

# Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: [oakswestchurchofchrist.com](http://oakswestchurchofchrist.com)

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## Regretful Resolve

by George Slover

Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him." (1 Samuel 3:18)

The story of Eli's sons is one of the most tragic in Bible history. This national leader of Israel was a failure as a father. The scripture says: "his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them". (1 Samuel 3:13) Because of his laxity God would punish the house of Eli.

To add further tension, God would commission Samuel, Eli's replacement, to reconfirm God's pronounced judgment. Samuel must have had lumps in his throat when he approached Eli with his message from God. However, Eli's remarkable attitude surely eased the mind of Samuel. And he said, "What is the word that the LORD spoke to you? Please do

not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you." (1 Samuel 3:17) Then Samuel tells him everything. Eli's reply is recorded above.

With all hope vanquished that God would change his mind, Eli reverently accepts his plight. What a truly sad picture! "This is the Lord's will and no one can change it!" Midst his glaring failure, we see the bright side of Eli's character- humble resolution!

In Eli's words we see three important features of God's character: 1) God is just: the family of Eli would receive all that it deserved, 2) God is sovereign: "Let him do what seems good". It is vain to contend against God. His purposes will be fulfilled, 3) God is good: Though it must have been difficult to accept, Eli acknowledges that God always does what is right.

### Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

### Important Dates

**Ladies' Class** - January 14

**If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.**

With these thoughts in mind, we must live in the fear of God, grateful for His patience, but with the challenge to live with no regrets. We will surely make mistakes, but we must have the courage to change that we might be pleasing to the Lord.

## Prayer Requests

**Jack Wilson** is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

**Jay Parker's father** has cancer. His mother has had some recent health problems as well.

**Jimmy Stinnett** is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment.

**Dinah Williams** is having some issues with her legs from diabetes.

**Lisa Trammel** has been put on hospice care and is in a great deal of pain.

**Marcia Neuhaus** has been moved to a memory care unit.

**Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Jean Smith, Dinah Williams**

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

*“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”* (Ephesians 6:18)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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