

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The “Rise” (?) of Women Preachers

Although the Almighty God inspired him to write it, Paul, the apostle, was labeled a “Male Chauvinist Pig” for saying,

***“Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in the church”. (I Corinthians 14:34-35) -AND-***

***“Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression”. (I Timothy 2:11-14)***

Paul wrote “some things hard to be understood (2 Peter 3:16), but there is nothing hard to understand about what he wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-14.

Lots of folks in lots of churches have read those passages over and over in their own Bibles. Yet, when it comes to what they practice in their many churches, they pay little heed (if any) to the explicit and implicit instructions Paul set forth in those passages. This seems to be especially so regarding women taking and carrying out leadership responsibilities in the public worship— i.e., leading prayers, leading singing, serving communion, preaching, etc.—in many churches. Many attribute woman’s current “rise to power” in modern churches to “the “Feminist Movement” in the latter half of the twentieth century, but it actually started much earlier.

For hundreds of years, women were not allowed to make any oral addresses in a church’s worship assemblies. One of the first known deviations from that is found in a statement by John Wesley (1703-1791). He wrote: ***“Let your women be silent in the churches— Unless they are under an extraordinary impulse of the Spirit (emphasis added). For, in other cases, it is not permitted them to speak— by way of teaching in public assemblies. But to be in subjection— to the man whose proper office it is to lead and to instruct the congregation”.***

Even so, in Wesley’s day it was unthinkable that a woman had any Scriptural authorization to take a leadership role in a church’s public worship.

Antithetical to all the centuries before, the last two centuries have witnessed a dramatic change in what women are licensed to do in a vast number of churches— *including a growing number of so-called “churches of Christ.* In some cases, not only have women been allowed to boldly take the reins of leadership in the public worship, they have established a number of well-known denominational organizations. Church of Christ, Scientist members look to *Mary Baker Eddy* (1821-1910) as their founder. *Ellen G. White* (1827-1915) was the instrumental personality responsible for what became known as the *Seventh-day Adventist Church.* *Aimee Semple McPherson*, (1890-1944) a Pentecostal, was the architect and builder of the Foursquare Church. *Maria Woodworth-Etter* (1844-1924) did not bring a church into existence, but her “unorthodox” homiletical approach to preaching is the acknowledged model for Pentecostalism in general, and for opening the door even wider for more women preachers, such as *Kathryn Kuhlman* 1907-1976), *Joyce Meyer* (1943), et al.

Nowadays, in most churches it is common to see women taking the lead in every facet of their public worship (leading prayers, leading singing, reading Scripture, serving communion, preaching and whatever else the so-called “liturgies” of their churches permit)- and again, this is so in some claiming to be churches of Christ. Even so, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-14 are still in the Bible and they still mean what they did 2,000 years ago.

—Tommy J. Hicks

### *Sympathy*

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Brownie King** (a former member of Eisenhower) who passed away on Thursday, May 2nd in San Angelo. A private memorial service was held for Brownie Saturday, May 4th at the Johnson Street church of Christ in San Angelo with Scott Allen. She was 95.

### *Prayer Request*

**Faith Chappell** (Cynthia’s granddaughter) had blood work scheduled last week. Cynthia has requested prayers for her that the blood work results will be okay.

**Mireya Garcia** (Tommy and Mirta’s daughter) had a case of pharyngitis last week, but is better now.

**Miguel Lozano** had eye surgery last week. He has requested that we keep him in our prayers.

Carmen Orosco has requested prayers for his sister, **Juanita Orosco** who has cancer and was admitted into the ICU at Medical Center last week.

**Kaitlyne Brindza** (Devida’s great niece) had tests done on her lower back last Thursday due to a back injury. She is waiting for the results.

**Jazmine Duron** (Linda Tate’s granddaughter) had more tests run last Wednesday, May 8th. Prayers are requested for her.

### *Concerns Update*

**Jackie Rex’s** thyroid surgery on May 2nd went well and is home recuperating. She will be scheduled for eye surgery soon. Please continue to keep Jackie in your prayers.

**Debbie Howard’s** open heart surgery was changed to May 21st. Also, the surgery will be done at the Cleveland Clinic in OH. Debbie is Devida’s cousin.

### *Prayer List*

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Harshad Bhavsar; Betty Branson; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Sylvia Campos; Eddie Chavez; Jon Cooper; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Caydon Parker; Bonnie Pursley; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Susan Simmons; Reda Sowell; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Lupe Valeriano; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

### *Eisenhower’s Shut-ins*

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

## *Youth*

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Multiple Choice. What did Paul and Barnabas do when the people proclaimed them to be Greek gods? (a) they got angry (b) they tore their clothes (c) they ran out of town.

### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...**

True. The Jews thought they had killed Paul when they stoned him outside of the city of Lystra.

### **Events**

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

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.

### **Office News**

The *"New Mexico Children's Home"* will be back the 1st week in June for a food pick up. **All items are appreciated.** No specific items were given at this time. Monetary donations are also accepted.

STF Group #2 will pick up their cards in the Library following the services this morning.

## MOTHER'S DAY

### MOTHER'S DAY IS REMBRANCE DAY

We pause on the path of the year  
To pay honor and worshipful tribute  
To the Mother our heart holds dear  
For, whether here or in heaven,  
Her love is our haven and guide,  
For always the memory of Mother  
Is a beacon light shining inside...  
Time cannot destroy her memory  
And years can never erase  
The tenderness and the beauty  
Of the love in a Mother's Face...  
And, when we think of our Mother,  
We draw nearer to God above,  
For only God in His Greatness  
Could fashion a MOTHER'S LOVE

Helen Steiner Rice

*"Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded, that your days may be long and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you".*

*(Deuteronomy 5:16)*

**May 12th, 2019****A.M.****P.M.**

Announcements  
 Song Leader  
 Sermon  
 Opening Prayer  
 Scripture  
 Second Prayer  
 Closing Prayer

Larry May  
 Jaxon Straw  
 Allen Weakland  
 Larry May  
 Cody Wesson  
 George Warren  
 Jeff Wesson

Larry May  
 Rudy Ochoa  
 Allen Weakland  
 Larry May  
 David Ryan  
 Clint Titlow  
 Bill Ryan

Lord's Supper  
 (Scripture Reading)  
 West...

Charles Wood  
 Jackie Perkins  
 Don Easlon  
 Jeff Wesson

Craig Wesson  
 Communion  
 (In Library)

East

Dex Dennard  
 Tommy Garcia  
 Miguel Lozano

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacons*; Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit*; John Wood 413-7444 *Table*:  
 Craig Wesson 934-4633— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Tom Sorenson 638-9447 *Collections*: Tom  
 Sorenson 638-9447

**Sunday AM**

*"Woman of Shunem"*  
 (2 Kings 4:8)

**Sunday PM**

*"Faith Rising into Assurance"*  
 (Genesis 22:12)

**Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 66  
*Morning Worship*...106  
*Evening Worship*...60  
*Wednesday*...80  
*Contribution*...\$6,250.00