

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “...And Fellowship With all?”

Christian fellowship is a wonderful thing. Much good can come as a result of brothers and sisters in Christ meeting together for worship, Bible Studies, potluck meals, etc. It is edifying and enjoyable. God’s Word specifically instructs us to assemble together often (Hebrews 10:25) and we even see that such fellowship was an essential characteristic of the early church (Acts 2:42).

But, the word *fellowship* in the Bible means a lot more than just getting together with folks! “Fellowship” comes from the Greek word *koinonia*, which roughly translated means “that which is held in common.” Another way of saying it is *communion*, Biblically speaking, if I am in fellowship with someone, then I have *communion* with them or something in common. In the case of *Christian* fellowship, it is *Christ* which is held in common by those who are in Him. So, in order to be in Christian fellowship with someone, that person and I must have Christ in common (i.e., we must have both obeyed the Gospel and be following Him faithfully)! **“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ”** (I John 1:3). Our fellowship one with another (as members of the body of Christ) hinges on the fact that we have fellowship with God. And our fellowship with God hinges on our obedience to His Word! **“If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin”** (I John 1:6-7). To remain faithful to God means that we keep in fellowship with Him and with all those who are likewise faithful.

This also means that there are some with whom we *cannot* have fellowship. This is because they are not in fellowship with God and His church (either having failed to obey the Gospel or having obeyed and then fallen away). The Bible describes who some of these people are:

**False Teachers**— those who teach false doctrine are not to be fellowshipped by faithful members of the Lord’s church! False teachers are to be marked and avoided, so that hopefully their false doctrines will not spread (Romans 16:17). The Bible also teaches us that we are not to welcome those who do not bring the pure doctrine of Christ. In fact, we are told regarding such a person **“If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds”** (2 John 10-11).

**The Immoral**— the church cannot stand to have immorality in her midst. Failure to repent means that the immoral person must be withdrawn from. Paul told the church in Corinth that they needed to **“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened”** (I Corinthians 5:7). Likewise, the Corinthians were instructed to not keep company with those who committed fornication (I Corinthians 5:9) and **“put away from among yourselves that wicked person”** (I Corinthians 5:13).

**Unbelievers**— those who are not a part of the body of Christ are not in fellowship with Christ so they cannot be in fellowship with His church! **“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness?” ...Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate”** (2 Corinthians 6:14-17). In the same fashion; the Scriptures stress that we are to **“have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them”** (Ephesians 5:11). This category also extends to those people who are members of denominations, since they are part of man-made churches and not members of the church of Christ.

Brethren, let us be thankful that we *are* in fellowship with the Lord and with one another through Him. Let us also remember to draw the line where God draws it and let His Word define the boundaries of Christian fellowship!

—Chuck Pearson

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to LaVern Couch in the loss of her brother, **Ray Upton**, who passed away on Sunday, June 10th in Eldorado, TX. Ray had been diagnosed with cancer about two years ago. Keep LaVern and her family in your prayers.

### **Prayer Request**

**Caydon Parker** (LaVern Couch's 12 yr. old grandson) was being scheduled for major surgery at Cook's Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth last week. This is to correct a bone development problem he has in his chest. The doctors will put a rod in his chest. They have been told that this will be a very painful surgery for Caydon. Keep him in your prayers.

Jeff has requested prayers for both his mom and dad (**James and Janet Wesson**) James was taken to the hospital two weeks ago with a drop in his pulse rate. He is home now and doing okay. Also, Janet has been struggling with knee and leg pain. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Jacey Dennard** was taken to the hospital last week due to a high fever. Other than the high temperature everything else checked out okay. Jacey is home and doing well.

**Elsie Bradford** (Loyce & Joyce's sister) was released from MCH to go to a nursing home, but the home caught fire and Elsie had to be taken back to a hospital in Colorado City. She is recuperating from a broken femur bone.

**Andria Berry** (Bill & Vickie Ryan's daughter) is doing okay following her foot surgery.

**Terri Elaine Armentrout's** hernia surgery went well. She was able to go home that day. Terri is Devida's niece who lives in Ohio.

### **Prayer List**

Terri Elaine Armentrout; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Wayne Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; David Castor; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Juan & Estella Morolez; Maxine Newton; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verlie Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Chuck Weaver; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

### **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...**

Where would you find the words, "There is nothing new under the Sun"?

**Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...** Jonah went to Spain—in the opposite direction of Nineveh which was where God instructed him to go.

### **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**

We will have a *“Family Devotional”* this evening following our service. It will be held in Room C-5. Everyone is invited.

The *“New Mexico Children's Home”* will be here Tuesday, September 4th. They are requesting **“Instant Oatmeal”**. Monetary donations also accepted.

### Could You Honestly See Jesus...?

Jesus not only taught how we should live, but also lived as we should. When faced with situations, where there is doubt or lack of knowledge concerning the right or wrong of things; let Jesus' example also be your guide.

- Could you honestly see Jesus smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco?
- Could you honestly see Jesus drinking beer, liquor or alcoholic wine?
- Could you honestly see Jesus partying and dancing in night clubs?
- Could you honestly see Jesus immodestly dressed and showing off His body?
- Could you honestly see Jesus swimming with women and all are in bathing suits?
- Could you honestly see Jesus playing Lotto, or gambling in Las Vegas?
- Could you honestly see Jesus listening to music that had explicit lyrics?
- Could you honestly see Jesus using curse words and telling filthy jokes?
- Could you honestly see Jesus enjoy movies that had nudity and bad language
- Could you honestly see Jesus with the intent of not trying to please his Father? Richard Stevens

<b>June 24, 2018</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jacob Carson	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Craig Wesson	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Rudy Ochoa	Larry May
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
West...	Gary Loving	Josh Wells
	Trinidad Wood	Communion
	Tommy Garcia	(In Library)
East...	Bill Brown	
	Richard Siler	
	Bill Ryan	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon:* Richard Siler 556-2151 *Pulpit:* Dex Dennard 296-1582 *Table:* Josh Wells 770-6753 *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Collections:* Chris Butler 362-7486

**Sunday AM**

*“Anchor of the Soul”  
(Hebrews 6:17-20)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Blessed Wonder”  
(Psalm 19:1)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 60*

*Morning Worship...101*

*Evening Worship...58*

*Wednesday...72*

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