

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Do You Believe God or Just Believe In God?

***“For what saith the scripture”? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness”*** (Romans 4:3). ***“Even as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness”*** (Galatians 3:6). ***“And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God”*** (James 2:23).

We are familiar with the account of God telling Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, for a burnt offering. Abraham believed God’s promise that he would bless the world through his seed, Isaac (Genesis 22). Thus, Abraham knew that God would fulfill His promise. ***“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called; Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure”*** (Hebrews 11:17-19).

On the other hand, Eve believed in God, but did not believe God. Because she did not believe God, but believed the serpent, she could see no harm in eating of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ***“But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die”*** (Genesis 3:3). Eve failed to believe God by letting the serpent persuade her that what God had said was not true (Genesis 3:1-6).

The children of Israel believed in God because He had led them out of Egypt. He had sent plagues upon the Egyptians, then led Israel across the Red Sea on dry land and drowned the pursuing Egyptians. But they did not believe God and the promises He gave them. ***“They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf and have worshipped it and have sacrificed thereunto and saith, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt”*** (Exodus 32:8).

Nadab and Abihu believed in God, but they did not believe God. ***“And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer and put fire therein and put incense thereon and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not”*** (Leviticus 10:1). God had told them what fire to use, but they did not believe it was important to follow God’s instructions. They did not believe God and they paid the price for their unbelief. ***“And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them and they died before the Lord”*** (Leviticus 10:2).

After the kingdom was divided upon the death of Solomon, the northern king, Jeroboam erected an altar in violation of God’s law and a young prophet was sent from God to cry against the altar (I Kings 13). God told the young prophet not to eat or drink while he was there, nor to return by the way he went. But an old prophet lied to the young prophet and he believed the lie. Consequently, he lost his life. Did the young prophet believe in God? Indeed! But, sadly, he did not believe God, choosing rather to believe the lie of the old prophet. James tells us that the demons believe in God (James 2:19). But they do not believe God.

Most folks in denominations will tell you they believe in God, but when it comes to teaching the truth, it is obvious that they do not believe God. The Lord said one must be baptized to be saved (Mark 16:16), but denominational folks say that is not so. Neither do they believe God in His prescribed manner of worship. For instance, God commands us to sing in worship to Him (Ephesians 5:19), but denominations just do not believe God and so they add mechanical instruments of music which God has not commanded.

Doing things our way instead of God’s is no different than what Nadab and Abihu did in

offering strange fire before the Lord. They “did their own thing.” They believed in God, but did not believe God. When we are commanded to sing and then add mechanical instruments, do you really think we believe God?

Friends, you may believe in God— that He exists and gave His son to die for us—but if you are not willing to do as He has commanded in the New Testament you do not believe God.

—Leland Reed

### ***Baptism***

We are happy to announce that **Gabriella Vasquez** was baptized into Christ Saturday, June 17th at 4:30 a.m. by Allen. He & Christy have been studying with Gabriella for several months. Please get to know Gabby and give her warm welcome into the body of Christ.

### ***Prayer Request***

**John Cole** has tested positive for C diff and is in isolation at ORMC. He is in room #504, but no visitors please.

**Elvia Ruckman** is in MCH (LTAC unit) - Room #411 and is on a ventilator. Elvia is the mother of Mark Ruckman (Randy & Patsy Mitchell’s son-in-law). The family has requested prayers for her.

**Trina Plyler** is not doing well at this time. Please pray that God will bless her with renewed strength and improved health to fight her battle of cancer.

**Dex Dennard** is requesting prayers for the twin brothers on the OHS football team who were in an auto accident a week or so ago and were air lifted to Lubbock. Keep them in your prayers. (No update at this time).

### ***Concerns Update***

**Russ Montgomery** (Devida’s brother) is having a rough time with his fluctuating heart rate & oxygen levels and not able to get any answers. The family asks that you keep Russ in your prayers.

### ***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; Russ Montgomery; 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...**

Jesus anointed the eyes of a man who was born blind and instructed him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. Is it true or false that the pool of Siloam is in the city of Jerusalem?

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

Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me" at the Last Supper with his Apostles.

## 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 "**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

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.

There will be a "**Deacon's Meeting**" this Wednesday night the 28th following the service.

## Thought to Remember

The Bible is the light of my understanding, the joy of my heart, the fullness of my hope, the clarifier of my affections, the mirror of my thoughts, the consoler of my sorrows, the guide of my soul through this gloomy labyrinth of time, the telescope sent from heaven to reveal to the eye of man the amazing glories of the far distant world.

Bulletin Digest

### June 25th, 2017

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

### A.M.

Jeff Wesson  
Rudy Ochoa  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Tony Marrs  
Larry May  
Jr. Munoz

### P.M.

Jeff Wesson  
Dex Dennard  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Cody Wesson  
Josh Wells  
Craig Wesson

East...

Bill Tolbert  
Jacob Carson  
Josh Weakland  
George Warren  
Tommy Garcia  
Trinidad Wood

Tom Sorenson  
Communion  
(In Library)

**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**

*"Lessons for Newlyweds"*  
*(Romans 6:1-7)*

**Sunday PM**

*"Garden of Gethsemane"*  
*(Matthew 26:36-46)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 47*  
*Morning Worship...104*  
*Evening Worship...40*  
*Wednesday...29*  
*Contribution...\$3,013.00*