

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## A Strong Congregation

What makes a strong church? What gives it power and influence for good in the community and beyond the community? Whence is its magnetism—its drawing power?

1. Not the preacher alone. A Gospel preacher may labor hard and present excellent lessons, but he alone cannot make the church strong
2. Not numbers alone. Large memberships are very gratifying, but God has never depended on great numbers to win great battles. Remember Gideon, who with a noble 300 won a battle against a great host.
3. Not wealth alone. It is a blessing when men and women of means are faithful and generous with their substance. But some of the greatest givers of all ages have not been rich people. Remember the widow's two mites—who gave *all she had*. Remember the church at Philippi, a poor congregation which gave so liberally and abundantly out of its “deep poverty” (2 Cor. 8:2). It is not that we have much, but that we give what we have.
4. Not popularity alone. The church will always be popular among sincere people who desire to know the truth. Do not worry too much over losing a friend over the Gospel. Those who desert you because you stand for something are selfish and want to exploit your comradeship for selfish ends. Remember that the people who love truth will love you for standing for it and living it.
5. Not human originated doctrines at all. All the creeds, manuals, and disciples of all the theologians of all time, though they make a pyramid equal to the Tower of Babel, would not give one ounce of strength to New Testament Christianity. For the Bible is sufficient guide in all matters of faith (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Human creeds and doctrines may give strength to *sectism*, but not to Zion.

**BUT —**

1. A converted membership. Members that are dedicated unselfishly to Christ and His cause.
2. A punctual membership. A membership that does not forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25). Every member who neglects to attend services contributes toward weakness and defeat.
3. A praying membership. God can fill a big heart as well as He can a little, contracted, shriveled one. Our Father in Heaven is so willing to help us bear our responsibilities and share our burdens, if we will only give Him an opportunity (1 Peter 5:7). Why wrestle alone with problems when you can share these with your Lord (Mt. 11:28-30)?
4. A clean membership. Members ought to be very careful, and never rub against wet paint! We cannot play in the mud without getting some on us. Any fair-minded person who is willing to give a little time to thinking knows what kind of habits weaken his influence as a Christian. It is merely a matter of being fair with ourselves and God. Never frequent a place where you have to leave Jesus on the outside! He might not wait for you to return.
5. A cordial membership. *“Then they that feared the Lord, spake often one of another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and they thought upon his name”* (Mal. 3:16). How beautiful is friendship! How people appreciate an encouraging word or smile! What exquisite contribution, riches unfathomable, can come from the least of us who will take the time and spend the effort to be friendly! How lonely and hungry hearts respond to a bit of this heavenly sunshine shed abroad by spirit-filled men and women! The clasp or ministry of a hand, the sympathy of a heart, the good will of a soul—how rich these, and what pillars they become in stabilizing a shaking and reeling world!
6. A missionary membership. After all, the big business of the church is to save souls. She is the “pillar” (not pillow) “and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). It is her business to see that

men and women hear the pure Gospel. It is her business to urge an obedience to this Gospel. We must seek to save others or miss heaven ourselves. We must rescue others or drown. We must season the hearts of others or lose our Savior (Mt. 5:13). We must shine or become darkness forever! If the church of our Lord fails to point the lost to Christ, who will do it?

7. An obedient membership. Our work is to DO God's will.

—A.C. Williams

### **Sympathy**

Our condolences go out to Colleen Wood and her family in the loss of her cousin, **Mary Clark**. Mary passed away on Thursday, March 30th from pancreatic cancer. She lived in Southport, N.C. Keep this family in your prayers.

Also, Jackie Perkins lost his uncle last week in Dennison, Tx. His funeral was held on Friday, March 31st.

### **Prayer Request**

**David Baldwin** requested prayers because he has not been feeling well lately.

**Robbie Butler** was sick last weekend with flu-like symptoms but was starting to feel much better.

**LaDonna Chism** was taken to the ER at ORH on March 31st for breathing problems. She was treated through the weekend and released to go home at 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening. LaDonna has asthma which is the cause of her breathing issues. Please keep her in your prayers that she can find relief soon.

**Bernice Easlon** (Don Easlon's mother) is fighting the Covid virus. Our last report was that she seemed to be doing okay. Bernice is 88 years old.

**Nancy Easlon** was also sick last weekend with a really bad cold.

**Jose Managbao** (a brother in the Philippines) had a car accident and sustained severe head injuries. He has had two major surgeries but is recovering from home. He needs prayers.

Jackie & Wanda Perkins have requested prayers for their five years old great-granddaughter, **Tessa Perkins**, who was in a car wreck on Friday, March 24th. She had severe head injuries and was taken to a trauma unit in Lubbock. Tessa will be there for two weeks. Keep her in your prayers for a complete recovery.

### **Prayer List**

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Ann Ellison; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Jakob Jenkins; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Janice Smith; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; 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 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.

## Office News

Keep in mind our “**Teacher’s Appreciation Banquet**” at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22nd in the Annex. Adam Orr will be the guest speaker. Please put your name on a “**Sign Up Sheet**” that’s posted in the foyers if you plan to attend.

## *Backslider’s Calendar*

### **JANUARY:**

I hereby resolve to start attending church this year. Gotta get over the holidays.

### **FEBRUARY:**

Weather is terrible. I will start when it gets a bit warmer.

### **MARCH:**

Lots of sickness just now. Got to keep away from those bugs.

### **APRIL:**

Easter ...big crowds; they will not miss me.

### **MAY:**

I have been holed up all winter and now that the weather is getting pretty it’s time to have a family reunion.

### **JUNE:**

I will wait until the baby is older. How on earth do some folks take their babies when they are just a few weeks old—and then never miss Sunday worship.

### **JULY:**

Boy! The heat is terrific! That air conditioner in church gives me chills.

### **AUGUST:**

Preacher is on vacation this month. He will not even know I missed.

### **SEPTEMBER:**

School has started. Vacation threw me behind in my work.

### **OCTOBER:**

Leaves are beautiful this time of year. I can worship God outdoors anyhow.

### **NOVEMBER:**

Getting colder ...cannot stand warm church building with a lot of people in them.

### **DECEMBER:**

Christmas! It belongs to kids. Anyway, next month is January. I will resolve now to start attending church next year. —W. S. Cline

### **April 9, 2023**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture

### **A.M.**

Larry May  
Oliver Hernandez  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Travis Ruckman

### **P.M.**

Larry May  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Cody Wesson

Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer  
**Lords Supper**

Jr. Munoz  
Doug Guynn  
Don Easlon  
Steve Easlon  
Bill Ryan  
Gary Loving

Jeff Wesson  
Richard Siler  
Tommy Garcia  
(Communion)  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231—*Pulpit:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Table:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332— *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —  
*Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

### **Sunday AM**

*“Our High Priest”*  
(Hebrews 8:1-6)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Greatest Plan”*  
(John 3:13-15)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 68*  
*Morning Worship...115*  
*Evening Worship ... 61*  
*Wednesday...80*  
*Contribution...\$5,940.28*