

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Churches of Christ

In answering questions about religious matters, members of churches of Christ ask: “What does the New Testament teach?” Members of churches of Christ believe that the bible, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired of God; that the New Testament is the complete and final revelation of the divine pattern of the church, the only rule of faith and practice in religion today (Col. 3:17). Members of the church recognize their own imperfections, but believe that the church today should be the same as the church in the New Testament in organization, name, worship and terms of salvation and in principles of right living.

Jesus said, **“I will build my church”** (Matthew 16:18). This was done by Him through His apostles (Ephesians 2:19-22). The church was built by the preaching of the Gospel of Christ when people obeyed from the heart that Gospel and were made free from sin (Romans 6:17-18). Men and women heard the Gospel (Romans 10:17), repented of their sins (Luke 13:3-5), confessed Jesus as Lord (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10) and were baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:36-38, 41). As men and women were saved the Lord added them to the church (Acts 2:47).

In the city of Corinth, Paul testified that Jesus was the Christ, **“and many of the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized”** (Acts 18:8). Paul later addressed a letter to them as the **“church of God which is at Corinth”** (I Cor. 1:2) and said, **“Ye are the body of Christ** (I Cor. 12:27). The New Testament also refers to the church as the church of the first born (Heb. 12:23) and the churches of Christ (Romans 16:16). Individually members of the church were called disciples and Christians (Acts 11:26).

Members of churches of Christ contend that the only kind of church government in the New Testament is that of the local church directed by elders, bishops, pastors or presbyters. (These words are used interchangeably in the New Testament). These men, always a plurality in each church are the overseers of only one congregation (Acts 20:28). Nowhere in the New Testament is there any example of one official overseeing one congregation, let alone more than one congregation. Neither is there an example of the elders or bishops exercising any kind of oversight over more than one congregation. This is not a matter of expediency or religious liberty, but of principle.

Members of the church of Christ teach that worship must be in spirit and truth (John 4:24). They pray, teach and sing in public assemblies. They give and “break bread,” i.e., observe the Lord’s supper on the first day of every week, because in so doing they follow New Testament example (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2). The work of the church is primarily spiritual: to preach the Gospel to save sinners and to instruct and edify the saved in the most holy faith. There is also the work of ministering to the necessities of the saints. Each Christian is to teach the Word of God and minister to the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world.

Members of the church hold that Christians are to **“live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world”** (Titus 2:12); to be honest, pay their just debts, love their neighbor as themselves and be directed in every relationship of life by the principles of righteousness taught in the Bible. Christians are to be obedient to the laws of the civil powers (Romans 13:1-14) as long as they are consistent with the laws of God (Acts 4:19). Also, they are to respect Christ’s law of marriage and divorce (Matthew 19:9) as the teaching of Christ and not as church legislation.

No distinction is made in the churches of Christ between so-called “clergy” and “laity,” i.e., there is no clergy/laity system. Preachers do not accept religious titles such as “reverend,” and “pastor.” The

term “reverend” is applied unto God (Psalm 111:9) and the term “pastor” describes one who does the work of a bishop or an elder (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:11).

Churches of Christ have as their guide the same teaching that the church followed in the first century. All men are urged to accept and follow the New Testament as their guide in all things in religion that they may be Christians indeed.

—Robert Cowles

Response

Bill Butler came forward last Sunday evening during the invitation asking for prayers and also for forgiveness for things he had done as a young Christian. Please keep Bill in your prayers that his faith in God will continually grow stronger.

Prayer Request

Jack Wright had an angiogram done at Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday, February 13th. Keep Jack in your prayers that his test will turn out well.

Velma Tolbert has pneumonia and is also fighting bone cancer. Please continue to keep Velma in your daily prayers that she can recuperate and feel better soon and that her treatments will be very effective on treating the cancer.

Paul Ketchell (LaVern Couch’s brother-in-law) just found out that he has cancer in his gums. Paul is scheduled to have surgery February 26th. He lives in New Mexico and is a member of the church in Farmington. Please keep him in your prayers that his surgery goes well and he will get good results.

Linda Tate is having a problem with one of her eyes and may have a procedure done in the future. Please keep her in your prayers that her eye will be okay.

Crissy Arroyo (Devida’s neighbor) was just diagnosed with breast cancer that has spread to other organs. Devida is requesting that you please keep Crissy in your prayers as she and her husband have two small sons. This is devastating news especially for a young couple.

Concerns Update

Hattie Gilmore is doing better after being sick for a week or so. Continue to keep her in your prayers that she will see better days.

Prayer List

Hank & Francis Averette; Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Harshad Bhavsar; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; José Padilla; Sharion Price; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verlie Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Jesus said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than what?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Abraham came from the Ur of Chaldees

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.

Singing Seminar

Myron Bruce will be here to conduct a **"Singing Seminar"** on April 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend and learn more about how we can improve our singing in our worship unto the Lord.

Office News

The *"New Mexico Children's Home"* will be here Tuesday, March 5th for a food pick up. They are requesting **Aluminum Foil**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

How Many Ways to Heaven?

Heaven must be a wonderful place, where there will be no tears, no pain, no more death; no sorrow (Rev. 21:4). Surely everyone who believes in heaven wants to go there. But we hear people say, "It doesn't matter what you believe, we're all going to the same place. Strange as it may seem, we are all going to the same place. We are all on our way to meet God in the Judgement! *"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement"* (Heb.9:25). The most important question is: How can I prepare to meet Him, so that God will say to me, *"Come, ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"* (Matthew 25:34).

Men say there are many ways to heaven, let each person choose his own way. Jesus taught there is only one way—His way—the way of faith and obedience. *"No one cometh to the Father but by me"* (John 4:6). *"There is one body (His church), one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all"* (Ephesians 4:4-6). Christ is the *"Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him"* (Hebrews 5:9). Jesus said, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"* (Mark 16:16) also *"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"*. (Rev. 2:10). All who continue to live in faithful obedience to the word of Christ will be saved. -Frank Dunn

February 17th, 2019

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Dex Dennard
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	John Wood
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Jacob Carson

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)	<u>Dan Igo</u>	
West...	Cody Wesson	Richard Siler
	Trinidad Wood	Communion
	George Warren	(In Library)
East...	Charles Wood	
	Josh Wells	
	Craig Wesson	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May - 638-3990 *Deacon*; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*; Scot Straw 288-4533 *Table*; Richard Siler 556-22151– *Song Leaders*; Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections*: Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“The Church and the Christian Home”
(Ephesians 5:15-21)

Sunday PM

“Walking Through the Valley”
(Psalm 23)

Our Records

Bible Class... 65
Morning Worship...96
Evening Worship...60
Wednesday...84
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