

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Marks of the New Testament Church

The marks of identity of the New Testament church are plain and simple.

1. Jesus Christ was the builder, head, foundation, and possessor of it (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18-24).
2. It was established on the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection from the dead, in the city of Jerusalem, the record of which is in Acts 2.
3. Men of God proclaimed the facts of the Lord's death, burial and resurrection (Acts 2; 3; 13; 17; I Corinthians 15:1-4).
4. The proclamation of these facts was intended to cause men to believe, for no man could please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 10:17).
5. When men had been brought to believe they were then commanded to repent of their sins (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30).
6. Men were obligated to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as being the Son of God (Mt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Acts 8:37; I Timothy 6:13; Romans 10:10).
7. Men were commanded to be baptized for the remission of their sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 10:48).
8. This baptism put one into Christ, into the Lord's church (Acts 2:41, 47; Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27).
9. In Christ, brethren wore the name "Christian" because it was divinely given and because it gave honor and glory to Jesus Christ (Acts 11:26; James 2:7; I Peter 4:16; Acts 4:12).
10. The church was referred to as being the church of the Lord and the church of Christ (Acts 20:28; Romans 16:16).
11. In their worship they taught (2 Timothy 2:2; I Peter 3:15; Matthew 28:19-20); they sang (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; I Corinthians 14:15) they prayed (Luke 18:1; James 5:16; Acts 2:42; I Thessalonians 5:17); they observed the Lord's Supper every first day of the week as is shown by consideration of Acts 29:7 together with I Corinthians 16:2.
12. As a matter of duty and to help others they contributed of their means every first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:2).
13. They had no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 John 9; Galatians 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 10:17).

These are marks of the New Testament church. In Luke 8:11 the Lord taught that the seed of the kingdom is the word of God. Every seed brings forth after its own kind. The seed of the kingdom in the first century produced Christians and Christians only; members of the Lord's church and members of the Lord's church only. The same seed sown today will produce the same kind of crop. To produce something else must be sown. But God forbids the sowing of anything else. (2 John 9; Galatians 1:8-9).

In order to be a New Testament church we must do what was done in the days of the apostles. We must teach what was taught then. We must be what people were then. The church of Christ is pleading with all its

power for a complete return to simple New Testament Christianity. We teach exactly what the Bible teaches. We wear the name the Bible says wear, and worship God according to the divine pattern. We have no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible. We call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways. We endeavor to speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent. In no other way can we be the New Testament church.

—Roy Deaver

Prayer Requests

James Drake was involved in an auto accident early Saturday morning, February 1st. His neck was injured. James was in the hospital for two nights but is home now. He is fitted with a hard neck brace for two weeks and then will get a soft neck brace to wear for a lot longer. James did not need surgery, but still needs prayers.

Carolyn Wilkerson is requesting prayers for her brother-in-law and his wife, **Bobby & Brenda Wilkerson**, who live in Kentucky. They are having tests done at this time and are in need of prayers.

Melissa Moore was hit from the back by a pickup truck last Saturday. She was jarred really bad and hurt her neck and back again. Melissa had to go to the Urgent Care Center Saturday night. She was prescribed medication and was told that she probably would be really sore for a few days.

LaDonna Chism was asked to request prayers for a family here in Odessa who has a young child in need of a growth removed from her brain. The doctors were coming from Houston to perform that surgery. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Kim Drake (James & Joyce's daughter) was having another CAT scan done; needs prayers.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Lavern Couch; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Kim Drake; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Kyle Foshee; 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; Jr. Munoz; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Bill & Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Conchida Williams; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

Youth

Bible Quiz Question (Multiple Choice)

Whose house was attacked by a riotous mob in Thessalonica because they thought Paul and Silas were there? (a) Mary's (b) Timothy's or (c) Jason's (Acts 17:5)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah.

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

FEBRUARY ATTENDED NURSERY

2/09/20 - Wanda Perkins & Lindsey Wells
2/16/20 - Bonnie Sorenson & Nancy Easlon
2/23/20 - Tracie Halbert & Christy Weakland

Directory Changes:

LaDonna Chism, P.O. Box 69393, Odessa, TX 79769 (until further notice)
Robbie Butler's new cell phone is 232-0115.

The "New Mexico Children's Home" will be here on March 4th, 2020. They are requesting **Cake Mix and Muffin Mix**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

His Body and His Blood

The words of Christ found in Matthew 26:26-29 brought to our attention one of the amazing teachings that Christ taught. His words spoken to the apostles alert us to the significance of what we refer to as the Lord's Supper. The words that I am referring to are found in verse 26. *"Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat, this is my body."*

Verses 27 and 28 continue the teaching *"And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them saying, drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."*

The point that we should take into our hearts are His words, "This is my body" and "this is my blood." This was and is not a weakened down statement about a cracker and a cup of juice. Christians who share in this memorial feast know that they do not drink actual blood and eat flesh. However, when we eat the unleavened bread we remember that it is a remembrance of that beaten and humiliated body of our Savior. Do we understand that the fruit of the vine is a reminder that our Savior shed real blood for our sins and the covenant that we live under?

How real and how significant is the bread and cup to you when it is taken in remembrance of Christ? I Corinthians 11:26 *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."*

—Carrol Duncan

February 9, 2020

A.M.

Announcements Larry May
Song Leader Jaxon Straw
Sermon Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer Larry May
Scripture David Ryan
Second Prayer Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer Bill Tolbert

P.M.

Larry May
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Larry May
John Wood
Bill Ryan
Charles Wood

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Trinidad Wood

West...

Cody Wesson
Tommy Garcia
Scot Straw

Josh Wells
Communion
(In Library)

East

Kevin Wilcox
Larry May
Oliver Hernandez

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Pulpit*: John Wood 413-7444 —
Table: Josh Wells 770-6753— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Doug Guynn 260-0440 — *Collections*:
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Sunday AM

“Roaring Lion”
(1 Peter 5:8)

Sunday PM

“Royal Law”
(James 2:1)

Our Records

Bible Class... 76
Morning Worship...99
Evening Worship...58
Wednesday...63
Contribution...\$4,513.55