

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## God's Called Out (Part 2)

Since we are called by the Gospel, we must hear the Gospel; believe the Gospel; render obedience to the Gospel and that separates us from the world. When men obey the commands of the Gospel, they are called out of the world and separated from it. This constitutes them members of the church. They are then instructed, *“Walk worthily of the calling where with ye were called”* (Ephesians 4:1) and keep themselves *“unspotted from the world”* (James 1:27).

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached the first Gospel sermon ever preached under the Christian Dispensation and this to a group of people, many of whom were guilty of crucifying Christ. Whereupon he was asked, “What shall we do?” To this question he gave the answer recorded in Acts 2:38. Luke says, *“They then that received his word were baptized, and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls.”* They obeyed the Gospel call and in doing so were added to the church. *“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”* Again, we have the expression that when the Gospel was preached and obeyed that *“much people were added unto the Lord”* (Acts 11:24). People cannot “join the church,” but they simply obey the Gospel and are “added to the church,” added by the Lord and that by the Lord Himself.

The Gospel call is a universal call. No man is rejected by reason of race, color, or station in life. Having vindicated his own divine right to speak as an apostle of Christ, Paul said to the Christians at Rome, *“Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ; to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints”* (Romans 1:6-7). He was not speaking to all of the inhabitants of Rome, but rather those inhabitants who were “beloved of God, called to be saints,” that is, only those who were “Christians” in the New Testament sense of that word. The word “saint” means one who is holy or consecrated to the service of God. The idea, is applied to those who are children of God, those who are separated from other men and devoted to the service of the Father.

God's people are not of the world (John 17:16); they must not “love the world” (1 John 2:15); they must not be friendly with it (James 4:4); they must “come out” and be “separate” there from (2 Corinthians 6:17). To possess the character of a saint requires such separation. Since all of God's people have been called and the church is the “called out,” it follows that all of God's people are in the church. One cannot be a child of God or saint without being a member of the Lord's church. That church is the one we read about in the New Testament, the one that Jesus Himself built. It is called the church of Christ (Romans 16:16) and its members wear the name Christian.

—Charles G. Caldwell, Jr.

### **Prayer Request**

**John Wood** was admitted into ORMC last Saturday evening because of not feeling well. Tests showed that he has pneumonia in both lungs. They also discovered that John had a mini stroke as well. He was put on a ventilator on Wednesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

**LaDonna Chism** went to the doctor last Monday. She was “severely dehydrated” and instructed to drink something or eat a popsicle every 15 minutes. LaDonna had a follow-up appointment on Thursday, April 21st. She needs prayers.

**Mary Anchondo** is experiencing a lot of pain and difficulty with her arm. Keep her in your prayers that she gets well soon.

**Randy Mitchell** was taken to hospital last week due to a breathing problem, but is home now.

**Melissa Moore** has requested prayers for her uncle and his family in the loss of their child (her cousin) to the West Nile virus.

**Reda Sowell** (Carolyn Wilkerson's daughter) who suffers with MG (Myasthenia Gravis) is getting worse. Carolyn has requested prayers for her.

## **Concerns Update**

**Terresia Weaver** had a chemo treatment on April 18th. She is waiting on her PET scan results.

**Dr. Hank Abrams** will have a PET scan done Tuesday, April 26th to check his cancer's status. He will get the results 1-2 days later.

## **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; Elias Munoz; 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 ... (Fill in the Blank)

Paul was hurrying back to Jerusalem at the end of his third missionary journey so he could be there for the Day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

Ezekiel reminded Israel that the Lord had given them His Sabbaths in the wilderness as a sign that they might know that it was He who sanctifies them. (Ezekiel 20:12). Both Moses and Ezekiel connect Sabbath observance and God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt (Deuteronomy 5:12; Ezekiel 20:10-12).

## **Events**

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

## **Thank You**

Dear Brothers and Sisters—

Words can't adequately express our gratitude for the prayers offered for our family in the tragic loss of our grandson, Pierce Martin. We have felt the love and prayers of so many and ask for your continued prayers for healing. Knowing that God is always good, we give Him all glory and praise! In His love, Bob & Jenny Martin and Family

## **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. All our visitors are invited to join us.

### **Good News**

The word gospel means "news that brings joy." We often refer to it as "good news." Writing about how gospel was used in the first century, Tim Keller provides this insight:

A gospel was news of some event that changed things in a meaningful way. It could be an ascension to the throne, or it could be a victory. When Greece was invaded by Persia and the Greeks won the great battles of Marathon and Solnus, they sent heralds (or evangelists) who proclaimed the good news to the cities: "We have fought for you, we have won, and now you're no longer slaves; you're free."

The news that brings the greatest joy is this: "Jesus lives!" It is the news that brings us hope. In fact, it is the news upon which our hope is based. Paul wrote, "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (I Corinthians 15:19-20).

Like those ancient heralds, Our Lord says, "I have fought for you, I have won." Let us reply, "thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57).

—Bart Warren

<b>April 24, 2022</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jacob Carson	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Tommy Garcia
Second Prayer	Larry May	Gary Loving
Closing Prayer	Bill Ryan	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		Scot Straw
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<u>Oliver Hernandez</u>	Communion
	Jon Roemisch	(In Library)
	Tommy Garcia	
	Tom Sorenson	

**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**

*“Lovest Thou Me More Than These?”*  
(John 21:15-19)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Better Message” (Part 2)*  
(Hebrews 2:1-4)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 61*  
*Morning Worship...111*  
*Evening Worship ...41*  
*Wednesday...73*  
*Contribution.....\$5,167.55*