

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## God's Enduring Word

Nations have risen, increased, and fallen. Rulers have obtained thrones, reigned over kingdoms, and succumbed to death. Generations have come and gone. Time and culture alike have seen changes. Technology, science, and medicine have all progressed. Natural disasters have swept over the landscape of humanity. Tragedies, plagues, and diseases have been witnessed by the nations. Years have passed away into the unchangeable annals of history. God's Word, however, has remained the same. God's Word survives by its very nature! The Scriptures will never change, the Bible will never be destroyed, and the living Word of God will endure forever. Peter spoke of "the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. For all flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. (I Peter 1:23-25).

***God's Word endures criticism!*** The bible, more so than any other document, has been examined and cross-examined by critical men, but it has incessantly stood the test of scrutiny. Honest and objective inspectors of God's Word will always admit the Bible is the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible bears undeniable traits which conclusively link it to the mind of God. Despite the vast number of allegations of contradictions from skeptics, the Bible has endured, and no real contradiction has ever been sustained. Though written by over 40 different writers with differing educations and occupations, in three different languages, from three separate continents, over a period of 1600 years, the Bible orbits around one central theme and contains no inconsistencies. The Bible remains accurate concerning people, times, places, numbers, events, and doctrines. Though continually inspected by the critic, the Bible has continually survived criticism. It is the most challenged of all books, but it is still the best-seller.

***God's Word endures attacks!*** In addition to being the most criticized document, the Bible is also the most hated document. Though beloved by many, masses would love to see the Bible destroyed. History reveals countless attacks on the Bible. In 175 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes, a Syrian ruler, tried to destroy all writings of the Old Testament Scriptures. He failed, however, and while his name is unknown by most, the name of Moses is known by nearly all. In AD 1199, Pope Innocence ordered all Bibles to be burned, but God's Word survived. In AD 1637, the Jesuits boasted of burning 60,000 Bibles, but they did not burn enough, for God's Word survived. Voltaire, a French infidel, vowed the Bible would be no more 100 years following the day of his death. He indeed died, but God's Word lived. Just 50 years following his death, his own printing press was used to publish Bibles, and his own house was used by the Geneva Bible Society. Robert Ingersoll, an American agnostic, claimed in 15 years he would have the Bible in the morgue. 15 years later, he was the one in the morgue. After Ingersoll's death, Robert Gary sat at his desk and wrote Bible Lessons. Man will die; God's Word will live. Jesus said, "***Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away***" (Matthew 24:35).

***God's Word endures rejection!*** Many reject what the Bible says, seek to change what the text records, and attempt to evade the teachings of Scripture, but God's Word always endures. The Psalmist said, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven" (Psalm 119:89). The modernist, skeptic, and atheist all reject the bible, but God's Word endures. Roman Catholicism denies teachings of the Bible, but God's Word endures. The religion of Islam contradicts the writings of God's Word, but the Bible endures. The denominational world argues with, debates over, and discards vast portions of the Biblical text, but God's Word endures. Many church members defy large segments of God's Word, but the Bible endures. Rejecting what the Bible says will not change God's Word. Getting mad with a certain passage will not change what the Bible says. Doctorate degrees do not change the Bible. The books of men do not change the Bible. Culture does not change the Bible. Despite the masses who reject God's inspired Word, Jesus

said “the same” Word will be their judge at the last great day (John 12:48). The Bible will read exactly the same then as it reads just now! God’s Word endures forever!

—Brandon Baggett

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Lee Roy Bell** who passed away Tuesday, November 28th in the ER at MCH. Lee Roy had been struggling with several health issues for a very long time. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 4th at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Chapel.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Dana Erwin** (Linda Tate’s cousin) has been at ORMC (rehab floor) being treated after suffering a stroke three weeks ago. Her arm and leg on the right side were affected. Dana will be released tomorrow (December 4th) to go to a Nursing Home to continue her rehab. Please keep Dana in your daily prayers.

Also, **Bonnie Erwin** (Linda Tate’s sister-in-law) is in Medical Center Hospital diagnosed with cancer throughout her body. The cancer doctor was to let her know the prognosis for her condition. Bonnie is in need of prayers at this time.

### **Concerns Update**

**Hattie Gilmore** is in need of prayers. She is not doing well at this time.

### **Prayer List**

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

### **Eisenhower’s Shut-ins**

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

### **Youth**

#### **Bible Quiz Question...**

When Jesus was apprehended, he was taken before three principle people. (1) Pilate, the Governor; (2) Caiaphas, the high priest; (3) Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas. To whom was he taken first?

#### **Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...**

Legion was possessed by many devils.

### **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.

The **“Holiday Party”** for all the ladies is tomorrow evening (December 4th) at 6:30 p.m. at Bonnie Sorenson home. Please bring a snack food to share and also a gift for the exchange. All the ladies are invited.

## Thank You

Thanks for the “goodie” sack. A special thanks to Devida for making a special sugar free treat (it was delicious). It was so thoughtful of you all. Love ya,  
Wilkerson Carolyn

To my sisters of the church, thank you for my bag of goodies (of all kinds). I did share this time (my gums were too sore to be greedy). My sisters you all are a star and a blessing in my life. Thank you again for my bag. Doctor said my weight is ok and I am glad.  
Hattie Mae Gilmore Love you very much in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift and prayers for the members of the Aransas Pass church of Christ. While the burdens of the hurricane have been great, you have certainly lightened our load.  
In Christian Love, Donny & Nancy D’Herde

## Office News

The “**New Mexico Children’s Home**” will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. They are requesting **Crackers and Pineapples**. Monetary donations also accepted. Also they will be picking up the holiday gifts for the children at that time.

There will be a “**Deacon’s Meeting**” Wednesday, December 6th in the Library. It is very important that all our deacons attend this meeting.

## Food for thought...

The same jolt that moves little potatoes to the bottom moves the big ones to the top.

Worry is interest paid on borrowed trouble.

<b>December 3, 2017</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Casey Cleveland	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson	Josh Weakland
Closing Prayer	Rudy Ochoa	Larry May
Lord's Supper		
West...	Jr. Munoz	Chris Butler
	Charles Wood	Communion
	Richard Siler	(In Library)
East...	Tom Sorenson	
	Larry May	
	Bill Ryan	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Table*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Dex Dennard 296-1582 Ochoa 214-0398; *Collections*: Dex Dennard 296-1582

## Sunday AM

“An Errand of Mercy”  
(Luke 19:1-10)

## Sunday PM

“Antidote for Satan”  
(1 Peter 5:8)