

Eisenhower Church of Christ

In a Rut?

We love our creature comforts. We like air-conditioning especially when it is hot outside and warm air when it is cold. We like our big soft recliners and our big screen televisions. We like to sip our coffee, ice tea or coke smothered in ice as we sit and relax. We like to be comfortable. We are told by every salesman and advertising agency that we deserve to take it easy. After all we work hard for our money. We as Americans have really taken “taking it easy” to heart. Literally we have taken it so easy that our physical hearts are suffering. We have become so sedentary in our life style that our physical health is suffering. We are overweight, have diabetes and are dying from heart attacks. Once you start taking it easy it is hard to change. That is why most exercise or diet programs are soon forgotten. We do not like change. We like the easy road and so we are stuck in a rut. It always takes more effort to get out of a rut than it does to get in one.

What about our soul? Have we allowed ourselves to take it too easy? Is our soul now in a rut? Are we exercising our Christianity? The best way to know is to take a good look at our life. Now go ahead and don't be afraid to ask yourself some hard questions. Do I read my bible more now than I did in the past? Do I pray more now than I did in the past? Do I look forward to going to the services of the church every time the doors are open or do I find ways to skip out? How many of my friends and neighbors have I tried to bring to Christ or when the subject of religion is brought up, do I ignore it? Have you passed the test or did you fail? Usually there is always some way that we can improve if we just look deep and honestly.

The rich fool in Luke 12 thought that because he had plenty of goods (possessions and money) to last him a long time that his soul could take a rest and take it easy. The Lord said to him ***“Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”*** He was a fool because he thought that his riches meant that he was righteous. He thought because he was blessed that he must be living right. But he was sadly mistaken. The Laodiceans' received a similar rebuke. Revelation 3:15-17 says ***“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot, I would thou wert cold or hot, so then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.”*** He later asks them to be zealous and repent. These were stuck in a rut. They were somewhere in the middle between being completely righteous and completely wicked. There are many Christian that suffer the same problem and will suffer the same fate.

The reason the Church is not growing as it should is because the members

are not growing as they should. We have gotten comfortable with what we think we are doing. But in reality we are hardly doing anything. We think we are OK, but we are as the Lord said, **“wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”** Let us take the extra effort to get out of our spiritual rut and save some souls starting with our own.

—Robert Barcroft

Prayer Request

Tracie Halbert underwent major surgery in Lubbock, Tuesday, December 13th. Her surgery went very well and she was scheduled to go home on Friday. Keep Tracie in your daily prayers that she will have a fast recovery and back to good health soon.

Eva Wells was taken to the ER at Medical Center Hospital last week. She was diagnosed with acute bronchitis and dehydration. She was put on medication and released to go home to recuperate. Eva covets your prayers.

Laura McKnight, a member of Sherwood Church of Christ and a friend to Devida, underwent knee replacement surgery Tuesday, December 13th at MCH. The surgery went well. Devida is requesting prayers that Laura’s recuperation time will be short and no more knee pain.

Concerns Update

Ivan Rigsby (Devida’s cousin) underwent surgery last week to have part of his pancreas removed. He is presently on a Ventilator and struggles when removed. Keep Ivan in your prayers; he has been sick and hospitalized since mid-summer.

Melida Frazier is scheduled for her first radiation treatment Wednesday, December 21st. Melida lives in Columbus, Ohio and is Devida’s sister. Keep her in your prayers.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Glynn Chandler; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Shane Ford; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Connie Lowe; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Lester Savoy; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; John Tessororf; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

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

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...

What happened to the kingdom after Solomon died?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

(False) Jesus met and talked to a woman by Jacob's well near Sychar which was in Samaria (not Judea).

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

Dear Eisenhower,

Thank you so much for the "Basket" that was delivered to us. We enjoy going thru each day and finding a new goodie. Thanks so much for remembering us. We miss you all and hope to be back soon.

Sincerely,
Elder & Glenna McCarty

Thank you my Brothers and Sisters so very much for my "Thanksgiving Bag" loaded down with all kinds of goodies. Now when the Dr. says I am too fat, I'll say, put the blame on you all, not me; smile. Thanks so much for cards, prayers & concern you all have shown me. Love you & miss you very much!

God Bless.
Hattie Gilmore

Ladies,

Thank you ever so much for the nice "goody" sack that you sent to me and a big thank you also to Allen for delivering it.

Charles Wood

Office News

There will be a **"Ladies Gift Exchange Party"** at Bonnie Sorenson's home tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a gift to exchange and snack foods. Come join the fun and fellowship.

The **"New Mexico Children's Home"** will be back in Odessa March 7th, 2017. They are requesting **Apple Cider Vinegar and plain Vinegar**. Monetary donations also accepted. Remember the **"Friday Night Bible Class"** that meets in the annex at 6:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month. The next class is January 13th. Finger foods are okay. We are studying from the book "Beyond Baptism".

Food for thought... Instead of complaining about the things we don't get that we want—why not be grateful for not getting the things we deserve.

December 18, 2016 A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Trinidad Wood	Dex Dennard
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson	George Warren
Closing Prayer	Larry May	Bill Butler

Lord's Supper

West...

Tom Sorenson

Cody Wesson

Sonny Coggins

Tony Marrs

Communion

(In Library)

East...

Jr. Munoz

Richard Siler

Philip Halbert

Other Responsibilities: *Elder;* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon;* John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit;* John Wood 413-7444 *Table;* Tony Marrs 553-7349 *Song Leaders;* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties;* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Collections;* Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Christmas Challenge"

(Colossians 2:14-23)

Sunday PM

"Value of One Soul"

(Matthew 16:24-27)

Our Records

Bible Class... 68

*Morning Worship...*131

*Evening Worship...*70

*Wednesday...*78

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