign of weakness. And they fail to see any power in love.

People may think courage is a matter of temperament. But is it not the Gospel's purpose to mend human temperaments? It restrains vices and stimulates virtues. It transforms defects into excellencies and it never cause excellencies to go to seed and become defects. The Gospel is the best tested recipe for human defects. It makes crooked things straight.

The Gospel gives men courage in the face of trials and great dangers. Paul was the most courageous man aboard the sinking ship on the voyage to Rome. The captain of the ship and centurion were pushed into the background by Paul's presence. He told the passengers not to fear, that, while the ship would be lost, all the people would be saved alive. And it turned out the way Paul said it would. It was his faith in God that gave him courage.

No, faith is not a sign of weakness; it is a condition of strength. Instead of fostering fear, the truth gives men power and love and a sound mind. The truth stiffens men into fearlessness. The man full of truth is not a reed shaken by the wind. He is a pillar of strength amid all dangers.

But a man is a fool to tell himself not to be afraid when he is on the wrong road. The Gospel makes strong and courageous men; it is sin that makes men cowards. Men have nothing to fear when they do the will of God, but they have much to fear when they disobey Him. If a man has all other available strength,

except the strength of the Lord, he is a weak man. Paul says, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong” (I Corinthians 16:13). It takes a great deal of strength to always act like a man instead of a child. It also takes a great deal of strength to stand, when there is an easy place to sit down. The devil offers every man a chair who is tired of standing up for the truth. It requires a strength that is greater than our own, to be guided by reason instead of passion. Some men brag about living by nature, which means that they live by the worst half of themselves.

—W. M. Davis

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **James Wesson**. James passed from this life on Sunday, November 22nd in Snyder, TX. He had been diagnosed with Covid 19 virus but was also dealing with other health issues as well. James’ services were held in Snyder, TX.

Karen Squires (a friend of Kim Guynn) passed away last week in a hospital in San Antonio, TX. Our sympathy goes out to the Squires family also.

Leobardo Raigoza also passed away. He was the father of a Sam’s Club employee who had requested prayers for him. Our condolences go out to this family.

Prayer Requests

Keep in prayer all of our members who are self-quarantined because of exposure to the virus and those who are quarantined because they have the Covid 19 virus.

Concerns Update

David Ryan is home after undergoing back surgery in Richardson, TX.

Melissa Moore is also at home after having foot surgery in Lubbock.

Caleb Ryan, who was diagnosed with Covid 19 virus is back at work.

Prayer List

Maria Anaya; Raul & Elizabeth Armendarez; Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Winford Hambright; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ...

Where was Paul was stoned and left for dead?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...

“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near” (Isaiah 55:6).

Wedding Shower

We are hosting a “**Wedding Shower**” for Dylan Straw and Shannon Keith for their upcoming marriage on December 19. The table is set up in the east foyer for their gifts and gift cards. Dylan and Shannon’s selections are at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

Events Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” Sunday’s at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Office News

The NMCCH will be here Tuesday, December 8th to pick up **Paper Towels** and the **Christmas Gifts**. Monetary gifts are also accepted.

Winter Quarter Bible Classes

The elders have decided to cancel the Sunday and Wednesday bible classes for the month of December. They will make a decision regarding January classes sometime in December.

Food for thought....

Don’t be afraid to disagree with your loved ones. The only people who don’t argue are people who don’t care or are dead. In fact, don’t have short arguments. Make certain they are thorough. Then clear the air and be done with it. Now get on with loving each other.

Middle age is when you can still do everything you used to do but had rather not.

The Danger of Leaning Towards the World

When I was a young boy I played as much baseball as possible. All my friends played baseball because it was fun and cheap entertainment.

All you needed to play was a glove, a ball and a bat. We could make or find something that could be designated as bases. I also watched a lot of baseball on television in those days. Lou Brock was one player that especially fascinated me because he was so fast at running the bases. Lou Brock’s name became synonymous with stealing bases. He had stealing bases down to a science. Pitchers were always trying to pick Lou off base because he would take such large leads prior to stealing the base. You may know that the pitcher out of the corner of his eye, tries to see how far the runner is off of the base. He is especially looking to see which way the runner is leaning. The key for the pitcher to pick off a base runner is to throw to the base when the runner is leaning in the opposite direction. That is similar to the way Satan tries to get at us. Let us be careful which way we are leaning. There are only two ways to lean, we are either leaning towards the world or toward Jesus. When we have our spiritual armor in place, we are not simply leaning on Jesus we are standing with Jesus and His Word. –Clark Tatum

November 29, 2020

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Scot Straw	Jr. Munoz
Second Prayer	Bill Ryan	Joshua Weakland
Closing Prayer	Tom Sorenson	David Ryan
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Craig Wesson	Cody Wesson
		Communion
		(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 – *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 – *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 – *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 – *Recording Sermons:* Trinidad Wood 413-8508 – *Collections:* Trinidad Wood

Sunday AM

"Lesson of Life"

(I John 2:28 & 3:3)

Sunday PM

"A Changed Life"

(I Thessalonians 3:23-28)

Our Records

Bible Class... 54

Morning Worship...67

Evening Worship...45

Wednesday...32

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