

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## God Is No Respector of Persons

Peter began his sermon in Cornelius' house, "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him" (Acts 10:34-35). Here are some ways God is no respecter of persons.

1. ***He declared that all have sinned*** Romans 3:9... "What then, are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles...are all under sin." Also verse 23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (I John 1:8).
2. ***God wants all men to be saved.*** God says, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:11). Peter declares, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Paul declares, "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Timothy 2:4). God wants the rich, the poor and all to be saved. If we are lost it will not be because God desires it.
3. ***God provided a common Savior—Christ who died for all.*** "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead" (2 Cor. 5:14). Christ is the one mediator between us and God and He "gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Timothy 2:6). When Christ gave the great commission he extended the good news of salvation to all men of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk 2:46-49).
4. ***God is no respecter of persons in that He speaks to all men through His Word, the Bible.*** He speaks through Christ today (Heb. 1:1-3). Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles to guide them into all truth (Jn. 16:8-14; Acts 1:5-8; 2). They gave us Christ's message in the New Testament. Man must be guided by that alone to be acceptable to God (Gal. 1:8; 2 John 9). If God spoke through dreams, visions and still small voices as man claims He does, He would be a respecter of persons for not speaking to all this way. God's Word is a complete guide for all of man's spiritual needs (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It contains all that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Subjective experiences prove nothing, but reading it in the Scriptures he can know he is right.
5. ***God has the same conditions of salvation for all men.*** To learn what to do to be saved we must start at Christ's great commission. He told His apostles to teach all nations and that those who believed, repented and were baptized would be saved (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49). When the great commission was carried out on Pentecost that is exactly what sinners did to be saved. They heard Peter's sermon, believed and were then told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). In every case of conversion in Acts, they did the same things to be saved. We must do the same things to be saved. God never saved one man one way and another man another way. He requires the same things of all men to be saved.
6. ***God has a common church for all.*** Jesus just built one church (Matthew 16:18). A description of His church can be found in the New Testament. There is only one way to become a member of the church and that is to be saved from your sins so the Lord can add you to it. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). Christ is the Savior of the church (Ephesians 5:23). The church is composed of the saved. God urges everyone to obey the same Gospel so they will be saved and He can add them to His church.

**7. God's judgment will be fair and impartial.** “And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear” (I Peter 1:17). “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). We had better prepare to meet Him in Judgment.

God loves you and Christ's invitation, “Come...and I will give you rest” is extended to you. Will you not come and take advantage of the wonderful provision of salvation He has provided you?

—Clifford Dixon

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Charles Simmons** was admitted to Midland Memorial Hospital. He is in CCU #547. Charles has several health issues going on at this time. However, they were able to get his kidneys working again and taken off the ventilator. He is in need of prayers.

Also, Susan's daughter, **Teresa Simmons**, had to be taken to ORMC—ER twice while here visiting her mom and dad. Teresa has M.S. and diabetes. She is being tested for diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) Teresa is in ICU—#5.

**Maxine Newton**, a former member, is struggling with pneumonia. We have been asked to keep her in our daily prayers.

**Irene Hernandez** (Miguel Lozano's son's mother-in-law) who underwent cancer surgery back in October in Dallas is still in her fight against cancer. And, her daughter Jessica is in a coma in Dallas. They are in need of prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Glenda Driver** (Loyce Driver's niece) was in Midland Memorial last week with pneumonia. She also has COPD which is an added problem. Glenda was to be released soon.

### ***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; Carolyn Morrison; 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; Bobby & Brenda Wilkerson; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

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

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

### ***Youth***

#### **Bible Quiz Question (Multiple Choice)**

Eutychus fell out of a third story window during one of Paul's messages. In what city did this happen? (a) Corinth; (b) Philippi or (c) Troas (Acts 20:6-9)

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

It was Jason's house that was attacked by a riotous mob in Thessalonica because they thought Paul and Silas were there. (Acts 17:5)

## Events

Watch *“In Search of the Lord’s Way”* Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

## Thank You

To my Church Family, I want to thank you for all the prayers for my eye surgeries. I was very nervous about the surgery on my left eye due to the previous surgery in July. I was told it would be risky. It went well. It is healing well. My right eye will take longer to heal and it was the one that had the issues! Knowing I was in your prayers was very comforting. Thank you also for the cards and phone calls.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Campos

## ***FEBRUARY ATTENDED NURSERY***

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.

## Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

The whole world (217 countries) watched and held their breath as Nik Wallenda, 34, walked across a gorge in the Grand Canyon on a 2 inch cable. It took 22 minutes and 54 seconds to walk 1,400 feet without a tether or safety net. Wallenda said, “It took every bit of me to stay focused that entire time.” One slip could have resulted in him plunging 1,500 feet to his death. We can learn and apply a great principle from the Bible using this feat of great daring.

Focus was the key to his success. And focus is a key to our success in Christianity. The Hebrew writer mentioned a great cloud of witnesses surrounding living saints who encourage us with their faith (Hebrews 12:1). He then writes, “...fixing our eyes on Jesus...” (Hebrews 12:2). This is an old verb meaning “to look away”...Looking away to Jesus ...looking away from the cloud of witnesses to look at Jesus. Fixing our eyes on Jesus will prevent us from stumbling. Fixing our eyes on Jesus will help keep our eyes on the task. Fixing our eyes on Jesus will get us to a safe destination. Focus on Jesus.

—Rick Laing

## February 16, 2020

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

## A.M.

Larry May  
Oliver Hernandez  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Joshua Weakland  
Jacob Carson  
Gary Loving

## P.M.

Larry May  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
John Wood  
Don Easlon  
Rudy Ochoa

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

Jeff Wesson

Richard Siler

Jr. Munoz

Jaxon Straw

East

Miguel Lozano

Tom Sorenson

Cody Wesson

Josh Wells

Communion

(In Library)

**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*: Doug Guynn 260-0440

### **Sunday AM**

*"Victorious Faith"*

*(1 John 5:4-5)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"They Have No Roots in Them"*

*(Mark 4:1-9)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 88*

*Morning Worship...115*

*Evening Worship...NC*

*Wednesday...—*

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