

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“To Each His Own”

How we do like to have our own way! We certainly do hold ourselves in high esteem. Instead of praying as the Savior did, **“Not my will, but thine, be done”** (Luke 22:42), it is hard for us to keep from having this spirit: “Not thy will, but mine, be done.” Somehow there is too much selfishness and egotism in the hearts of all of us.

Men are perfectly willing for the Lord to provide for salvation. They even emphasize the fact that He bought the church with His blood (Acts 20:28). They like to think of His glorious promises. Many religious leaders like to “strut in borrowed finery.” They revel in the glory which the character and religion of Jesus Christ have reflected upon His disciples, and yet they are not willing to be His disciples. They are willing neither to learn nor to follow. They must run anything religious with which they are connected, and so they get them up a church to suit them. Those of us who cannot fellowship their getup are called “narrow and unchristian.”

A semblance of unity is being provided by religious leaders after this method: “Every one of us will recognize everybody else as a child of God, provided he does not question anything we do or teach as religion.” Some of these men are getting so “broad” that they even take in Buddhism and Mohammedanism. It is hard to see how anybody can call such a mess “unity in Christ.”

TURNING THE LORD OUT

Why try to do a thing in a way that is absolutely contrary to the spirit of that thing? Why try to accomplish unity by the road of division? Why attempt to honor Christ by stripping Him of His authority? Why call Him “Lord” and do not the things which He says (Luke 6:46)? We have read of puppet kings and puppet emperors in history. Somebody wants to rule, but so strong is a certain sentiment that he cannot do it; so he puts up a figurehead ruler and manages the government through him.

Christ prayed for His followers to be one (John 17:20-23), but He did not pray for that to be accomplished by deposing Him as the head of our spiritual government. And yet, that is the way men are trying to bring about modern religious unity. The slogan is, “You in your way, and me in mine” - “You go to your church and I will go to my church.” This leaves out God’s way altogether. It turns Christ out into the cold. It does not recognize Him as our Prophet, Priest or King. These folks talk about the church as if it were some sort of plastic thing like clay, the broken pieces of which they could bring together and mold after their own fashion. It all resolves itself down to this: Who is the ruler in the kingdom of Christ? Whose church is it?

IT IS CHRIST’S CHURCH

Jesus said, **“Upon this rock I will build my church”** (Matthew 16:18). It is Christ’s church. It belongs to Him. He made the laws by which men can become members of it. He made the rules by which it shall be governed. We have no right to change any of these laws or rules. Jesus made them the way He wanted them to be. If we had built a church, then we could make any kind of laws we wished and we could change these laws as often as our fancy suited. We could do any way we wanted with our church. As it was ours, no one could object to the way we would manage it. But our church would not be worth anything in saving men from sin. The Scripture says that we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may give an account of his deeds done in the body (2 Corinthians 5:10). We must obey the commands of Christ (Matthew 7:24-27).

If we had a church of our own, how much liberty we would have! If anybody did not do to suit us, we would let him start himself a church and run it to suit himself. Then if his rules and way of doing did not suit some of his members, they could start themselves a church and fix a plan that suited them. They could all just agree to disagree and everybody have a religion and a church to suit him. But the trouble about such arrangement would be that God has not promised to have anything to do with it except to root it up. **“Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up.”** (Matthew 15:13).

The only safe way is to belong to Christ and added by Him to the church that He built (Acts 2:47), abide by the laws He has given and trust Him for the promises He has made. Paul said, ***“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day”*** (2 Timothy 1:12). That way is right and cannot be wrong. That way shows respect for the Lord, who died to provide the church for us. We are baptized into that church by being baptized into that church by being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27).

—Batsell B. Baxter

Baptism

We rejoice with the angels in heaven upon learning that **Amelia and Ray Rivera** obeyed the gospel call late Wednesday night, June 13th. Allen Weakland had the honor of baptizing both of them into Christ around 11:00 p.m. We want to give Amelia and Ray a very warm welcome into the body of Christ here at Eisenhower.

Prayer Request

Russ Montgomery (Devida’s brother) is in very poor health at this time. His heart rate and breathing levels are not normal. They both fluctuate at a rapid speed. He saw his doctor Tuesday, June 13th in Columbus, OH. Russ was diagnosed with a liver problem. Please keep him in your prayers.

Caimee Ann Mooney (Cathy’s daughter) underwent an outpatient procedure Monday, June 12th. Everything went well. They are awaiting test results.

Cindy Starcher had her hernia surgery on Thursday, June 8th. The surgery went well and she was able to go home that day. Cindy is June Smith’s daughter who lives in Lubbock.

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; Cindy Starcher; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; 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...

When did Jesus say, “Do this in remembrance of me”?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

The Philistines gouged out Samson’s eyes when they captured him.

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” started today, June 18th. Mike Shero from Alaska is doing the preaching.

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.

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be back in Odessa September 7th, 2017. They are requesting **applesauce**. Monetary donations also accepted.

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.

The Odessa Christian School has several teaching positions available that must be filled for the next school year. They need teachers for the Pre-K, Elementary and Middle School classrooms. OSC is also in need of an Office Secretary. If interested in any of these positions, please call the Odessa Christian School office 362-6311.

Thank You

Elder & I would like to thank the guys that moved the furniture back home. We truly love you all for the cards, prayers and visits to Elder. May God bless you and keep you in his hand.

Elder & Glenna McCarty

Thoughts to Remember

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and achieves the impossible.

A man’s tongue is an index to his mind.

June 18th, 2017

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

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson
Denny Wilson
Jeff Wesson
Bill Tolbert
Charles Wood
Mike Roemisch

Trinidad Wood
Tom Sorenson
Jacob Carson
Richard Siler
Bill Ryan
Larry May

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
John Wood
Denny Wilson
Jeff Wesson
Dex Dennard
George Warren
Trinidad Wood

Tom Sorenson
Communion
(In Library)

East...

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

"A Father's Faith"
(Genesis 18:17-19)

Sunday PM

"In Defense of Faith"
(1 Peter 3:13-17)

Our Records

Bible Class... 78
Morning Worship...127
Evening Worship...71
Wednesday...66
Contribution...\$5,486.75