

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Ignore This Lesson and You Are History!

The mountain shook and God spoke. When the Lord's voice thundered from Sinai, a covenant was made with Israel, and mankind was educated in the ways of God. When Israel arrived at Horeb, God required three days of preparation (Exodus 19:3-25). The divine manifestation was an epic moment in redemptive history; that is the way Israel was to consider it. God said, "I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Exodus 20:2). He saved them; He was their God.

God's ongoing providence was dependent, however, on Israel's faithfulness—four commands regarding God, six about fellowman, and numerous other moral, civil and ceremonial laws were given. True religion has never been mere philanthropy, nor is there any place for a "just-me and-God" theology. Love for God and one's neighbor were the principles upon which the law and the prophets rested (Matthew 22:37-39).

God commanded; He did not propose. When God prohibited "any other gods before me", He required Israel's fidelity to Him alone. When He forbade idol construction, He insisted on love and obedience (Exodus 20:6). When He banned vain talk of His name, He enlisted their love and honor. When He commanded Sabbath keeping in Israel, He condemned religious neglect and a secular worldview.

In all His prohibitions, God enjoined the positive implications. With positive commands, God necessarily prohibited certain actions. As Creator and Redeemer, He says what we can and cannot do; He always has our best interest in mind (Deuteronomy 10:13).

Christians need "Sinai insight." They need to learn how God deals with men and how men ought to respond to God. Employing this defining moment, the writer of Hebrews reveals the essence of the Christian dispensation.

Contrasting the New Testament Covenant with the Old covenant, the inspired writer says we are come unto a mountain, but not Sinai. He said we are come to Zion (Hebrews 12:20-22). We have received a revelation from God concerning His covenant through Jesus Christ. We have been saved; He is our God.

This mount of Zion, before which we stand, is the city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem and we have come before innumerable hosts of angels. This is the general assembly and church of the firstborn people who are enrolled in heaven (Hebrews 12:23-24). It is an awe-inspiring and humbling thing to view the church as God does.

But what of the cost? It is that of blood that speaks better than Abel's, the blood of God's Son. One commandment seems adequate for the moment: "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh" (Hebrews 12:25). From these great texts we learn truths—depending on how we receive them—that will determine where we spend eternity. God is our Creator; He is our Savior. He has the right to command; He will judge us. He always operates for our good and He has made our redemption possible through the blood of His Son. Through Christ's blood, Christians relate to God through the New Covenant, and are in the church, a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

A shaking-up is coming; a judgment looms. Only those who maintain a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ will escape God's wrath. He has lovingly provided for our eternal welfare by the laying upon His son the iniquity of us all.

"Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are they that put their trust in Him" (Psalm 2:12). So, the encouragement comes; embrace these truths, "For our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29).

—Jason Jackson

### ***Prayer Request***

**John Wood** is in ICU at ORMC. He has been on a ventilator and sedated due to his breathing difficulties.

John also had a mini stroke. Please keep him in your daily prayers for a complete recovery.

A car hit **LaDonna Chism** from behind which caused her to get a whiplash in her neck. She is doing much better after going to the chiropractor. LaDonna has other health issues.

**Rudy Ochoa** went to the doctor last week to get his back checked out after falling. He is okay.

**Cathy Eastwood** had a fall at school a couple of weeks ago due to the stressful working conditions she is dealing with. Cathy was taken to the doctor and was diagnosed with several broken bones in her left foot. She is in need of prayers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Betty Branson** was able to come home from the hospital last week.

Please keep **Chassidy Rayos** (Jackie & Wanda Perkins' granddaughter) in your prayers as she continues to go through her chemo and radiation treatments.

### **Prayer List**

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Mildred Lee; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenda McMillan; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Reda Sowell; 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 ...

From what mountain top was Moses allowed to see the Promised Land.

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

The Lord gave Israel His sabbaths in the wilderness as a sign "that they might know that He was the LORD who sanctifies them."

### **Events**

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

The 2nd & Wallace church of Christ in San Saba, TX will be hosting a "**Gospel Meeting**" (Salvation - Grace Tent Revival) on May 8th—11th with Ben Shaffer as speaker. David Easlon will lead the singing. We have been invited.

### **"Graduation Shower"**

Mirta and Larriat are hosting a "Graduation Shower" for Lanie Halbert & Jaque Wood (2-4 p.m. and Saturday, May 14th). Jaque graduates from New Tech on May 25th; Lanie graduates from OHS on May 28th. Everyone is invited to come and help them celebrate.

### **Office News**

Sunday, May 29th is our "**Fifth Sunday Service.**"

## Be Encouraged

Every country has had its problems, but every century has had its opportunities. We think sometime the 21st Century is the only one that has had problems teaching the gospel to an unbelieving world, but let us be reminded of the 1st Century.

Jesus was the target of assassination as a child, but grew up to become the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Jesus' enemies blasphemed Him; defamed Him and restrained Him at every turn, but He REACHED ALL ISRAEL WITH THE GOSPEL.

Paul was pursued from city to city by hostile Jews, but he got the Word of God right into the NERVE CENTER OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE (Philippians 4:22).

The Word of God SPREAD (Acts 6:7), was RECEIVED (Acts 8:14), CONTINUED TO GROW AND MULTIPLY (Acts 12:24), was PROCLAIMED (Acts 13:5), SPREAD THROUGH WHOLE REGIONS (Acts 13:49), HEARD IN ALL OF ASIA (Acts 18:11), and GREW MIGHTILY AND PREVAILED (Acts 19:20).

Trust in God. His saving Word WILL get the job done (Acts 20:32; Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-1).  
Keep the faith and spread the Word! —Rick Laing

| <b>May 1, 2022</b> | <b>A.M.</b>  | <b>P.M.</b>               |
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| Announcements      | Larry May  | Larry May                 |
| Song Leader        | Oliver Hernandez   | Jon Roemisch              |
| Sermon             | Allen Weakland   | Allen Weakland            |
| Opening Prayer     | Larry May  | Larry May                 |
| Scripture          | Jr. Munoz  | Scot Straw                |
| Second Prayer      | Gary Loving  | Jackie Perkins            |
| Closing Prayer     | Don Easlon   | Bill Ryan                 |
| Lords Supper       |  | Cody Wesson               |
| Scripture Reading  | <u>Craig Wesson</u><br>David Ryan<br>Tom Sorenson<br>Steven Easlon | Communion<br>(In Library) |

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Collections:* Jacob Carson 940-3775

### **Sunday AM**

*“Why Is There a Need for An Eldership?”*  
(Titus 1:10-16)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Sad State of Apostasy”*  
(Hebrews 6:4-8)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 69*  
*Morning Worship...108*  
*Evening Worship ...57*  
*Wednesday...64*  
*Contribution.....\$5,410.00*