

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Names—They Reflect Who We Are

Throughout the pages of the Bible, God has always placed a great premium on names. In the very beginning of time God called man exactly who he was—Adam (man, or red earth). When it came time to name the woman, “Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living” (Genesis 3:20). Again, truly a most significant and appropriate name.

As God developed and revealed His plan of redemption, He changed the names of a few individuals. He changed the names of Abram (high father) to Abraham (father of many nations); Sarai (princess) to Sarah (covenant); Jacob (supplanter) to Israel (a prince of God). Names have always meant something to God.

To hear someone today sincerely but ignorantly say that what we call ourselves means little to God makes me shudder. I know the Bible teaches otherwise. God, through the Bible has given us our Scriptural designations. The Bible gives us the terms by which God wants us to be called. We are either faithful or we are not. We are either with Him or we are not. We are either children of God or we are not. We are either Christians or we are not.

I never read in the Bible of any Christian being called a Baptist, a Methodist, a Catholic or a Lutheran as an “identifier” in matters of faith and/or practice. The Bible says they were called “Christians first at Antioch” (Acts 11:26).

What does it mean to be called a Christian? It means that Christ is the one to whom we have given our allegiance. If we call ourselves anything else then that is the one to whom we give allegiance.

In marriage the husband and the wife are to be in allegiance to one another. In our allegiance/marriage, my wife took my name. Paul instructed, “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head over the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and He is the savior of the body” (Ephesians 5:22-23).

Christ’s church is His bride (cf. Ephesians 5:31-32; Revelation 21:2,9). In a marriage there is no room for a divided allegiance between the husband and the wife. There is no room for hyphenated names whereby the wife shows her allegiance to anyone other than her husband. Such reflects a compromise of trust and obedience. This should help us understand that we are to wear the name of the one to whom we owe our allegiance.

When people profess to be “Christians,” but then wear sectarian names (a name other than “Christian” only) they show a divided allegiance. Sooner or later they have to deny one to be with the other.

Paul condemned the Corinthians for this very thing. They claimed to be Christians but their allegiance was to Paul, or Cephas— some even claimed Christ. They did this to show their allegiance. Paul further told them that neither he nor Cephas died for them. They should be united in Christ only.

There is but one faith (Ephesians 4:4-6; Jude 3). Luther never died for you. John the Baptist never died for you. He told his disciples to go to the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world (cf. John 1:26-37).

If we call ourselves by divisive names that is exactly what we do—divide. “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us strive to be Christians only.

—Howard Johnson

Remember in Prayer

Bessie Chadwick (Virgie Bartee’s mother) who is having Covid related problems. She lives in Carlsbad, TX.

John and Naomi Bustillos (Devida’s neighbors) left Wednesday morning going to Cook’s Children’s Hospital where their baby daughter, **Adelynn**, was scheduled for brain surgery on Thursday. Naomi just finished her last session of chemo treatments for right now. They want to thank everyone here at Eisenhower for all the prayers and the many get-well cards they received. Please keep them on your prayer list that all will go well.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Bessie Chadwick; Nabil Garcia Chaires; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Ann Ellison; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Gynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Luke Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; Bill Wood; John Wood,

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

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

Youth

Bible Knowledge ...“Third Time’s a Charm”

Isaiah went around stripped and barefoot for three years as a sign against Egypt. (Isaiah 20:3)

Elijah stretched himself out over a widow’s son three times to bring him back to life. (1 Kings 17:21)

Office News

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for this week are: mustard, ketchup and one gallon bottles of water. (plastic only)

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” this summer has been scheduled for July 24th-26th. The theme is: “The Flood.”

A “**Teacher’s Appreciation Banquet**” is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd in our Annex. Adam Orr will be our guest speaker.

Today is our “**Potluck Luncheon**” following our morning service. All our visitors are welcome to join us.

Food for Thought

Remember, there is a big difference between free speech and cheap talk.

Worship Assembly Tips

Have you ever heard someone say, “I just don’t get much out of the worship assemblies”? This may be more of a commentary on the person than the meeting. Some suggestions may help us improve the quality of our worship when we assemble on the Lord’s Day:

1. ***Make worship assemblies a priority:*** It is the most important commitment of the week. It is nothing less than a meeting with God.
2. ***Do not bring God leftovers:*** God has always demanded the “first fruits.” He cannot be satisfied with the scraps. Get plenty of sleep on Saturday night and come to worship with an alert and refreshed mind.
3. ***Prepare your mind:*** Discipline begins in the mind. So does discipleship. Train your mind to concentrate on things of the Spirit.
4. ***Be on time:*** Rushing in late makes it difficult for you to settle into meditation and disturbs other worshippers. Get up a little earlier if it is necessary.
5. ***Make our worship God-centered—not man-centered:*** Worship is primarily a giving situation. Those who say, “I don’t get much out of worship.” are wrongly focused. It is in the giving of ourselves that we get.
6. ***Bring your Bible:*** Coming to worship without your Bible is like going out to drive your car without your car keys.
7. ***Sing:*** Singing is not an option; it is commanded. Those who violate this command are just as guilty as if they neglected the worship assembly in the first place.
8. ***Practice “flexible seating”:*** Experience has shown that some church members would rather switch congregations than pews.
9. ***Be friendly before and after:*** Christians are God’s family.” Family members should know and love each other.
10. ***Listen carefully to the sermon:*** Taking notes may help. Follow along in your Bible. Take the message seriously. It will encourage the preacher. It will show non-Christians that you are earnest.

—Selected

February 26, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson
Oliver Hernandez
Trini Wood

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Scot Straw
Charles Wood
Bill Ryan

Lords Supper

Scot Straw
Travis Ruckman
Jackie Perkins
Larry May

Jon Roemisch
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Steve Easlon 260-9716 — *Collections:* Steve Easlon

Sunday AM

“Big Challenge”
(1 Samuel 17:8-10)

Sunday PM

“He Ran and Ran”
(Mark 5:1-6)

Our Records

Bible Class... 70
Morning Worship...84
Evening Worship ... NC
Wednesday...84
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