

**EDWARD A. SMITHSON**  
**June 9, 1932 – June 30, 2018**

A celebration of life services for Edward A. Smithson will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at 2:00 P.M., at Brown Trail Church of Christ (1801 Brown Trail Bedford, TX 76021) with Eddie Parrish, and Jeff A. Jenkins officiating. Ed passed away June 30, 2018, in Fort Worth, TX at the age of 86.

Ed was born June 9, 1932, in McAlester, OK to Arthur and Ella Myrtle (Forister) Smithson. Both of the parents died within days of each other in 1954. Ed attended a high school in the Plano, TX and Broken Arrow, OK and Central Christian College, in Bartlesville, OK and David Lipscomb College in Nashville, TN. Ed was drafted into the United States Army in 1957 and discharged in 1959. Ed was involved in gospel ministry in the Church of Christ for 68 yrs, as a preacher, teacher, author, publisher, editor, and radio programs.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Ella Myrtle (Forister) Smithson; sisters Lily Christine Woods, Martha Elizabeth Wroten, Ella Sue Hamer; brothers Benjamin Arthur, Roy Clarence, Noel Ray, Jackson Lee, Alonzo Hamilton; and daughter Paula Lea Rosenbalm.

Ed leaves behind sons Randy of Euless, TX and Richard of Fort Worth, TX; grandchildren David Rosenbalm of Irving, TX, Bryan and Maria (Florez) Rosenbalm of Watauga, TX; great-grandchildren Elizabeth and Liliana Rosenbalm; nieces, nephews and a host of friends.



**Peace of Mind**

*Bart Warren*

“How much are you willing to pay for peace of mind?”

This is the question posed by a company that makes what they are calling a “Smart Water Bottle.” It will test and then purify your water if such is deemed necessary. Sounds amazing, right?

They are charging more then \$200 for each bottle.

The company knows that is expensive. But they also know that we must have water to live. It is absolutely necessary. We often take it for granted until we are without it. Some businesses in Texas and Florida were recently ridiculed because they were charging HUGE prices for bottled water in the aftermath of the hurricanes. Having access to pure water brings peace of mind.

Above all, what we really need is access to the water of life (Jon 4:14; Rev. 21:6; 22:1, 17). Such is only offered by and found in submission and obedience to Jesus Christ. We might have to make sacrifices. We many have to end certain relationships. We may have to engage in difficult conversations. We may have to take bold steps. But, then again, how much are you willing to pay for peace of mind? (cf. Phil. 4:7; 1 John 5:13).

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*The only thing  
missing is you...*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:1-5)

## MEETING UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

Bible Classes..... 9:00 A.M.  
Assemblies..... 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

<http://churchofchristalisal.com/>

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Singing, & Prayer..... 6:30 P.M.

# Welcome

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters!



## This Week's Sermon's

A.M. - Christian Righteousness  
P.M. - Not Above That Ye Are Able



### What Is A Creed?

We normally associate a creed as a book containing the beliefs and/or practices of a group. Wikipedia defines creed as "A creed (also known as a confession, symbol, or statement of faith) is a statement of the shared beliefs of a religious community in the form of a fixed formula summarizing core tenets. One of the most widely used creeds in Christianity is the Nicene Creed, first formulated in AD 325 at the First Council of Nicaea." What it teaches is reasonable as long as you understand catholic to mean universal, which Jesus' church is.

An interesting point about the definition is that it does not mention a book or even written down, until it gives the example of the Nicene Creed.

If it doesn't have to be written down, how many "core tenets" of your religious belief does it have to involve for it to be a creed. Does it have to be all of the "core tenets" or can it just be one of them?

In many cases the "core tenets" of a religious group have been hammered out by religious authorities at a specific time, perhaps with a vote of 5/4 in favor of the position. That "core tenet" is then passed on to subsequent generations as a fact, functionally not to be questioned. (In the words of the preacher Buster Dobbs "I thought we settled this 30 years ago.")

We want to suggest herein that if a single doctrine is discussed, decided upon, and then passed onto the next generation without them knowing the discussion or having the discussion again for themselves, it is a creed.

At the very least, the information on the subject (pro and con) need to be documented and the next generation needs to know how and why the decision was made.

Maybe more to the point, a religious decision made in a private meeting by Elders and then only the conclusion given, would be a creed.

~NICENE CREED~

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salva-



tion he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

From Episcopal ChurchBook of Common Prayer

### Psalm 119:1

"How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD." Some folks have been known to lament that there is little enjoyment in a life lived under the restrictions of biblical morality and teaching. The most enjoyable life, we're told, is in a life without moral restraint. It is true that sin and immorality can be pleasurable (Heb. 11:25), and it is true that the Bible contains prohibitions against sin and immorality. But it is not true that pleasure is ONLY found in sin. There is so much more to enjoying life than whatever fleeting fun we may find in doing things that ought to bring us shame (Rom. 6:21). Genuine, lasting, deep joy is only found in following the instructions of our God, who both knows and wants what is best for us. *Eddie Parrish*

From Alvin Drive...

**Alvin Drive is hosting the 2nd Sunday Singing in August.  
Please announce!**

## Announcements

1. Brother Paul will be giving the invitation this Wednesday evening.
2. Wednesday evening class, "Romans - chapter 4 #3". Be prepared - bring your notebook!

~ On the Prayer list ~

**Beverly** - for a safe return from her cruise and good health.

**Norma, Rose** - for peace of mind, healing, and better health.

**Kerry** - for a positive and productive training while in Maryland for the next three weeks.

**Have a blessed week!**