

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “The Savior of the World”

Perhaps one of the most difficult facts to comprehend is that three distinct, individual and separate Beings are so agreed in unity, purpose, and essence that They are called God and not Gods. It would seem to be a polytheistic state; however this is not the case. The God of the Bible is singular and Christianity is a monotheistic religion serving only the one God of the Bible. Our Father is God. Christ is God. And, the Holy Spirit is God. All Three do not make three Gods, but only one God. Bearing this in mind, when considering Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary, should make that moving event even more meaningful to every person. It was God hanging on that cross in an effort to save men from their sins.

Before the incarnation, Christ counted Himself equal with the Father. Paul wrote, **“Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped”** (Philippians 2:5-6). Isaiah prophesied of the deity of Christ when he said, **“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel”** (Isaiah 7:14). Matthew 1:21 interprets “Immanuel” to mean “God with us.” John’s declaration is emphatic- **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt, among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father)”** (John 1:1-14). No one denies this is a reference to Jesus Christ. After Christ’s resurrection His deity is believed and confessed by one who doubted. The other apostles had seen Jesus after the resurrection, but Thomas had not. Thomas refused to believe it and said, **“Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe”** (John 20:25). When Jesus appeared to Thomas inviting him to investigate His wounds, Thomas cried out, **“My Lord and my God”** (John 20:28). Because of the tremendous testimony amassed in the Scriptures, there can be no doubt but that Jesus was God.

There is no way to measure the priceless, unimaginable glories of Heaven that Jesus gave up to come to this dismal, evil, sin-filled world as a man. He willingly forfeited His power, dominion, and might to become the Immanuel. He had to be made lower than the angels (Hebrews 2:7-9). As if that were not enough, His lowly birth was in a facility for tending animals and his crib was a manger (Luke 2:7). While yet a tender, defenseless infant, the cruel Herod the Great sought to murder Him (Matthew 2:2-12). Later, His own people rejected Him and He declared that He was a prophet without honor in His own land (Mark 6:2; John 4:44). His life was a life of poverty; He had no worldly goods or property. It was for others that He lived and His will was the will of the Father Who sent Him. Never did He commit a sin or do anything that was not pleasing to God (I Peter 2:22; John 8:29). But, nonetheless, men hated Him and falsely accused Him. They brought Him before the ruler, Pilate. A mock trial was held. He was stripped naked, beaten, flayed, spit upon, jeered and mocked. Finally, they nailed His hands and feet to the cross (Psalm 22:16). His nerves screamed from the excruciating pain as His muscles tore. His death was inevitable. No one survived crucifixion. However, as trying and difficult as these things must have been, there was something even more painfully burdensome that Christ had to suffer in His sacrificial death to save men’s souls from the sure fires of hell.

At one point, while hanging upon the cross, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, **“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?”** (Matthew 27:46). Many have the idea that this statement came as the result of the Father turning His

back to His Son. Only one thing- SIN- can be imagined that could make the Father do that. Jesus never sinned, but He died a sinner's death. In so doing, He bore our sins with Him in His death. Paul said, *"Him who knew no sin He made to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21). The Father could not look upon His Son bearing our sins. Truly God did take away our sins at Calvary.

—Tommy J. Hicks

### ***Prayer Request***

Please keep **Connie Lowe** in your daily prayers as she deals with cancer. She has been in this battle for a long time and her Drs. are not too encouraging at this time. Connie needs our prayers.

**Ruby Davis** fell and fractured her right pelvis on December 27th. She is undergoing therapy at the Manor Park Rehab Center.

**Carlene Chandler** (grandmother of Jacob Carson) is struggling with inoperable liver cancer. Please keep her also in your prayers.

**Jenny Fuls** (Nancy Easlon's sister) is in a Lubbock Hospital for treatment after sustaining numerous fractures from an auto accident two weeks ago. Please Keep Jenny in your prayers that all will go well for her.

Also **Marjorie Foster** (Nancy's mother) who was in the same car accident has a broken leg. She had her first doctor's appointment on Wednesday, January 4th. Marjorie is recuperating at Don & Nancy's home.

**Bill Butler** was taken to ORMC — ER on Friday morning, December 30th. He was tested for suspected problems, but everything checked out okay. Bill is being treated for anemia. Keep him in your prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Jack Wright** was released from the hospital last week. He was put on oxygen and seems to be doing well. Jack will be scheduled for outpatient physical therapy.

**John Cole** is undergoing rehab at Health South in Midland.

**Linda Tate** developed an abscess from a recent gall bladder surgery. It was drained and she is recuperating very well. Also, she had her second cataract eye surgery done and the cornea was accidentally scratched. It too is in the process of healing.

### ***Prayer List***

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Carlene & Glynn Chandler; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jenny Fuls; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Connie Lowe; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Lester Savoy; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; John Tessorf; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Toya Zambelli.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

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

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

### ***Youth***

#### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Who was released instead of Jesus?

#### **Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...**

Aquila was Priscilla's husband.

### ***Events***

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

### ***Thank You***

Thank you to the ladies who fixed the goodie basket for me. My great grandkids and I enjoyed sharing it!

Thanks Again,

Winford Hambright

### ***Office News***

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be back in Odessa March 7th, 2017. They are requesting **Apple Cider Vinegar and plain Vinegar**. Monetary donations also accepted. Remember the "**Friday Night Bible Class**" that meets in the annex at 6:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month. The next class is **January 13th**. Finger foods are okay. We are studying from the book "Beyond Baptism".

**STF Group#2** will meet in the annex for their luncheon today following our morning service. All our visitors are welcomed.

### ***Food for thought...***

The road to success is always under construction.

All want to live long but none wish to get old.

The man who buys a cheap used car soon finds out how hard it is to drive a bargain.

**January 8, 2017**

**A.M.**

**P.M.**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

Larry May  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Bill Tolbert  
Rudy Ochoa  
Tony Marrs

Larry May  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Tom Sorenson  
Scot Straw  
Jeff Wesson

Lord's Supper

West...

Josh Wells  
John Wood  
Charles Wood

Richard Siler  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

Cody Wesson  
Bill Ryan  
George Warren

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 362-1392 *Table:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702

### **Sunday AM**

*"Eager to Preach"*  
(Romans 1:8-15)

### **Sunday PM**

*Difficult Way of Life"*  
(Matthew 7:14)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class...* 80  
*Morning Worship...*114  
*Evening Worship...*71  
*Wednesday...*70  
*Contribution...*\$4,110.00