

Eisenhower Church of Christ

God's Called Out (Part 1)

The purpose of this writing is to speak of that church which Christ promised to build in Matthew 16:18 and especially that phase of it, which constitutes it the called-out people of God. Let it be clearly understood that I have no reference whatever to the hundreds of religious organizations known as denominations, which have had their beginning this side of the writing of the New Testament, but rather I speak of that glorious institution purchased by the precious blood of Jesus, a record of which we have on the pages of Holy Writ.

The word "church" is derived from the Hebrew term, "kuriakos" meaning, "of or belonging to the Lord." It is the translation of the Greek term, "ekklesia" which is the actual term used by Jesus and the apostles in the New Testament. This term literally means "to call out."

The church then in New Testament Scriptures means, "a called-out body of people." This is firmly established in the meaning of the terms used in the original writings. That God had this usage in mind when He caused the New Testament to be written will be clearly evidenced in passages to which we will call your attention in this investigation.

The church is an organized association or society; everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God, and conforms his life to the example and teaching of Christ is constituted a part of the church. Those who reject the evidence that Christ is God's Son and refuse to obey Him, "show his faith by his work," cannot be a member of this church. God has special people with certain characteristics which distinguish them from all others. Those individuals thus specially distinguished are to be found only in the church. In 2 Thessalonians 2:14 Paul said, ***"Whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."*** Here we are informed that Christians are called by the Gospel of Christ.

God has had a called-out people under every dispensation. He has always had a work for people to do and a life that they are to live, which is not possible without their having accepted the call which He gave them. He called Noah to build an ark to the saving of his house (Hebrews 11:7). He called Abraham to ***"go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance"*** (Hebrews 11:8). Samuel also was called (1 Samuel 3:4-9). Moses was called to deliver Israel from bondage, (Exodus 3:4-10) and the children of Israel were called out of Egypt and led into the promised land.

God calls people today. In speaking of the promise made to Abraham, Peter said, ***"For to you is the promise and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him."*** This promise was made to Abraham and to his descendants and "all that are afar off" (Gentiles). Hence the promise was that both Jew and Gentile would through Christ find salvation. Since we are called by the Gospel of Christ and all men are included, both Jew and Gentile, this Gospel must be preached to the whole world (Mark 16:15-16). These facts, then, are evident; God calls; calls through the Gospel and this Gospel is to be preached to all mankind. Thus, by hearing the Gospel, men are called to salvation. Let us bear in mind, however, that man is a free moral agent and has the power to either accept or reject it as he wills.

Speaking of this calling, the writer to the Hebrews said, ***"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus"*** (Hebrews 3:1). All men ought to consider reverently and never reject this "heavenly and holy calling." Such will inevitably lead to the damnation of the soul in hell.

—Charles G. Caldwell, Jr.
(Part 2—Next Week)

Baptism

Our hearts were made to rejoice last Sunday evening, April 10th, when **Caleb and Julia York** decided to obey the gospel call. Jeff Wesson had the privilege of taking their good confession and then baptizing them into Christ for the remission of their sins; and the Lord added them to His church. Please give Caleb and Julia a very warm welcome to this body of Christians that meet here at Eisenhower.

Prayer Request

Elisa Munoz (Jr. Munoz's mother) was admitted into the Midland Memorial Hospital last week because of breathing problems. She was expected to be released to go home the next day. Jr. has requested prayers for her.

Mike McKnight was taken to the Medical Center ER last Sunday night with chest pains, but was treated and released to go home, only to be admitted the next day with similar heart related issues. Mike lost his wife, Laura McKnight, on December 29th, 2021.

Concerns Update

David Ryan got a shot in his back on Tuesday, April 12th to help with the pain he has been having. Keep David in your prayers that the doctors can find a solution to his back problems.

Terresia Weaver had a PET scan on Thursday, April 14th. The scan will let them know if there was any spreading of her cancer. So far, Terresia's numbers have been good. Keep her in your prayers that she can win this battle.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Wes Goodman; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenda McMillan; Jessica McQuisten; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

Ezekiel reminded Israel that the Lord had given them (a) The tabernacle; (b) the sacrificial system; or (c) His Sabbaths in the wilderness as a sign "that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them."

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

The title Pilate placed on Jesus' cross was written in three languages; Hebrew, Greek and Latin. (John 19:20)

Events

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

Office News

Sunday, May 29th is our "**Fifth Sunday Service.**" We will have a "Potluck Luncheon" following our AM service, followed by our PM service in the Auditorium. All our visitors are invited to join us.

At Your House

Will priorities be established in your children when ...?

- You are early for their ballgame, but late for worship?

- You check on their homework regularly, but never check on their Bible class lessons?
- You will not let them miss school even though they do not want to go, but let them miss church worship services?
- You will not let them stay up late on school nights but let them stay up late on Saturday night.
- You will serve as a room mother at their school or volunteer at school, but will not help with bible classes, activities, programs which involve spiritual matters?
- You attend open house at their school, but do not visit their classroom of Bible school, or even know where their class meets?
- You support, attend, or even participate in their sports activities (baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, etc.) but regularly miss activities involving the church?
- You never (or almost never) miss meeting with the civic or social club of which you are a member, but frequently miss worship services?
- You go to work even though you do not feel like it, but stay home on Sunday in the same condition?

–Wendell Winkler

April 17, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jon Roemisch	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Bill Ryan	John Wood
Second Prayer	Larry May	Don Easlon
Closing Prayer	Charles Wood	Craig Wesson
Lords Supper		Scot Straw
Scripture Reading	<u>Jacob Carson</u>	Communion
	Jackie Perkins	(In Library)
	Steve Easlon	
	John Wood	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983—*Table:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Collections:* David & Scot

Sunday AM

“Let Us Remember”
(Acts 12:1-4)

Sunday PM

“Better Message”
(Hebrews 2:1-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 62

Morning Worship...107

Evening Worship ...74

Wednesday...69

Contribution.....\$5,073.75

Special Contrib... \$2,860.20