

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Time Marches On”

Each day we are reminded that “time marches on.” Recently a relative of a member of our congregation died and immediately we were all reminded that “time marches on.” When we get up in the morning and there is a new gray hair or a new wrinkle that we had not noticed, we are reminded that “time marches on.” When a person comes back into our lives who we have not had any contact with in many years, we realize just how much “time marches on.”

In conversation with a person the other day, it was remarked that “as we get older, it seems the years go by much swifter.” How true. We cannot stop time from marching on, and yet, we must deal with time marching on.

As “time marches on” do we use each day for the purpose of seeking and saving the lost, just as our Lord came to do (Luke 19:10)? As “time marches on” do we spend the proper amount of time on the daily study of God’s Word in order to bring us to the mind of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-13)?

As “time marches on” Paul cautioned us about a right attitude towards time as he was moved by the Holy Spirit to write “*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*” (Ephesians 5:15-17). As “time marches on” we that are about pleasing Christ, MUST walk, talk, think and act in a wise and right way according to God’s Word. We are NOT to live in a foolish manner, wasting our time on trivial and mundane affairs of life.

As “time marches on” we must be working at being the best we can within our families. The home is a God-given institution. There is nothing sadder than a home that is wrecked and racked by anger, deceit, pride, alienation and sin! Many families (even in the church) are affected by these things and it ought not to be so!

As “time marches on” put your life in order by “*seeking first the Kingdom of God* (Matthew 6:33) and “*Setting your affections on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Colossians 3:2). Love not the world, or the things that are in the world as recorded in 1John 2:15 & Romans 12:2.

So, as “time marches on” we must all look forward to the time, when our time is complete here on this earth. Preparing yourself for that day by being “*faithful unto death,*” we then can obtain a crown of life given to us by our Lord. (Revelation 2:10).

--Dave Dugan

Prayer Request

Courtney Roemisch has requested prayers for her dad, **(Roy Raney)** who was taken to the hospital last Sunday night with a heart related problem. His heart is out of rhythm and he was also diagnosed with covid which caused a bigger problem with his heart. Roy was put on a blood thinner, as a first measure, to help with the blockage. He will have a shock treatment in four weeks if the blood thinner isn’t working. Please keep Roy in your daily prayers that his heart will return to normal and he tests negative for covid.

Arturo Campos (Sylvia’s husband) was diagnosed with Covid last week. Sylvia and Arthur are being isolated until he tests negative. Please keep them both in your prayers that they both feel better soon.

Concerns Update

Brian Weakland (Allen’s brother) will have an angioplasty procedure on January 10th. Please keep Brian in your daily prayers that all will go well with him.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Irene Balerio; Ameer Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Brent Harrell; Lon & Lana Howard; Connie Jimenez; Vanessa Machuca; Leigh Ann McFarland; Charlene McFatter, Keith Mitchell; Milous Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Inocencio Munoz, Sr; Julie Munoz; Bruce Plyler; K' Lynn Roberts; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lindsey Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright.

Eisenhower's Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw. Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch ***"In Search of the Lord's Way"*** Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9

Just a reminder: **Jeff Miller, Phd.** will be here on April 19th, 20th and 21st to present lessons on "Fossils" deposited in the earth's foundation proving evidence of God's creation model. We want to encourage everyone to attend, if at all possible.

We want to update our **"Membership Picture Board"** in the foyer. There is a signup sheet posted in the "South" foyer for you to select the day you want to have your picture taken. We will only be working with one month at a time beginning with January.

Office News...

We will have a **"Potluck Luncheon"** on January 28th following our morning service followed by our P.M. service. Our visitors are welcome to join us.

"December Attended Nursery"

12/31 Robbie & Jeanette

Draw Nigh to God

James declared, ***"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you"*** (James 4:8). The fact that James here says *draw nigh* suggests the idea of coming close to something. It also suggests that Christianity is not a passive religion, but that there is some effort to be exerted, some action to be taken on the part of the sinner. There must be some reason for the language of the text. These things must be taken into consideration if we are to have the proper appreciation for the statement that James made.

There is a great need that we draw nigh unto God, for man in sin is in a pitiable condition. We have been separated from God by sin. In the very first book of the Bible, we read the account of the fall of man and recognize immediately that sin was the cause of his fall. Sin drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. Sin caused man to depart from covenant, relationship with God. Sin, then, came between man and God, for Isaiah said, ***"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear"*** (Isaiah 59: 2). In the New Testament we read, ***"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*** (Romans 3:23). Also in 1 John 1:8-10 we read, ***"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and***

righteous to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and His word is not in us.” To whom was John writing? He was writing to children of God, calling their attention to the danger of sin and that all have been guilty of sin.

When man is found to be in sin, it is necessary that he do something about it. James gives the remedy: *“Draw nigh to God.”* Man needs to draw nigh unto God because it is God who can cleanse him from sin. John also said, *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of His Son, Jesus, cleanseth us from all sin”* (1 John 1:7). Again, he declared, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9)

Isaiah prophesied, *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool”* (Isaiah 1:18). We who are the children of God may sometimes slip and commit sin, but we have the assurance that if we will walk in the light, the blood of the Son of God will cleanse us. We can have confidence that if we draw nigh to God and confess our sins, God will forgive us. Man, in sin, needs to draw nigh unto God for the cleansing of sin.

—J. Boyd Taylor

December 31, 2023	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Steve Easlon
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture Reading	Gary Loving	Caleb York
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Don Easlon
Closing Prayer	Charles Wood	David Baldwin
Lord’s Supper	<u>Trini Wood</u>	Jacob Carson
	Jr. Munoz	Communion
	Jackie Perkins	(In Library)
	Scot Straw	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 — *Deacon:* John Wood 413-7444—
Pulpit: David Ryan 512-924-0983—*Table:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Steve Easlon 260-9716— *Contributions:* Jacob Carson

Sunday AM

“Resolutions for the New Year”
(Matthew 25:34)

Sunday PM

“He Went Behind”
(Exodus 14:19-20)

Our Records

Bible Class... 66
Morning Worship...NC
Evening Worship ... 53
Wednesday...NC
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