

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Building Up our Most Precious Faith

Our faith is an important fundamental to our Christianity. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith as our shield we are defenseless against the arrows from Satan (Ephesians 6:16). Don't we want to be pleasing to God? Don't we want to be protected from Satan? Well, if we are a Christian and expect to make it to heaven then of course we do. But not all of us have a faith that will stand the test of time. We need a stronger faith. Even as the apostles asked the Lord to increase their faith we also need to build ours up so that we can stand against the trials that will come our way.

Faith is built by two things hearing God's word and putting what we hear into practice. Romans 10:17 says, ***"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."*** We come to faith by hearing the word of God. Gospel faith then only comes from learning and discovering what God's word teaches. Gospel faith does not come from what men may teach. But sadly most of us that are seeking more faith and a stronger faith do not avail ourselves of the true source of faith. We may have several Bibles in our home but we seldom take the time to read any of them as we should. Without the source of faith we cannot build faith. It is like trying to build a skyscraper without concrete. You may have shape and structure but you have no real strength. Faith will fail without the crucial building material, the Bible, God's instruction to us.

Faith also must be put into practice. When Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, God was putting Abraham's faith to the test. God knows all things and knew before he asked Abraham to do this most difficult task that he would comply. But did Abraham? We learn from the Hebrew writer that Abraham thought that if God did kill Isaac that the Lord would bring him back (Hebrews 11:19). But his faith was not tested based on what he thought the Lord would do but upon what he, Abraham would do. When we fail to do the Lord's bidding we lose confidence toward God. It is only by doing what God says that we will see the benefits. How will you ever be convinced that God's way works if you never do things God's way? But if you do things God's way and see that things work better, you will have more faith in God.

Regardless of where you are spiritually, we all could use a stronger faith. A strong wall left unattended will begin to weaken with time. But, a wall that is constantly looked after will never lose its strength. Let us all work together to build our faith so that all of us can stand against Satan and be pleasing to God. Be an encouragement to yourself and others; invite your family, friends and neighbors to hear the gospel preached and maybe, just maybe we can lead others to share in our precious faith and help save some souls along the way.

—Robert Barcroft

Sympathy

We would like to our sympathy to Lindsey Wells and her family in the loss of her grandfather, **Billy Thomas Bundick**. Bill passed from this life on Tuesday, November 20th in Huntsville, TX. His funeral service was conducted November 27th at the Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa and was laid to rest in Littlefield, TX.

Prayer Request

Jimmy Weaver has been placed under Hospice Care at his home. Terresia has requested prayers for strength for her and all the family and also God's Will for Jim during this very difficult time in their lives. Keep them all in your prayers.

Bill Brown had a bone marrow test done Friday, November 30th. Also, a blood test may have been scheduled. Keep Bill in your prayers that he will get good results from his test.

Marilyn Upshaw who was taken to the Riverside Hospital in San Angelo last week and then transferred to Shannon Medical Center also in San Angelo for health issues, is back at home. She was treated and then brought back to Odessa on Sunday, November 25th. Continue to keep Marilyn in your prayers as she deals with health issues.

Brian Basaldua, Devida's son-in-law's brother, was diagnosed with Myeloma two weeks ago. He underwent a PET scan last week to see if the cancer had spread to his bones. Brian lives in Houston and will be started on a very potent chemo pill at first. Keep him in your prayers that the treatment he receives will be very effective on his cancer.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Elsie Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Emma Craig; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Albert Stegall; Jack Straw; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jimmy Weaver; Josh Wells; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood;

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

When did the Holy Spirit come to the disciples in the form of tongues of fire?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Anna, the 84 year old Prophetess, praised God for the baby Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem. (Luke 2:36-38)

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.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards sent to me. I appreciate it so very much.

In Christian Love,

Hattie Gilmore

Dear brothers & sisters, Once again I am begging for your prayers. Jim is a Hospice patient now. Please pray for strength for my family. Pray for God's will for Jim. Thank you for praying for us.

Thank you for all you do.
Weaver.

Terresia

Office News

The "New Mexico Children's Home" will be here this Tuesday for a food pick up. They are requesting **Chocolate Chips and Vanilla**. Monetary donations are also accepted. The home will also be collecting the holiday gifts for the children at the same time.

Ladies Gift Exchange— at Bonnie Sorenson home on Friday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a finger food and a gift to exchange.

Food for Thought

You cannot do kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.

A Think Story

A little boy once asked his dad what a "Christian" was. The dad replied that a Christian is a person who loves and obeys God. He loves his friends and neighbors and expresses his appreciation for other Christians. He even loves his enemies and prays for them that they might be blessed. He prays often and blesses God's Holy Name in reverent worship. He is kind, considerate, gentle and courteous in his speech and in his selfless attitude. He lives a life that is pure and holy and is a Christian through and through.

The little boy thought a moment and then asked another question "Daddy, have I ever seen one?"

—Copied

December 2, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Larry May	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Gary Loving	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Scot Straw	Craig Wesson

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

Jacob Carson

Bill Brown

Tommy Garcia

Bill Ryan

Dex Dennard

Communion

(In Library)

East...

Tom Sorenson

David Ryan

Jackie Perkins

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*: Bill Ryan 272-5507 *Pulpit*: Larry May 638-3990 *Table*: Dex Dennard 296-1582 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Richard Siler 556-2151 *Collections*: Richard Siler 556-2151

Sunday AM

"Ears That Do Not Hear"
(Zechariah 7:11-12)

Sunday PM

"Blest Be the Ties"

(Romans 12:5)

Our Records

Bible Class... 58

Morning Worship...105

Evening Worship...57

Wednesday...46

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