

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Because He Lives

When the Lord appeared to John on the island of Patmos to deliver His revelation of the things that were soon to take place, He identified Himself in a powerful way. In Revelation 1:17-18 Jesus said, ***“Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”*** In the midst of this brief statement is the bedrock of Christian faith. Our Lord was dead, but now is alive forevermore. This essential truth sets Christianity apart from every other religious belief. Our founder is alive and will never die again.

This was the argument that Paul made to validate our hope of eternal life. In Romans 6:8-11 he said, ***“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”***

When Paul wrote his first letter to the church in Corinth, he told them that the gospel was the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-4). His death was necessary in order to atone for our sins. Without His shed blood, God’s justice could not be satisfied. However, a dead Savior is no Savior at all. Our Lord had to come back from the dead in order to complete His exaltation as “Lord of Lord and King of Kings”. He did this on the third day, according to the scriptures (I Corinthians 15:4), and now He is the master of death and of Hades (Revelation 1:18).

Because our Savior lives, we have hope in life as well as in eternity. We have hope because He is alive to mediate between us and our Father in heaven (I Timothy 2:5). We have hope because He lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25). We have hope because He holds us in His hands and no one can snatch us away from Him (John 10:28). We have hope because He reigns over His kingdom and will continue to reign until He hands over the kingdom to God the Father (I Corinthians 15:24-26).

Because our Savior lives, we also have obligations in life. Since we know our Savior lives, we must live for Him in everything we do. In Romans 12:1-2 Paul said we must present our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice in order to prove what the will of God is. In Colossians 3:22-24 Paul said that we must do everything we do as though we were doing it for the Lord, because it is He whom we serve. Because He lives we must let our light shine so that others will see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

A prominent theologian of the last century said that Christianity stands or falls on the resurrection of Christ. If the Lord did not come back from the dead on the third day, then we have no reason to believe in Him. If, however, He was raised from the dead, then we

must believe in Him. To refuse to do so would be foolish, for one day our living Lord will call all the dead from the tombs for judgment (John 5:28-29).

Therefore, let us rejoice in the fact that our Savior and Lord lives. Let us live in such a way that honors our living Lord and thereby secures eternal life for us. Let us look with joy at the empty tomb. And let us sing with heartfelt sincerity. *“Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.”*

—Fred Dominguez

### **Sympathy**

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Allen Weakland and his family in the loss of his uncle, **Larry Holder**. Larry passed away Saturday evening, March 26th, in Harrison, MI. from complications with diabetes. His services were held last week in Harrison.

### **Prayer Request**

**Harold Carrigan** was taken to the ER at Medical Center Hospital last Sunday afternoon due to high blood pressure and also elevated sugar levels. He is in room #439. Visitors are welcomed.

### **Concerns Update**

**Mary Brown** underwent cataract eye surgery over a week ago. She is still having a problem with not being able to see as expected. Mary scheduled another appointment to see the eye doctor about this problem.

**Betty Branson** received a good report from her last doctor's visit concerning her right leg that had a cracked femur bone. She is now able to put weight on that leg. However, her broken wrist has not healed yet and still unable to put weight on it. For now it is in a brace and she has to use her walker.

### **Prayer List**

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Todd Drake; John Ford; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Charles & Helen Jones; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Patty Montgomery; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Connie Phelps; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singleterry; Bob Spurlin; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Toya Zambelli

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

Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant.

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

### **Youth**

#### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Who wrote that “the world...could not contain the books written on Jesus's other deeds”?

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

Psalm 5 begins with “Give ear to my words, O Lord”?

## FYI

Watch *“In Search of the Lord’s Way”* every Sunday morning at 6:30 am on KOSA, 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.

## Graduation Shower...

Natalynn Wood will be graduating from Permian High School this year. A graduation party/shower is planned for her on Sunday, April 24th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

## Office News

There will be a monthly *“Nursery Duty”* list posted on the bulletin board each month. Check it to see if you have been assigned to help in the nursery (Sunday mornings only). Also check the church’s Facebook page. Reminder cards will still be going out. Please check it regularly to see when it’s your turn.

The *“New Mexico Children’s Home”* will be back in Odessa Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 for a food pick up. They are requesting **Real Mayonnaise**. Also, coin cans are on the table in the east foyer to use for money donations.

## Why Hidest Thou?

Why do we sometimes feel that God is far away? There are times we need to feel He is nearby. Psalm 10:1 says, *“Why standest thou afar off O, Lord? Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?”* David dared to ask the question. It is okay to ask questions of God. All the great people of the Bible had troubles of one kind or another. The thing that made the difference is they asked God about it. They didn’t ask someone else. They didn’t even trust their own feelings. Feelings can change what God’s word never changes. The Lord never promised that following Him would be a trouble free journey. He never promised to take us around the valleys. He always promised to walk us through them. Psalm 23:4 says, *“Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”*

—Mark Dillon

Bulletin Digest

<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Dex Dennard	Bill Butler
Second Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Cody Wesson	Craig Wesson
Lord's Supper		
West...	Bill Ryan Trinidad Wood Richard Siler	John Wood Communion (In Library)
East...	Josh Wells Josh Weakland Isaiah Armendarez	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon:* Josh Wells 770-6753; *Pulpit:* Tom Sorenson 631-2518; *Table:* John Wood 415-7444; *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties:* Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections:* Chris Butler 362-7486

**Sunday AM**

*"Here Am I"*

*(1 Samuel 3:1-4)*

**Sunday PM**

*"When Our Plan Conflicts with God's"*

*(James 4:13-17)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 80*

*Morning Worship...159*

*Evening Worship...57*

*Wednesday...90*

*Contribution...\$5,166.25*



