

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Let the Gospel Be Preached!

Faithful Christians glory in pleasing God through the preaching of His Word! The Gospel is the only power that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit exert on the hearts of men to save them (Romans 1:16). The early church knew this fact and depended on the preaching of the Word to spread the borders of the kingdom (Acts 2:42-47). The first ingredient in every New Testament conversion involved the preaching of the Word (Acts 8:4). They realized that it was their divine mission as the church of Christ to be ***“the pillar and ground of the truth”*** (1 Timothy 3:15). These words impress upon all Christians our solemn responsibility for planting and watering the Word, while Jehovah gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). Jehovah said, ***“For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it”*** (Isaiah 55:10-11).

### Jehovah Gives Earthly Blessings

Though some may think it foolish and do not always understand the purpose of the rain and the snow from heaven, especially in the desert, the purposes of God are still served. The beautiful flowers that flourish even in the deserts of our world beautify the earth and bring honor to Him who made and cares for them. The watering of the earth always has its purpose. God’s law from the beginning has been that all seed produces after its kind (Genesis 1). And in addition to the seed producing abundance after its kind in the bountiful harvest, additional seed is given for planting again and again. Seed has within itself the germ of life! To inspect God’s bountiful earthly blessings through which His favor is wonderfully shown to earth’s inhabitants, ***“on the just and on the unjust”*** (Matthew 5:45), is to realize the thanksgiving daily that should ascend to our Heavenly Father.

### Jehovah Gives Spiritual Blessings

Jesus said, ***“It is the Spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*** (John 6:63) Hence, the source of spiritual life is in the seed or the Word. ***“The hope of the Gospel”*** (Colossians 1:23) is the only hope the world has. That hope only comes through the faithful proclamation and humble acceptance of the Word (Mark 16:15-16). God’s promise to the sowers of His Word is that His Word will not return unto Him void or without profit. It will save those who believe and embrace it; it will condemn those who disbelieve and reject it; it is the Christian’s responsibility to proclaim it at every opportunity! But some think that the preaching of the Word is only foolishness. Paul states, ***“For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God”*** (1 Corinthians 1:18). ***“For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe”*** (1 Corinthians 1:21). The saved are those who have heard, believed, repented, confessed their faith and have been baptized to wash away their sins. These are “in Christ” because of their faith in the Word. “In Christ” is the only place where all the spiritual blessings are to be found (Ephesians 1:3).

## Heaven Is Our Goal

To save ourselves and those who hear us, we must preach the Word (1 Timothy 4:16)! Let us remember that Jehovah says faithful preaching the Word *“shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it”* (Isaiah 55:11).

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— Gary Colley

### **Prayer Request**

**Glenna Callendar** is not doing very well at this time. She is in a very weak condition. Please keep Glenna in your daily prayers that her breathing problem will improve.

**Betty Branson** has asthma and suffers from weakness and breathing problems and also has back pain from a pulled muscle which hinders her from walking without the fear of falling. Betty is in need of our prayers.

**LaDonna Chism** is also struggling from asthma related issues. LaDonna was released from the hospital just recently after being treated for a breathing problem. Please continue to keep LaDonna in your prayers.

**Rudy Ochoa** underwent cataract eye surgery on his right eye last week. Everything went well and he was expecting a few days to recover.

**Jurlean Warren** is having a lot of problems with her stomach and also dealing with a colon issue. She has requested that we keep her in our prayers as she will undergo testing soon.

### **Concerns Update**

**Sylvia Campos** is still having problems with vertigo. Please continue to keep her in your prayers that she will be back with us soon.

**Arthur Campos** (Sylvia’s husband) had an Ultra-Sound on his heart aneurysm last Tuesday morning. He should get test results soon.

### **Prayer List**

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; Bernice Easlon; Cathy Eastwood; Ann Ellison; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Jakob Jenkins; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Jose Managbao; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Tessa Perkins; 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.

### **Youth**

Bible Knowledge ... “Whodunit?”

Who Raised This Boy from The Dead?

1. The son of the widow at Zarephath.

a) Elijah            b) Elisha            c) Jeremiah

## Office News

April 30th is our Fifth Sunday “**Potluck Luncheon**”. We will have our luncheon after our A.M. worship service followed by our P.M. service. Our visitors are welcome.

Keep in mind our “**Teacher’s Appreciation Banquet**” at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22nd in the Annex. Adam Orr will be speaking.

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” will be July 24th-26th. The theme is: “The Flood”. Bring your children and invite your neighbor’s children.

### **Judge Not That You Be Not Judged**

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or, how wilt thou say to thy brother, ‘Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?’ Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye (Matthew 7:1-5).

This has been a misquoted and misunderstood passage. Some have taken it to imply that all judging is wrong. Obviously, this is not the case since in this same chapter Jesus tells to judge others based on their fruits (Matthew 7:15-20). To determine if a “sheep” is really a “sheep” or a “wolf” disguised as one there has to be some level of judgment.

Notice that Jesus used the illustration of a “beam-eyed” man attempting to remove a mote out of another’s eye. He does not reprimand the attempt to remove the mote, but shows that in so doing it is hypocritical to ignore a beam in one’s own eye.

Jesus is not teaching that judging is either wrong or a lack of love. Unconditional love is required of all Christians, and Jesus shows that it is possible to love the sinner and hate the sin. All must realize that a mote can keep us from the narrow gate just as easily as a beam can — and both should be removed.

#### *Here are three thoughts on these verses:*

- (1) Our own beams are not as obvious to us as they are to others. Before becoming agitated with a brother or sister, we should keep in mind that they may not know what is so obvious to others.
- (2) Our eyes must be clear if we are ever going to help others.
- (3) Jesus is not saying we should not help, but that we are required to.

—Selected

#### **April 16, 2023**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

#### **A.M.**

Larry May  
Jon Roemisch  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Gary Loving  
Jeff Wesson  
Travis Ruckman

#### **P.M.**

Larry May  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Scot Straw  
Trini Wood  
Charles Wood

**Lords Supper**

Trini Wood

Tommy Garcia

Jr. Munoz  
David Ryan  
Richard Siler

(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**

*“Victory is Ours”*  
(Joshua 6:1-5)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Revive Us Again”*  
(Psalm 85:6)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 69*  
*Morning Worship...132*  
*Evening Worship ... 56*  
*Wednesday...82*  
*Contribution...\$4,788.25*