

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## What is Right with the Church?

The church is the body of Christ, of which He is the head (Ephesians 1:21-23). The body of Christ is made up of all baptized believers in Jesus Christ from the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) until Christ's return. The word "church" comes from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which is defined as "an assembly" or "called-out" ones. The root meaning of the word "church" is not that of a building, but of people. Sometimes people disparage the church and say awful things about it; however, our thoughts and words should reflect respect, honor and appreciation for the church. The church Jesus established is right, and we must communicate the blessings and benefits of it; therefore what is right with the church?

The *FOUNDATION* is right. Everything must have a proper foundation, whether it is a marriage, building or church. Jesus built His church upon the foundation of faith (Matthew 16:13-19). The church has the right foundation because Jesus is that foundation (I Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20-21). The foundation of Jesus is solid as rock (Matthew 7:24-27).

The *FAITH* is right. Doctrine is simply that which we teach. Some teach truth, while some teach falsehood. Those who teach falsehood pervert the Word of God. Those who teach truth affirm the Word of God. It is the truth for which we should "earnestly contend" (Jude 3). The church has the right doctrine because Jesus is that doctrine (Acts 8:35)!

The *FELLOWSHIP* is right. Fellowship is the lifeblood of the church (Philippians 1:3-6; Acts 2:42). The early church spent time together on the basis of new family relationships in Christ. Over and over came the instructions: suffer together (I Corinthians 12:26), rejoice together (Romans 12:15), carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2), restore each other (Galatians 6:1), pray for each other (Romans 15:30), encourage each other (Romans 1:12), forgive each other (Ephesians :32), confess to each other (James 5:16), be truthful with each other (Ephesians 4:25), spur each other on to good deeds (Hebrews 10:24) and give to each other (Philippians 4:14-15).

The *FOCUS* is right. The soul is infinite in value (Matthew 16:24); therefore, the church's fixation is souls (Mark 16:15). In fact, Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the mass of lost souls (Matthew 9:35-36; 14:4; 15:32). Such compassion motivated Him to do two things. First, He asked His disciples to pray that God might "send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). Then He did something about it Himself; that is, He selected and sent out His apostles (Matthew 10:1, 5-7). Do we ever find ourselves filled with compassion for the lost and doing something about it? If we can only have this same compassion for lost souls, we will not rest until we are striving to bring them to Jesus (cf. Romans 10:1!

The *FUTURE* is right. When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, He will be coming for His church (1 Corinthians 15:24). About Christ's return, Paul said "The dead in Christ

will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (I Thessalonians 4:16-17). Each day we should live for the One that died for us. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15) With all of these thoughts in mind, we know Heaven will surely be worth it all!

—Mark N. Posey

### **Sympathy**

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of **Ben Ellison**. Ben passed from this life Friday, February 6th, at MCH. His viewing was Monday, February 9th from 6-8 at the Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home. Graveside services were conducted the next day at the Miles Cemetery near San Angelo, TX.

### **Prayer Request**

**Marilyn Upshaw** was admitted into Oceans Hospital last week. She is registered as I.D. #3484.

### **Concerns Update**

**Bill Bayless** was moved to room #847 at Medical Center Hospital. He underwent surgery Friday, February 6th to correct a blockage in his lower intestines. Bill had a few complications but is doing better.

**Burt Groves** was released Monday afternoon, February 9th to go back to Parks Methodist. Burt will be under the care of the “skilled nursing” unit at Parks.

**Anna Groves** is also back at Parks Methodist Assisted Living. Keep them both in your daily prayers.

**Carmen Settle**, Cindy (Smith) Starcher’s mother-in-law, was able to go home from the hospital after being involved in a car accident a few weeks ago. Carmen lives in Lubbock, TX.

### **Prayer List**

Jerry Anderson; Elaine Armentrout; Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Burt & Anna Groves; Winford & Jean Hambricht; Linda Horton; Lon Howard; Susan Lee; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Allison & Nathan Moyers; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Wilene Wright

### **Shut-Ins**

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant.

### **Events**

Branyon May will present a “Documentary Report” on **Noah’s Ark** Saturday March 21st. Since this will be an (all day) session, we will have a potluck luncheon around noon. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa March 3rd for a food drive. They are requesting Nestle’s Quik and Kool Aid. Also, there are coin cans on the table in the east foyer if you would like to save your change for them. Monetary donations accepted.

## Youth

### Bible Quiz Question...

Was Demetrius (1) a town clerk; (2) a provincial governor; or (3) a silversmith?

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

Baptism—Romans 6

## FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called **"Take Aim"** at 6:30 each Tuesday night. Tune your radio program to the [gospelradionetwork.org](http://gospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

### Upcoming Wednesday Night Devotional Speakers

February 18th—Bill Brown

February 25th—Doug Guynn

March 4th—Dex Dennard

March 11th—Allen Weakland

## Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Don and I want to thank you all for the visits, cards and prayers. A special thanks to Jane Seabolt for loaning us a wheelchair. We love all of you,

In Christian Love,

Don and Hazel Cavanaugh

## Office News

**Odessa Christian School** has a fifth grade teaching position open. Interested applicants should contact the school at 362-6311.

Odessa Christian School's **"Eighteenth West Texas Christian Track Meet"** is right around the corner, April 18th, at Ratliffe Stadium. They are taking requests for ad space at this time for the program. The deadline for sponsorship and ad sales is March 3rd.

Remember to **"Save the Date"** May 16th, 2015. This is the day that Craig Wesson and Kallie Culp will be united in Holy Matrimony. An invitation will follow.

**"Strengthening the Family"** Group #3 will meet in the Annex for a potluck luncheon following this morning's service. All the visitors are invited to join them.

## Food for Thought ...

Satan is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping Christian.

Church attendance is determined more by desire than distance.

### February 15, 2015

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Jeff Wesson  
Clint Titlow  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Trinidad Wood  
Scot Straw  
Ed Fisher

### P.M.

Jeff Wesson  
Doug Guynn  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
John Wood  
Richard Siler  
Jr. Munoz

## Lord's Supper

West...	Cody Wesson Charles Wood Dylan Straw	Jacob Carson Communion (In Library)
East...	Larry May Isaiah Armendarez Richard Siler	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon:* Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486  
*Table:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Tom Sorenson 631-2518  
*Contributions:* Tom Sorenson 631-2518

### **Sunday AM”**

“*Sin & the Child of God*”  
(1 John 3:4-9)

### **Sunday PM**

“*Lord of the Sabbath*”  
(Mark 2:23-28)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class...*85  
*Morning Worship...*131  
*Evening Worship...*92  
*Wednesday...*78  
*Contribution...*\$4,301.00

