

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Is the Church Jesus Built on the Earth Today? (Part 2)

Consider the Code Book Principle

A game, government, or gadget can be reproduced if its specifications are preserved in a book or computer. If there were no Monopoly board on earth, but a diagram of the board and rules of the game were discovered, it could be recreated in a short time. If the planet's last television finally ceased to flicker, a talented person could take a description of it and make another one. If Communism or Islam conquered democracy all over the world, a future "Continental Congress" could take our Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and a high school government textbook and begin to govern a free people yet unborn.

The Bible is the standard for Christianity. Paul wrote, "***Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing***" (Philippians 3:16; cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17). It simply contains the "rules" of Christianity. It is the diagram of what a church is to look like. It is the textbook of the Christian religion. Thus, in any place a Bible is read, understood, believed and obeyed, the church will come into existence. This will happen regardless of whether a church has ever existed there before, is in existence at the time anywhere else, or even if it has been extinct for a century.

Consider the Restoration Principle

Many people like to restore old automobiles or antebellum homes. They get the original plans and painstakingly restore the car or house as it was in the beginning. Such a restoration is occurring presently on Thomas Jefferson's summer home in Forest, Virginia. Those involved in this project are going to great lengths, even testing the soil to determine what kind of trees and bushes were originally planted near the house, so they can plant the same plants in the same places.

Isaac began a similar restoration project in the days of the patriarchs. The Bible records: "***And Isaac dugged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.***" (Genesis 26:18)

A spiritual restoration project has been done with Christ's church. Christ set the water of life flowing freely from the wellspring of His church. Over the centuries, it slowly became stopped up by man's errant teachings. Man became thirsty for more than tradition, Protestantism and cults. He longed for the satisfying

water of the original well. Restorers consulted the original blueprint within the pages of the New Testament and began to dig again the original doctrines. One by one they identified first century practices and called them by their original names (I Peter 4:11). By carefully following Christ's plan for His church as it is revealed in the Bible, workers eventually restored the church just as He established it— the same plan of salvation, organization, acts of worship, love and zeal and moral teachings. It truly is the church of Christ.

—Southside's Salute

Prayer Request

John Wood is in need of prayers. He is dealing with severe pain due to a kidney stone. He is on prescribed medicine to help with this problem. Please continue to pray for John as he is dealing with other health issues also.

Janis May has a cyst behind her knee that is giving her trouble. Please keep her in your prayers that this problem can be easily resolved.

Rudy Ochoa, who underwent surgery on his arm a few weeks ago, has not been feeling well lately.

Susan Simmons is having a difficult time keeping her blood sugar regulated.

Betty Dale (friend and business partner of Charles Wood) fell two weeks ago and broke her right arm and hip. Betty had hip surgery on Thursday, March 28th. The elbow surgery had not been decided.

Conchida Williams (Devida's sister) is being scheduled for back surgery soon. No date has been set yet.

Also, **Michael Brown** (Devida's brother-in-law) is being scheduled for rotator cuff surgery.

Concerns Update

Connie Conley (Terresia Weaver's sister) was diagnosed with stage one cancer and it is contained. Terresia is requesting prayers for her sister.

Todd Weaver (Terresia's son) underwent tests by a Neurologist last week. He is awaiting the results.

Sondie Williamson (Devida's niece) has a consultation appointment tomorrow concerning her heart aneurysm. It is at 4.5 cm in size.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Harshad Bhavsar; Betty Branson; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Sylvia Campos; Eddie Chavez; LaDonna Chism; Jon Cooper; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Paul Gunn; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Paul Ketchell; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; José Padilla; Sharion Price; Bonnie Pursley; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Reda Sowell; Jack Straw; Linda Tate; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Lupe Valeriano; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Sondie Williamson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

True or False? John the Baptist taught that the Messiah would baptize with water and the Holy Spirit.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

David killed 200 Philistines as a dowry to marry Michal, Saul's daughter. (I Sam. 18:27)

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.

Office News

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be back the 1st week in June for a food pick up. No food items were given at this time. Monetary donations are also accepted.

A Combined "Graduation Shower" is planned for **William Wood** and **Brenna Wilson** on Sunday, May 5th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Annex. Everyone is invited to join in on this milestone celebration.

You Face a Decision

The rich man **faced a decision** when the Lord told him to go and sell all he had—he made a bad decision.

Lot **faced a decision** when Abram gave him the choice as they divided the land for their herdsmen—he made a bad decision.

Gideon **faced a decision** when God reduced his men from 32,000 to 10,000 then to 300—he made a good decision.

Thousands heard the gospel on the day of Pentecost. They **faced a decision** the apostles told them of their sins—about 3,000 of them made a good decision.

First Century Christians **faced a decision** after they became Christians and needed to grow, learn more, serve one another—many made excellent decisions as they added to their faith, grew in knowledge, wisely used their time and energy, developed talents. What decision are you making?

—Bulletin Digest

April 7th, 2019

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jaxon Straw
Myron Bruce
Jeff Wesson
Josh Weakland
George Warren
Trinidad Wood

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson
Myron Bruce
Jeff Wesson
David Ryan
Cody Wesson
Tom Sorenson

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Rudy Ochoa

West...

Kevin Wilcox
Tommy Garcia
Charles WoodLarry May
Communion
(In Library)

East

Kirk McFarland
Jackie Perkins
Oliver Hernandez

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon*; Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit*; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Table*; Larry May 638-3990– *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Doug Guynn 260-00440 *Collections*: Doug Guynn 260-0440

Sunday AM*"Singing Seminar"***Sunday PM***"Singing Seminar"*