

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Church—What Shall We Call it?

**“(Feed) the church of the Lord” (Acts 20:28).**

**“All the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16).**

**“The Church of God which is at Corinth...” (I Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1).**

**“Despise ye the church of God?” (I Corinthians 11:22).**

**“I persecuted the church of God” (I Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:13).**

**“The churches of God...” (I Thessalonians 2:14).**

**“How shall he take care of the church of God?” (I Timothy 3:5)**

**“The church of the living God...” (I Tim. 3:15).**

In these ten inspired passages, we have the names by which the church of the New Testament is called. One time it is called “the church of the Lord.” Seven times it is called “the church of God.” One time a group of churches in a given locality is called “the churches of God.” And one time a group of churches in another locality is called “the churches of Christ.”

If a group of churches may be called “churches of God,” it is both spiritual and logical for one of that group to be called “a church of God.” If a number of churches may be called “churches of Christ,” it is both scriptural and logical for one of that group to be called a “church of Christ.”

If it is right to call the church “the church of the Lord,” it is proper to call it “the church of Christ” for the very good reason that Christ is Lord (Acts 2:36). And if it is right to call the church “the church of God,” it is right to call it “the church of Christ” for Christ is God manifest in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16).

The three designations; “the church of the Lord,” “the church of Christ,” and “the church of God” - are synonymous. All three are one and the same. Opening the holy, hallowed book, the New Testament, we find the word church appearing more than one hundred times. Significant is the fact that not once occurs in the New Testament the name “Baptist Church,” or “Congregational Church,” or “Episcopal Church,” or “Methodist Church,” or “Lutheran Church,” or “Roman Catholic church,” etc.

Not “Baptist”: for that name makes prominent a particular New Testament practice which “Baptists” themselves declare is non-essential; not “Congregational”: for that name also lifts into prominence a church policy; not “Methodist” or “Presbyterian”: for they, also, exalt an ecclesiastical form of government; not “Lutheran”: for that name exalts a human leader; not “Roman Catholic”: for that designation has a sectional ring. (The expression “Roman Catholic” carries with it two conflicting, irreconcilable ideas: “Roman,” reminding us of a particular race of locality; “Catholic,” meaning universal, a Sectional Universal Church!) The name “church of God,” or “church of Christ” is Scriptural. No person, regardless of religious affiliation, can successfully deny that. All agree that the more Biblical we are in matters religious the safer we are.

The name “church of God” or “church of Christ” encourages and promotes unity among those people who claim to be God’s people. If the unity for which Jesus prayed is ever realized, by strict adherence to the sacred Scriptures, by the spirit of fidelity to the Word of God, Bible people must call Bible things by Bible names. Party names, such as are worn by different religious groups, can do nothing but promote a party spirit. The party spirit cannot serve the cause of Christ.

The name “church of God” honors God, the Father. The name “church of Christ” honors Christ, the

Son of God. That, which honors one, honors the other. This is true because the Father and Son are one. The name of God was honored in the name Israel (Isra-El). So, the name of God should be honored in the name of the church. We can honor the Father and the Son only as we follow in nearness the New Testament pattern, as we do things the Bible way.

Let us refer to God's people collectively, not by one New Testament name to the exclusion of other New Testament names, but by as many names as we find in the sacred volume—"the church," "the church of God," "the church of the Lord" (Christ), etc.

—Frank L. Cox

### **Concerns Update**

**Janet Wesson** (Jeff's mother) had exploratory knee surgery on Friday, May 26th. The procedure went well.

**Cindy Starcher's** hernia surgery which was scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> was re-scheduled. Cindy is June Smith's daughter who lives in Lubbock, TX.

### **Prayer List**

Lee Roy Bell, Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Marjorie Foster; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Janis Laminack; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Tanya Nichols; Trina Plyler; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright;

### **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; 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...**

Where was Saul of Tarsus going, when he had a vision of Jesus?

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

Jael, the wife of Heber, killed Sisera by hammering a tent peg into his forehead. (Judges 5:20-26).

### **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.

The "**Pecos River Family Encampment**" is June 18th-24th. Mike Shero from Alaska will be doing the preaching. If you plan to go this year, please check with the office about getting the necessary forms that need to be completed and mailed or hand delivered. A copy of the info is posted on our bulletin board. Please check it out.

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be back in Odessa June 6th, 2017. They are requesting **Juices (all kinds)**. Monetary donations also accepted.

The “Tipton Children’s Home” will be here August 1st–3rd for their food drive. They have given us a list of the **Needed Items: Assorted Cereal, Assorted Soups, Presweetened Kool Aid, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Canned Chili, Granulated Sugar, Miracle Whip, Squeeze Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Canned Pears, Sliced Peaches; Supply List: Liquid Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue.**

### **Office News**

A “Two Page Update” for the Church Directory is on the table in the east foyer. This info will bring your directories current. Please pick up a copy.

There will be a “Deacon’s Meeting” following the evening service Wednesday, June 7th.

## **Food for Thought...**

### **The Bible**

This book contains the mind of God, the state of men, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding. Its histories are true and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, good to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map; the pilgrim’s staff the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword and the Christian’s character.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should rule the heart, fill the memory and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

–via church of Christ, Hale Center, TX

### **June 4th, 2017**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer  
Lord's Supper  
West...

### **A.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Richard Siler  
Bill Brown  
Mike Roemisch  
Tom Sorenson  
Trinidad Wood  
Josh Wells

### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Bill Ryan  
Don Easlon  
Dex Dennard  
Tom Sorenson  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

Cody Wesson  
Josh Weakland  
Richard Siler

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302; *Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444; *Pulpit*: Bill Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Tom Sorenson 631-2518; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

### **Sunday AM**

*“Character of the New Life”*  
*(Romans 6:15-20)*

### **Sunday PM**

*“Great Commandments”*  
*(Matthew 22:34-40)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 69  
*Morning Worship*...122  
*Evening Worship*...54  
*Wednesday*...90  
*Contribution*...\$3,756.50