

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Place and Power of God's Word in Preaching and Practice

“I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; which is not another gospel only there be some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema” (Galatians 1:6). And, again; ***“O Timothy, guard that which is committed unto thee, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; which some professing have erred concerning the faith”*** (I Timothy 6:20-21).

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the apostles preached the Gospel in every section of the civilized world, even before the close of the first century. To the church at Rome Paul wrote: ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek”*** (Romans 1:16). The Gospel is not a power, nor one of the powers, but the power of God unto salvation. All conversions of the New Testament resulted from preaching the Word. You may begin with the conversion of the three thousand on Pentecost and go with the apostles to the uttermost parts of the earth and in every community where men were saved from their sins, the Gospel was first preached. Paul charged the evangelist Timothy to ***“preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables”*** (2 Timothy 4:1-4).

The apostle Paul had hardly laid down his pen till corrupt men began to introduce into the worship of the church, things unauthorized by the Holy Spirit. The great apostasy which we read in church history did not come in a day, nor a year, but through the march of the years. I can only hint at what occurred. Many subtle influences were at work. Monarchs had their ideas about the kingdom of God. Paganism, philosophy, and ambitious power to rule, not only over one local congregation, but over several at the same time, turned the stream of pure doctrine out of its original channel.

In the New Testament church, elders or bishops directed the church in its spiritual aspects. Deacons managed the business affairs of the local congregation. In every congregation organized under the preaching of the apostles, there was a plurality of bishops, or elders and deacons. But the change gradually came when one of the elders became the leader in the local church and was especially designated as the *bishop* of the church. Later, over a given group of churches one of these bishops was given authority, and over a province there was the Arch Bishop and over a nation, the Cardinal. The Pope as the Vicar of Christ on earth was fully developed when old Boniface III assumed the title in the year 606.

The history of Christianity shows that most of our present day confusion has been engendered by a departure from the “pattern of sound words.” When the “sincere milk of the word” is strained through a speculative, human intellect, it always results in something other than the pure Word of God. The very moment one departs from the Word of God as the guide book in religion, he has begun to apostatize.

Let us always remember that the Word of God is not a dead letter. I have read of but one person in the Bible who considered the Word of God a dead letter and he was in hell. By His Word, God created the universe. By the command of God, mountains may be removed. (Matthew 17:20). Men are saved by the Word of God, *“for the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* (Hebrews 4:12). No wonder Paul said, “Preach the Word.”

—Oscar Smith

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Letha Ruby Hooper**. Letha passed from this life on Friday, June 12th. Causes are unknown. She was a member at Eisenhower Church of Christ. A celebration of her life was scheduled by the family. Letha was 78 years old.

Prayer Request

Winford Hambright has been moved to a different floor. He is in Room #416. His floor is designated the Covid 19 floor because of the case that is there.

Conchida Williams (Devida’s sister) broke the same hip bone last Sunday night. She was scheduled for another hip replacement surgery Thursday, June 25th in Chillicothe, OH.

Doug and Kim Guynn were involved in an automobile accident in Lubbock last week. No one was injured.

Susan Simmons was prescribed a “Dex Com” device which will help her monitor her blood sugar levels immediately.

Concerns Update

Julie Munoz was able to go home from the hospital last Monday. All tests indicate that her blood loss is coming from her stomach. The medicine she is on seems to be working.

J. D. Saylor (infant son of Tayla Saylor) came through his heart procedure just fine. Everything went well.

Jon Cooper is recuperating from his toe surgery that he had done on Friday, June 19th in Florida. Jon is Mildred Lee’s son-in-law.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Teri Armentrout; Brian Basaldua; Bill Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Maddie Clay; Jon Cooper; Lavern Couch; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Vertie Howard; Chris Landers; Linda Latch; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Danna Robertson; Diane Salinas; J. D. Saylor; Janelle Shirley; Susan Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lindsey Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

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 (True or False)

Israel was allowed to loan to other nations but not to borrow from them.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Three of Saul's sons died with him in battle against the Philistines. These were all the sons Saul had, except Ishbosheth, who was proclaimed king after Saul by Abner (2 Samuel 2:8,9)

Events

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

A **"Personal Evangelism Campaign"** seminar presented by Rob & Nicole Whitacre will be conducted here at Eisenhower July 10th–12th. This is a seminar to "train the saved to teach the lost". We have flyers on the table in the foyer showing the times and topic details. Feel free to take what you may need to invite others to attend.

Office News

The **New Mexico Christian Children's Home** will be here Wednesday, July 22nd for their food drive. They are requesting **Coconut Oil** and **Dryer Sheets**.

Another Problem at Corinth

Putting ourselves in Paul's place as he dealt with this truly troubled church may make us wonder why he even bothered. First Corinthians reveals that they were applying worldly standards to just about everything in religion. They divided over favorite preachers (Ch. 1-4); they boasted about a brother's wickedness (Ch. 5); they sued each other in civil court (Ch. 6), etc.

Thankfully, his first letter seemed to have taken affect. By the writing of 2 Corinthians we read that they had been moved to "godly sorrow" that led to genuine "repentance" (2 Cor. 7:9-10). We ought to rejoice and be encouraged by the fact that a church so far off course could be brought back to the way of truth so quickly by a single letter of rebuke and correction.

However, there was a new problem suggested by one of Paul's closing comments. As he reminded them of his association with them, he lamented, *"And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be love"* (2 Cor. 12:15). Brothers, sisters and friends that just is not right. On the other hand, it is sometimes reality.

We must accept that we cannot make others love us. Yet, we must continue to love, bless, be good unto others, and pray for those who do not love us (Matthew 5:44). Read Romans 12:21)

—J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.

June 28, 2020

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Gary Loving	Bill Brown
Second Prayer	Jaxon Straw	Tommy Garcia
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Craig Wesson	Jacob Carson
		Communion
		(In Library)

NOTE: We will continue with our Communion Service and Giving at the end of our worship service thru June.

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444— *Pulpit*: Doug Guynn 260-0440—*Table*: Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons*: Richard Siler 556-2151— *Collections*: Richard Siler 556-2151

Sunday AM

“Change in Perspective”
(1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

Sunday PM

“What Would Jesus Desire?”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Our Records

Bible Class... 61
Morning Worship...90
Evening Worship...47
Wednesday...69
Contribution... \$3,857.00

Note: Our services will also be “livestreamed” on Facebook.