

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Borne By Angels

The ministry of angels in God's great redemptive plan is clearly taught in the sacred writings. Of these divine messengers the writer of Hebrews penned these interesting and significant words: "***Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?***" (Hebrews 1:14). Not all of the areas of their activity are indicated but some of them are and in these ought we to find immeasurable satisfaction and inexpressible joy. Who of us that truly love the Lord have not been thrilled far down in the very depths of our souls in singing of this boundless blessing in the following words of a magnificent old hymn: *O come, angel band, come, and around me stand; And bear me away on your snowy winds to my immortal home, to my immortal home!*

Lazarus was "carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22), and no reason exists why the Lord would do this for the pitiless beggar but not for all others who die as Lazarus did in the Everlasting Arms. Was not this narrative penned for the purpose of depicting the destiny of the classes represented by Lazarus and the rich man? If to this the objection is raised that the account is parabolic and not intended to be interpreted as an actual event, this must be shown to be so from the report itself which no man can do; and, in either event—whether a parable on historic incident—the affirmation of the Spirit, that angels carried the spirit of Lazarus into the next world means something and if it does not mean that angels do indeed bear spirits away from their bodies at death the statement is misleading and without significance to those to whom it purports to apply. We may therefore properly conclude that the human spirit, having been faithful to God, when free of the body in death is borne by angels into the Hadean realms, and that this is but one of the ways in which angels minister to (serve) the heirs of salvation.

There is a much closer relationship between this world and the one that awaits us than this materialistic and skeptical age would like to admit. Though the river of death intervenes, on the farther shore there awaits us a "great cloud of witnesses" vitally interested in the spiritual progress of those whose race is not yet run (Hebrews 12:1-2). The two worlds are so close but one step is required to make the journey and but a moment to experience the transition. It is not impossible to conclude that in the passing both worlds are for the moment in the view of the dying saint. Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father (Acts 7:56).

Moses E. Lard, one of the most brilliant stars of the truly great men in the Restoration movement, relates an incident in his Quarterly which we condense from "The Old Path Pulpit," by F. G. Allen, himself one of the ablest preachers and writers of his day. A sailor, now in the sunset years of his life, and in retirement, took up abode in Missouri, where he and his aged companion found deep satisfaction in obeying the Lord and serving him after the New Testament pattern. For some years they served the Savior faithfully, delighting in the service and worship of God, being dearly loved by all the saints. Ultimately the infirmities of age brought him low and friends and brethren gathered about him for his last hours. He talked much of the heavenly home and of the journey he was soon to take. His last words were to his faithful and devoted wife. "Mary", he said, "we have lived a long time together, we must now separate. We have often talked of our Father's house and wondered how it is over there. This will soon be fully known to me because I shall soon be there. I cannot communicate with you from that farther shore but put your hand in mine and when I am passing through the portals, if the sea is calm, the sky is clear and the port is open, I'll send you a sign". She put her hand in his, the hand with which she had so often smoothed his troubled brow and lightened for him the burdens of life now wrinkled in honored old age, and waited with breathless silence the end. He breathed but a few times more as the spirit prepared to take its flight in death. At last when the silent witnesses thought there was to be nothing more, he gave her hand a gentle

pressure and all was over. The sea was calm, the sky was clear, the port was open, and all was well. She had received the promised sign.

—Guy N. Woods

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Arturo and Sylvia Campos in the loss of his nephew, **Robert Joe Rodriguez** on Friday, December 1st at Andrews Hwy & Hillmont Road in Odessa, TX. Robert Joe was involved in an auto accident which claimed his life and his aunt's step-grandson. There were others who were either injured or killed. Please keep the Rodriguez and Campos families in your prayers.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Jimmy Weaver** is in a hospital in Dallas with complications with an infection and liver problems. The doctors were considering a liver transplant for Jimmy, but because of the infection that is questionable. The doctors bandaged his legs from the bottom to top to help get rid of the infection. We need to keep Jimmy in our daily prayers.

**Jackie Rex** fell in her kitchen early Saturday morning, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and what she thought was a sprung foot ended up being two broken bones according to the doctor at the Urgent Care Center. Jackie was fitted with a temporary splint and cast and was advised to see an Orthopedic Surgeon. She has an appointment Monday, December 10th to see if surgery is needed. Visits are discouraged until Jackie becomes more mobile. She welcomes calls and will miss seeing everyone at services. But, for now her foot needs to heal.

### **Concerns Update**

**Hazel Cavanaugh's** CT scan, which was to be done Wednesday, December 6th in Lubbock, was cancelled and rescheduled for June, 2018 by her new physician. Hazel is contemplating having the CT scan done locally. She wants to thank everyone for their concern and prayers for her at this time.

**Reda Sowell** did not have to undergo rotator cuff surgery on Monday, December 4th. The doctor's diagnosed her with a frozen shoulder instead and was able to do a minor surgery repair. Reda is doing great.

**Dana Erwin** was released from the hospital Friday, December 8th and will be going to Madison Health Resort to continue rehab on her right arm and leg. Keep Dana in your prayers.

### **Prayer List**

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Barbara Erwin; Dana Erwin; 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; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

### **Youth**

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

What did Moses throw into the bitter water to make it fit to drink?

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

Jesus was taken first to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas.

## 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

Thank for the “Goodie” bag & the visit was even better. Maxine

Thank you for the “goodies” sack. It was so thoughtful of all of you to think about me.

Love you all,

Mildred Lee

## Office News

The *“New Mexico Children’s Home”* will be in Odessa March 6th, 2018. They are requesting **Juices (All Kinds)**. Monetary donations also accepted. Coin cans are on the table in the foyer.

## New Arrival...

**Luke Mitchell McGhee** is here...born to Larriat, DeWayne & Levi (big brother) McGhee on December 1st, 2017. Luke weighed 7 lbs. 15.9 oz., length 21 1/4” long. The proud grandparents are Randy and Patsy Mitchell. Again, congratulations to the McGhee & Mitchell families.

### December 10, 2017 A.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Tom Sorenson
Second Prayer	Scot Straw
Closing Prayer	George Warren
Lord's Supper	
West...	Craig Wesson
	Mike Roemisch
	Tommy Garcia
East...	Josh Wells
	Josh Weakland
	Richard Siler

### P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Richard Siler
Charles Wood
Cody Wesson
Chris Butler
Communion
(In Library)

**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

*“Dare to be a Daniel”*

*(Daniel 1:1-21)*

## Sunday PM

*“A Compassionate Savior”*

*(Matthew 9:35-38)*

## Our Records

*Bible Class... 79*

*Morning Worship...120*

*Evening Worship...68*

*Wednesday...67*

*Contribution...\$4,905.00*

