

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “God Requires Faithfulness”

Some people have perceived of a “no-strings attached” version of Christianity. This concept is not biblical and it never has been Biblical. Our freedom as a nation has especially contributed to a sense of independence that seems to foster an attitude of “You can’t tell me what to do.” “Don’t crowd my space.” “Give me my liberty.”

Along with this sense of independence comes less dependence on a supreme God in whom we live and move and have our being. The prevailing reaction to God is, “He’s nice to have around for emergencies, but when everything’s all-right, I don’t really need to be bothered with all the religious red-tape.”

If you doubt that this is true, then consider the thousands, perhaps millions of people that turn very religious when they have an illness, death in the family, financial crisis, or some other major calamity, but whom we fail to see again in churches for months or years after the crisis has settled down. Sadly, we must admit, we have such a list of names of individuals just like that. And no matter how hard we strive to enlist their faithfulness, with the few successes, others step into their place and the list never gets any smaller.

Somehow we have failed to convince people that the most important thing in life is to do the will of God. *“The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments.”* We’ve tried sermons on God’s love for us—joy, peace, the beauties of heaven, and all sorts of “positive” messages about hope in Christ Jesus, but still we have lengthy lists of individuals who just simply are not faithful to the Lord.

I make that statement at risk of being accused of being judgmental. One brother who had not assembled with the saints in nearly 2 years said we had no right to say he was unfaithful. Another who hadn’t attended in 6 months said, “Even though I haven’t been attending, I haven’t been unfaithful to my Lord. I pray to Him every day.” This sounds a lot like the “Jesus, Yes; the church, No” philosophy.

In spite of our spirit of freedom, the truth still remains that God Requires Faithfulness in our Worship to Him. (I Cor. 4:2). *“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”* In spite of God’s love for us as seen in Christ’s death on the cross; in spite of the fact that *“...the Father seeketh such to worship Him”* (John 4:23-24); in spite of the fact that fellowship is a natural expression of brotherhood in a family; in spite of that saints are required (commanded) to assemble, it’s been estimated that 40% of our brotherhood attends only one service each week.

The bottom line is that people who willfully forsake this important aspect of Christian stewardship are in direct disobedience to the will of God—even if they insist on their many good works serving as proof they are still in the Lord. King Saul found this out when he took upon himself to redefine what was in the best interest of the people. He kept back the choice of the sheep and oxen, plus he spared King Agag. He did what people are doing today. He redefined God’s law to accommodate his own desires.

But note: (I Samuel 15:22-25). *“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft; stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, He*

*hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.”*

—Terry Broome  
Broad St. church of Christ  
Scottsboro, AL

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Hazel Brown**. Hazel passed from this life on Monday, February 24th in Georgetown, TX. She suffered with Alzheimer's. Her funeral service was Saturday, February 29th at Sunset Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. Mike Vestal conducted her service.

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Jackie Wallace** (Loyce Driver's granddaughter) has been diagnosed with a tumor. The doctors are trying to decide the best plan for removal. She had an appointment on February 27th.

**Liz Leach** (Loyce Driver's niece) is six months pregnant and has a blood clot in her leg. She is not able to take blood thinners so other methods will have to be administered. She is in need of prayers.

**Charles Lewis** (Wilene Wright's brother) suffered a light stroke and is in Medical Center Hospital—Room #953. Please keep him in your prayers that he recovers soon.

**Alyssa May** (Larry and Janis's daughter-in-law) had a surgical procedure done on Thursday, February 27th. Keep her in your prayers that she has a full recovery.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Kyle Foshee** underwent a successful brain cancer surgery. He will be going to Dallas for monthly check up visits. Also Kyle's mother is in rehab and doing well. Please continue to keep these two in your prayers. Kyle is a friend of Hannah Weakland.

### ***Prayer List***

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Lavern Couch; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; 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; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. Munoz; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Teresa Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; 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)**

Why did Asa remove his grandmother, Maachah, from being the queen mother of Judah? (a) She tried to take away his power; (b) She was found to be dishonest; or (c) She had made an obscene image to worship.

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

It was the Centurion who said to Jesus, "Only speak a word and my servant will be healed."

## Events

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

### MARCH ATTENDED NURSERY

3/1/20 Tracie & Holly

3/8/20 Kamilla & Hannah

3/15/20 Carolyn S. & Robbie

3/22/20 Patsy & Nancy E.

3/29/20 Linda T. & Devida

### 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.

## Office News

Ladies, there will be a **“Bridal Shower”** honoring Bride-to-Be, Atasi Bhavsar, to be held at Larriat McGhee’s home, 508 Cabrillo on Saturday, March 7th at 11:00 a.m. RSVP to Ashley Carson. Atasi is registered at Target & Amazon also on their wedding site: [atasiandclinton.minted.us](https://www.atasiandclinton.minted.us).

### Think It Over

When you are told by the attending physician that you have only a little while to live, you will not regret one moment you have spent in the study of your bible. After all other books are laid aside, this Word will still face you in God’s Judgment! We plead with you to carefully use this sacred volume in this life! It is God’s personal message to you. Don’t ignore or neglect it.

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:105). *“Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and Your law is truth”* (Psalm 119:142). *“My soul faints for Your salvation, but I hope in your word”* (Psalm 119:81).

—Bulletin Digest

### March 1st, 2020

#### A.M.

#### P.M.

Announcements

Allen Weakland

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Song Leader

Oliver Hernandez

Rudy Ochoa

Sermon

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

Opening Prayer

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

Scripture

Tommy Garcia

John Wood

Second Prayer

Don Easlon

Doug Guynn

Closing Prayer

Jacob Carson

Bill Brown

Lord’s Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Scot Straw

West...

Gary Loving

Cody Wesson

Jr. Munoz

Communion

Jackie Perkins

(In Library)

East

Miguel Lozano

David Ryan

Tom Sorenson

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*: Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Pulpit*: Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table*: Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons*: Trinidad Wood 559-1054 — *Collections*: Trinidad Wood 559-1054

### **Sunday AM**

*“Essentials for Unity and Harmony”*  
(James 4:8)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Personal Salvation”*  
(Titus 3:4-8)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 58*  
*Morning Worship...100*  
*Evening Worship...55*  
*Wednesday...51*  
*Contribution...\$4,332.55*