

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice”

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1).”

Under the Old Testament Law of Moses, the Israelites were commanded to offer animal sacrifices unto God daily, according to the law given Moses in Mt. Sinai. That law specified, **“It is a continual burnt offering ...for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord”** (Num. 28:6). They had to offer additional sacrifices each Sabbath and at other specified times of the year. Notice that it was to be a “continual” burnt offering. The fire was never to go out at the altar. The sacrifice of the Jews was to be without blemish. God would not accept something inferior.

But under the New Covenant, we are to offer our bodies a living sacrifice unto God, not a dead one. In order for our sacrifice to be pleasing to God, it also must be a continual thing, not for just a few hours once or twice a year, as is the habit of some who claim’ to be servants of God, nor even once or twice a month, nor even once or twice a week. It is to be a daily living given in service to God. Our, sacrifice is to be a life of service, not one of seeking to be on the receiving end all the time in order that we can consume all the blessings upon our own lusts, but a daily life of service to God, to our fellow Christians and even to our enemies. We are commanded to “do good unto all men” (Galatians 6:10). And Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, said, **“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you”** (Matthew 5:44).

Likewise, our sacrifice under the new law is to be the best that we have in our power to give. Jesus’ parable of the talents confirms this. He called the one-talent man who did not put his talent to use a “wicked and slothful servant” (Matthew 25:26).

The writer of Hebrews tells us: **“By him [Jesus] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased”** (Hebrews 13:14-16). Barnes notes, “The word ‘sacrifices’ here is not taken in a strict sense, as denoting what is offered as an expiation for sin...but in the general sense of an offering made to God.”

The apostle Paul, while he was in Thessalonica, received gifts from the Philippian brethren which he described thusly: “But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18). Therefore, we see when we contribute to help others to spread the Gospel we are offering up a living sacrifice unto God. Those Christians of Philippi, no doubt, could have used all their possessions upon themselves; but in so doing, they would not have been offering up their bodies a living sacrifice unto God. Let us not think, however, that we can pay someone else to offer up our sacrifice for us. There are some “weightier matters” than our giving that must be considered in order that we present our bodies a living sacrifice. Jesus condemned the Pharisees, not that they should not have tithed their “mint and anise and cumin,” but that they should not have left undone the “weightier matters” i.e., “judgment, mercy and faith.” He said of their tithes, **“these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone.”** (Matthew 23:23).

The apostle Paul told Timothy to “*exercise thy self rather unto godliness*” for “*godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.*” (I Timothy 4:7-8). Therefore, let us be found “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22). In so doing we will be presenting our bodies “a living sacrifice” unto God.

—W. L. Totty

Prayer Requests

Lavern Couch has asked for our prayers. She was in and out of the hospital several times the past few weeks due to heart problems. She was put on oxygen and has requested no visitors. Keep Lavern in your prayers.

Sylvia Campos will undergo cataract eye surgery on January 9th. She has requested prayers that all will go well without any complications.

Carolyn Wilkerson was in the hospital last week due to stomach problems. She was treated and is able to go home. She is in need of prayers.

Charles Simmons (Susan’s husband) went into the hospital on Friday, December 20th. They are trying to regulate his carbon dioxide and oxygen levels. His oxygen had dropped so they were removed fluid from one of his lungs last Sunday. A chemical stress test was done also. Please keep Charles and Susan in your prayers.

Carolyn Siler had bronchitis last week and not able to get out. Keep her in your prayers that she will have a speedy recovery.

Miguel Lozano has requested prayers for his friend, **Eber** who is having a problem in his marriage this time. Eber is in need of prayers to help strengthen and renew his marriage.

Everley Wells (baby girl of Josh & Lindsey) was able to go home from the hospital last week. Everley was diagnosed with RSV and was put on breathing treatments. Keep her in your daily prayers.

Concerns Update

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

Jackie Rex had her heart shocked on December 19th to get it back in rhythm. The treatment did not work so the next option is for them to burn the nerve endings. That decision has not been made yet. Jackie has requested our prayers.

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; Everley Wells; 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 blank

Someone lost an axe head in the Jordan River. So, _____ made it float.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Belt of Truth; Breastplate of Righteousness; Feet fitted with Preparation; Shield of Faith; Helmet of Salvation; Sword of the Spirit.

Events

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

Office News

DECEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY

12/29/19 Virgie & Gloria

Food for Thought...

Some think they are big shots because they explode.

Just Be Sincere

A popular religious saying is: "It makes no difference what you believe just as long as you are sincere." Ironically, this is not true in any other realm.

Imagine a chemistry lab where there are three bottles on the table.

One bears the symbol H₂SO₄ (sulfuric acid), one bears the symbol HCL (hydrochloric acid), and yet another bears the symbol H₂O (water).

To the untrained eye, all three bottles appear to be the same...all are liquids and all are colorless. But a sincere person, mistaking the sulfuric acid for water, is no less dead than another person who drank the acid intentionally. One was sincerely wrong, but both are sincerely dead!

Thought: It does make a difference, in fact, an eternal difference, in what a person believes. Some doctrines will condemn our souls, while other doctrines (teachings) will save our souls (I John 9). Think about it...

—Bulletin Digest

December 29, 2019

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements

Larry May

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Song Leader

Jaxon Straw

Craig Wesson

Sermon

Anthony Flunder

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Opening Prayer

Larry May

Larry May

Scripture

Josh Weakland

John Wood

Second Prayer

Doug Guynn

Rudy Ochoa

Closing Prayer

Bill Tolbert

Gary Loving

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Jacob Carson

West...

Tommy Garcia

John Wood

Josh Wells

Communion

Tom Sorenson

(In Library)

East

Trinidad Wood

Oliver Hernandez

Miguel Lozano

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

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Sunday PM

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Our Records

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