

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What Do You Seek In A Church? (Part 1)

“Join the church of your choice” is a common expression today. This is a right granted to man by God. Never has God forced man to obey Him. From the beginning man was made a free moral agent; he was granted the right to choose for himself either good or evil. He has the right to join any church he may desire.

One must remember, however, that any reward received from service must come from the one served. If a man serves sin, he receives the consequences of sin. If we serve God, then the blessings of God and everlasting life shall be the reward.

Your Own Way?

Are you looking for a religion in which you can have your own way? This very desire has created many religions, and, no doubt, will continue to create them. The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, ***“the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared as with a hot iron”*** (1 Timothy 4:1-2). He again reminds him that ***“in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof”*** (2 Timothy 3:1-5). And he warns that ***“the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables”*** (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

If you are looking for a church or a religion in which you can have your own way, you do not want the religion of the New Testament. You have no use for that book for it explicitly says that we are to hear Jesus Christ. “And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water and, lo, a voice from Heaven, saying. ***“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*** (Matthew 3:17). Later, on the mount of transfiguration, ***“behold a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold a voice out of the cloud which said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear you Him.”*** Peter, still later, quoted Moses as saying, ***“A prophet shall the Lord, your God, raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you”*** (Acts 3:22).

Furthermore, this book, the New Testament, does not give one the authority to have his own way in matters of religion, for the all-wise God has placed all authority in Jesus Christ. To conform unto any other authority, is to rebel against God.

Man is forbidden to follow any way religiously other than that which has been pointed out by the apostles, that is, the Gospel of Christ. Hear Paul, ***“There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from Heaven preach unto you any other gospel than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed”*** (Galatians 1:8-9).

—Ralph L. Starling

Baptism

We rejoice with **Gabriella Vasquez** on her decision to put her Lord on in baptism. Allen Weakland had the privilege of baptizing Gabriel Sunday, May 24th at 3:00 p.m. Let's give her a warm welcome into the body of Christ.

Prayer Requests

Flossie Montgomery, Devida's aunt, suffered a very bad stroke two weeks ago. She was taken to the Bristol Village Assisted Living in Waverly, Ohio. The family is requesting prayers for her.

Steve Chavez, brother-in-law of John and Sonia Wood, was taken to the ER at Medical Center Saturday night, May 23rd with a very high heart rate which was due to strep throat. Steve stayed overnight in ICU but was released to go home Sunday evening.

Toya Zambelli's cancer surgery was cancelled due to a staph infection on the outside of her stomach. She was to undergo the surgery Wednesday, May 27th. Keep Toya in your prayers that she can have her surgery sooner than anticipated.

Prayer List

Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Petra Baca; Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mac Bradford; Charles Browning; Jane Burroughs; Neva Carrigan; LaDonna Chism; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Brian Drake; James Drake; Mark Erwin; Nancy Fisher; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Susan Lee; Katie Limer; Connie Lowe; Juli Marshall; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Loy Mitchell; Patsy Montgomery; Yamile Moreno; Juan & Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Timmy Joe Wright; Toya Zambelli

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Winford and Jean Hambright; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Elder and Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire 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...

The Lord planted a garden eastward in Eden and out of it flowed a river. As the river left Eden (according to Genesis 2:10) it parted into four heads. Name one of them.

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The Spirit took on the form of a dove when Christ was baptized.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Christian Take Aim**” at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; 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.

Benevolence

Remember the **New Mexico Christian Children’s Home** truck will pick up on next Tuesday. The two items requested are **Cinnamon** and **Cream of Wheat**. They will also accept monetary donations.

Office News

Today is our “**Fifth Sunday Service**”. We will have a potluck luncheon following our A.M. service followed by our P.M. service. We cordially invite all our visitors to join us.

Our “**2015 Summer Series**” begins Wednesday, June 3rd. Please invite your family & friends.

There will be a “**Deacon’s Meeting**” Wednesday Night, June 3rd, following our service.

Only Here For a Little While

Several years ago, Billy Dean had a hit song with this title. The chorus read:

*Gonna hold who needs holdin’
Mend what needs mendin’
Walk what needs walkin’
Though it means an extra mile
Pray what needs prayin’
Say what needs sayin’
Cause we’re only here for a little while.*

It sounds somewhat like the hymn “This World is Not My Home.” This song begins:

*This world is not my home I’m just a passing through
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue
The angels beckon me from Heaven’s open door
And I can’t feel at home in this world anymore.*

Are we doing what God wants? James 1:22 states, “But don’t just listen to God’s Word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” While James 4:14 tells us “For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”

We are only here for a little while, but eternity will last forever. Are we prepared for it?

—Bill David Walker

May 31st, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Clint Titlow
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Rudy Ochoa
Jack Wright

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Tony Marrs
Scot Straw
Bill Ryan

Lord's Supper

West...	Trinidad Wood Bill Brown Tony Marrs	Richard Siler Communion (In Library)
East...	Bill Tolbert Bill Butler Bill Ryan	

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”

“Transformation”
(II Corinthians 3:18)

Sunday PM

“Blind Man”
(Mark 8:22-26)

Our Records

*Bible Class...*97
*Morning Worship...*142
*Evening Worship...*77
*Wednesday...*87
Contribution...\$5,228.25

