

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## *"All Are Terminal"*

Several years ago I heard Brother Randy Becton during a cancer seminar. He shared of one occasion when he was being interviewed about personally dealing with cancer. He was asked, "How do you feel knowing you're going to die?" He returned the question to the interviewer, "How do you feel knowing you're going to die?" She was startled having never thought of it in that way. Randy is right we are all going to die. We are all terminal. It is just that some leave this world sooner than others. Doctors can only postpone the inevitable. One day their expertise and treatments will no longer work to preserve our life. The Bible states this universal fact, *"It is appointed for men to die once...as in Adam all die"* (Hebrews 9:27; I Corinthians 5:22). The good news is that the same Bible which tells us all will die also tells us what a Christian can expect beyond the grave.

First, we can expect to live beyond the grave. Death is not an ending but a wonderful beginning. The grave is not our final resting place. We will not cease to exist. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, spoke of the resurrection of Christ: *"Now Christ is risen from the dead and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep...Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (I Corinthians 15:20,57). Through Christ we will overcome death. We will receive a body that is incorruptible, glorious, spiritual and immortal (I Cor.15:42-45).

Second, we can expect to meet our Lord and Savior. After death we will leave the earth and arrive in His glorious presence. Paul earnestly longed to leave this world and *"to depart and be with Christ, which is far better"* (Philippians 1:23). Most people desire to depart because of problems or pain, but Paul sought to go to Christ and partake of His glory and enjoy a closer fellowship with Him.

We are all terminal. We will die, but there is life beyond this life. God wants us to face death with assurance and hope that the same power that raised up Christ will raise us up unto even better things (Eph. 1:19, 20). Our grave marker will tell of our final departure time but not our expiration date. Our permanent residence is not in the grave but in glory with Christ.

– Dan Murphy

## *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to Casey Cleveland and his family in the loss of his grandfather on Monday, December 9th in Oklahoma. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

## *Prayer Requests*

Please keep **Winford Hambright** in your prayers. He has severe pain in his hands and also in a state of depression. He needs prayers.

**Jackie Rex** is in need of our prayers. She has gone through numerous health issues lately; the latest being having her heart shocked to put it back in rhythm on Thursday, December 19th. She needs prayers also.

## *Prayer List*

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Andrea Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

## ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

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... Fill in the blanks**

Belt of \_\_Breasplate of \_\_Feet fitted with \_\_Shield of \_\_Helmet of \_\_Sword of\_\_.

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

Abraham was 99 years old when he was circumcised. (Genesis 17:24).

## ***Events***

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

## ***Thank you***

To my Special Brothers and Sisters: You are, you know (special). Christmas is a special time for letting people know the thing we feel in our (Heart) but do seldom share and this comes with warmest thoughts and appreciation too; wishes for your Happiness today and all the year through. Merry! Merry! Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year to you all, With love & God's blessing to you all. God bless & keep you always safe in his care.

Love you in Christ,  
Hattie Gilmore

## ***Office News***

### ***DECEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY***

12/22/19 Nancy E. & Devida

12/29/19 Virgie & Gloria

## ***Doing Your Best***

Many years ago in a textile factory there was a sign on the wall which read: "If your threads get tangled, send for the foreman." One woman who was fairly new was a diligent worker, but her threads got tangled one day. She tried to disentangle them, but her efforts only made matters worse. Finally she gave up and called the foreman. He came and looked for a few moments and then asked: "You have been trying to untangle them yourself, haven't you?" "Yes, she replied." "Why didn't you send for me, according to the instruction?" She shrugged her shoulders and said: "I did my best." With much tact, yet, with great insight, he quietly said: "Remember that doing your best is sending for me."

How often in life have we tried to straighten out our own messes, only to make things worse, and certainly not to solve things? We think that a little more human effort, a bit more human wisdom and a touch of human ingenuity are the solution. But mankind in general and individuals in particular tend to make the same mistakes over and over again. Bad habits remain in place. Errors are repeated. We may even excuse our conduct by saying: "I did my best." Then God gently, yet firmly, reminds us: "Doing your best is called for me."

Paul did the best that he could do, but it was not good enough. He mused: "*I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do...Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?*" (Romans 7:15-24). But Paul had learned that to call on the name of Jesus was the best he could do and the solution to his problem (Romans 10:9-13).

—Joel Stephen Williams  
Crosbyton church of Christ

**December 22, 2019**

**A.M.**

**P.M.**

Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Josh Wells	John Wood
Second Prayer	Clint Titlow	Joshua Weakland
Closing Prayer	Kevin Wilcox	Bill Brown

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

Larry May

Cody Wesson

Scot Straw

Jeff Wesson

East

Craig Wesson

Jackie Perkins

Trinidad Wood

John Wood

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702 —  
*Pulpit*: — Jr. Munoz—363-1309 *Table*: John Wood 413-7444 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—  
*Recording Sermons*: Richard Siler 556-2151— *Collections*: Richard Siler 556-2151

### **Sunday AM**

*"Preferring Barabbas to Jesus"*

*(Luke 23:13-16)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Peter's Blunder"*

*(Acts 10:9-16)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 77*

*Morning Worship...108*

*Evening Worship...60*

*Wednesday...69*

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