

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## In Defense of Plainly-Spoken Truth

Many Christians seem crippled, paralyzed by fear of what the community might think of them if they were to carry the Gospel to lost souls. Because they fear that a neighbor or a friend might think them “fanatical” for speaking openly of the way of salvation, they keep silent. *This, my brethren, is a truly pathetic situation.* Worse still is the attitude of those who will not stand up and support a brother who dares to preach the truth plainly. Some among this lot are horrified at the thought that a preacher might actually use the Bible to confront and rebuke error, and would castigate a preacher or elders who did so! “He’s just stirring up trouble,” they whine, when the *real* complaint is that by presenting the truth he has disturbed their apathy and complacency. This is much the same attitude that moved Pilate to wash his hands of Jesus (Matthew 27:24). It is a *wicked* attitude that will cause the spiritual *deaths* of those who nurture it!

In Galatians 2, Paul describes a minor problem he corrected at Antioch: Peter had withdrawn himself from the Gentile Christians, without any *scriptural* cause. Paul therefore confronted him, in his error, *face-to-face*, in order to correct it. Even though it involved a fellow-apostle, Paul refused to “let it go” (as those who today love the praise of men more than the praise of God) .

One of the basic qualifications for elders, found in Titus 1:9-11, is that the pastors of God’s people must be able to “*stop the mouths of the gainsayers.*” The fact that they must also “hold fast” the “faithful word” indicates that they must also be *willing* to silence these false teachers! Men who will not speak out plainly when false teachings or wicked attitudes are evident *are not scripturally qualified to be elders.* What did Jesus do? He *refuted* their wrong teachings, openly and publicly, by using the scriptures; and He *did not* try to “excuse” them for their wickedness!

Why is it that so many Christians, in reading Acts 20:20, want to emphasize personal teaching (then, do not do any), but turn a blind eye to public instruction in righteousness? Why do so many stubbornly refuse to accept the fact that Apollos *debated* false teachers by contradicting their erroneous doctrines in *public* (Acts 18:28)? When *truth* is challenged by error, *Christians are duty-bound to defend it* (I Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:6). We should not tolerate it for even an hour (Galatians 2:5), no matter how “nice” the one presenting it seems to be! Jesus said: “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters: (Matthew 12:30, NASB). Are you, dear Christian, going to be *for* Jesus or *against* Him?

When a Christian defends God’s revealed truth against error, especially in public, he deserves and is entitled to our support: Too many of us have used Pilate’s washbasin for too long! If you want to be a genuine Christian, who will be in Heaven with Jesus for all eternity, then *stand where Jesus and His apostles stood! Stand, in*

unflinching, unwavering, uncompromising opposition to error, both in public and in private. *Stand*, doggedly determined to “hold up the hands” of faithful Christians who do the same thing. *Stand*, without excuse, without shame, and without regret on the plain, pure, precious Truth of Jesus Christ. *Stand*, brethren: *Stand!*

—Dave Rogers  
Southside’s Salute

## Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Anna Groves and her family in the loss of **Burt**. Burt passed into eternal life at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28th at Parks. Hubbard Kelly was put in charge of the arrangements. Burt’s services were held at Eisenhower Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

## Prayer Requests

**Glenna McCarty** was taken to the Medical Center emergency room early Tuesday morning, April 28th because of chest pains. There are no signs of a heart attack, but she will undergo testing to find the cause of her chest pains.

**LaDonna Chism** has been in Colorado since last week undergoing tests for her breathing problems. Hopefully LaDonna will get some answers before returning home.

**Juli Marshall** is dealing with an outbreak of shingles which are very painful.

Keep **Brian Drake** (James & Joyce’s son) in your prayers. He has had a few episodes of chest pains. Brian was checked out at ORMC; he did not have a heart attack but will be undergoing tests as an outpatient to find out the problem.

## Concerns Update

**Caleista Millican** is doing fair. She is able to go to her shop twice a week in the Parks’ van and work no more than two hours each time.

**Wilma Squire** seems to be doing well. She said that she felt good but does have a hard time remembering who you are at times.

**Lee Roy Bell** has gone to stay with Diane (his daughter) who lives in Coahoma, TX. He will be there for a few weeks. Lee Roy is still in need of neck surgery.

## Prayer List

Elaine Armentrout; Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Petra Baca; Paxton Basaldua; Susan Bosse; Charles Browning; Jane Burroughs; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Amber Couch; Iola Cunningham; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford & Jean Hambright; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Lon Howard; Susan Lee; Connie Lowe; Kathy Marshall; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Yamile Moreno; Juan & Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Teresa Vires; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Timmy Joe Wright; Wilene Wright; Toya Zambelli

## Shut-Ins

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant.

## Youth

### Bible Quiz Question...

Who built gallows “50 cubits high” and ended up being put to death on it himself?

### Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

Gideon frightened his enemies by blowing trumpets and smashing pots.

## FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Christian Take Aim**” at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the “Speaking the Truth in Love” program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

### Upcoming Wednesday Night

#### Devotional Speakers

May 6th—Denny Wilson

May 13th—Rudy Ochoa

May 20th—Jacob Carson

May 27th— Congregational ”Night of Praise”

#### Song Leaders

Cody Wesson

Dex Dennard

Trinidad Wood

## **Congratulations...** (*New Baby Girl*)

Congratulations to Micah & Brad Mitchell on the birth of their baby girl, Heidi Lynn. She was born at 1:44 a.m. Sunday morning, April 26th. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21” long. Heidi’s proud grandparents are Jeff and Holly Wesson.

## **Thank You**

Dear Christian Family,

Thank you for every expression of love and kindness during the illness and loss of Bill. Thanks to the ladies for the special meal for our family.

Love you and God bless you,  
Mary & Family

To the Church at 21st & Eisenhower,

I had almost forgotten how great a family the Lord’s Church is. (I have been absent for a while). I plan to fully recover with your prayers and the Lord’s help! I start chemo therapy this week (*week of April 26th*). Thank you for all your prayers, cards, etc.

Timmy & Cindi Wright

I want to thank you for all the prayers for my sister-in-law. Thank you for cards and thoughts for me and my family. She was a special lady. We loved her and knew she loved us.

In Christ,  
Ora McAfee

### **May 3rd, 2015**

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

### **A.M.**

Allen Weakland

Rudy Ochoa

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

John Wood

Bill Butler

Denny Wilson

### **P.M.**

Allen Weakland

John Wood

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

Isaiah Armendarez

Jr. Munoz

Don Easlon

## Lord's Supper

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| West... | Tom Sorenson<br>Jr. Munoz<br>Dylan Straw         | Richard Siler<br>Communion<br>(In Library) |
| East... | Trinidad Wood<br>Tony Marrs<br>Isaiah Armendarez |  |

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Richard Siler 362-1392 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Josh Wells 770-6753 *Contributions:* Josh Wells 770-6753

### **Sunday AM”**

“Hear Ye the Lord”  
(Psalm 19:1-4)

### **Sunday PM**

“Danger in Traditions”  
(Mark 7:1-13)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class...*68  
*Morning Worship...*125  
*Evening Worship...*70  
*Wednesday...*92  
*Contribution...*\$4,244.00

