

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What Does the “Sunday Morning Only” Christian Miss?

It is an eclectic club. Some of its members have only ever come one service per week, whose perceivable spiritual progress has been hard to measure. Others, perhaps more tragically, have waned from greater faithfulness in the past to the more tepid attitude toward the assemblies at which God is always present. The Bible makes it clear that those who fail to put Christ first have put something in that place. This is an unenviable position to be in. Yet, these who neglect faithful attendance deprive themselves of so much.

They miss information. Bible classes, sermons, table talks and mid-week devotional talks all help increase our knowledge and strengthen our conviction in what we already know. This information is like a flashlight for the journey in a dark world (Ps. 119:105). If we take heed to that Word, we do well (2 Peter 1:19). To identify the enemy, you must know all about him.

They miss association. The people dearest to God are there. Christ, our Savior, friend, older brother, King, Shepherd, Door and Mediator is there. The earliest Christians were steadfast in fellowship with each other; a fellowship contextually shown to be spiritual in nature (Acts 2:42). Paul reminds us we should prefer one another, something we fail to show when we give preference to some other place and event (Romans 12:10).

They miss inspiration. We need our spirits lifted. Others need us to lift their spirits, too (Hebrews 10:24; cf. Philippians 2:3-4). In worship we can get our spiritual batteries charged. Coming together helps us each face the world. We are to be renewed in the spirit of our minds (Ephesians 4:23-24). The assemblies aid us in this.

They miss provocation. Often, we do things we know we should not do. As such, we need to be provoked to do what we already know is right (Hebrews 10:24). At the assemblies, we lift each other up and hold each other’s hands in our common life (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:14).

They miss edification. We have a responsibility to be here and build up other Christians. Love edifies (1 Cor. 8:1). We are to use our abilities to help perfect the saints, to work in ministry and to build up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12). That is a “done together” activity in which those withholding their presence cannot engage.

They miss immunization. The world is infected with sin and it is often hard to live for Christ (cf. 1 John 5:19). We can and do “inject” ourselves with strength at every service, an injection that will help us fight off the cancer of sin (cf. Jeremiah 7:18). Attending all the services strengthens our spiritual health (Ps. 42:11). Who thinks one is better equipped to fight alone than with the collective help of the church as well as the strength available by God’s design when we assemble together?

They miss jubilation. There is nothing as seemingly miserable as the Christian who feels that it is his “duty” to come to the services (look at David, Ps. 122:1). It is a shame that “S-M-O” Christians miss the excitement of baptisms and others who come forward for prayers, the encouragement of seeing new Christians participate in worship or young people demonstrating their faith and the example of others whose words, actions and attitudes make us glad we are Christians. Few whose hearts and minds have been fully engaged in an assembly will walk away regretting it or being more depressed than when they arrived.

They miss obligation. We are mutually accountable (Romans 1:14; Hebrews 3:13; Colossians 3:13; etc.). We are indebted to God (Romans 8:12). We are commanded by Him to come together (Hebrews 10:25). None of these obligations comes with an expiration date. We consider those who shirk their obligations to be irresponsible. What obligation outweighs the one laid upon us by the Lord? The many principles of Scripture lead to an unavoidable conclusion. We should want to be together with Christ and His people at every opportunity. If we do not want this enough to make it happen, something is terribly wrong with our “affections” (cf. Col. 3:1-2).
—Southside’s Salute

Prayer Requests

Lavern Couch was admitted to ORMC last Saturday, January 4th with congestive heart failure. She is in CCU #5. Lavern is also experiencing elevated heart rate, a-fib and fluctuating blood pressure. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Linda Tate has requested prayers for her granddaughter, **Jazmine Duron**. Jazmine will have major breast cancer surgery on Monday, January 20th in Austin. Jazz needs our prayers that everything will go well and that she has a full and speedy recovery.

Bill Tolbert is asking for thoughts and prayers from the congregation regarding the tests & procedures he had done last week at Medical Center Hospital. Please keep Bill in your prayers that all his tests results will be okay.

Jeff Wesson was under the weather last week with a bad cold and had to stay in.

Lavern Couch has requested prayers for her brother-in-law, **Jack Aaron**. Jack had surgery on Friday, January 10th in Georgetown, TX.

Concerns Update

Sylvia Campos underwent cataract eye surgery on January 9th. Keep Sylvia in your prayers that she will have a fast recovery.

Andrea Berry’s foot surgery went well; she had a cyst removed. She is home recuperating. Andrea is Bill & Vickie Ryan’s daughter.

Meagan Winsor (Bill & Vickie Ryan’s granddaughter) had tonsillectomy surgery on December 27th in Lubbock. The surgery went well and she is doing well and back home in Hobbs, NM.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Andrea Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Lavern Couch; 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 (Where Do You Find it?)

...For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Thomas, the one who was always ridiculed for skepticism, was also known as Didymus (John 20:24)

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

JANUARY ATTENDED NURSERY

01/12/20 Robbie & Holly

01/19/20 Sonia & Ashley

01/26/20 Linda T. & Devida

NOTE: All the ladies are invited to a "*Baby Shower*" honoring Kayla Easlon at Bonnie Sorenson's home at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 18th. Kayla and David are having a girl. The registry is at Target & Babylist. (Kindly RSVP to Ashley—(432) 210-9659.

New Mailing Address: (until further notice)

LaDonna Chism, P.O. Box 69393, Odessa, TX 79769

The Bible

This book contains the mind of God, the state of men, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened and the ways of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object; our good it's design and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open in the judgment and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

January 12, 2020

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

East

A.M.

Jeff Wesson

Jaxon Straw

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Trinidad Wood

Doug Guynn

Jacob Carson

Craig Wesson

Clint Titlow

Miguel Lozano

Kevin Wilcox

Larry May

Bill Ryan

Jr. Munoz

P.M.

Jeff Wesson

Clint Titlow

Heath Stapleton

Jeff Wesson

Bill Ryan

Charles Wood

Rudy Ochoa

Tom Sorenson

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder*: Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon*: **Jr. Munoz 363-1309** — *Pulpit*: Scot Straw 288-4533—*Table*: Tom Sorenson 638-9447— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702 — *Collections*: Scot Straw 288-4533

Sunday AM

"Self-Destruction"
(Proverbs 11:2; 29:23)

Sunday PM

"TBA"

Our Records

Bible Class... 73
Morning Worship...121
Evening Worship...70
Wednesday...35
Contribution...\$4,445.00