

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Read It and Trust It

We live in a highly secular world. It wants nothing to do with things that are religious. When Christianity speaks out in this godless society, there are many who are quick to speak out against our message. They spew hateful lies and blasphemies seeking to intimidate us, hoping we will cease telling individuals about the good news of salvation in Christ.

In this society, it is very easy for Christians to doubt the things they believe. Is the church to which we belong really the church of the Bible? Is baptism really essential for salvation? Is the manner in which we worship on the Lord's Day really the worship God desires? Is Jesus really God incarnate who died on the cross of Calvary to save us from our sins?

Doubt is never a good thing. Doubt creates fear. Doubt leads to lack of faithful service. Doubt causes one's prayer life to cease. Doubt can lead to the destruction of one's soul. So how do we reassure ourselves that we believe correctly? The answer lies in the title of this article: "We must read and trust."

The Bible is the only book that comes from God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is the revelation of His mind to all mankind (1 Corinthians 2:9-13). It is truth through and through (John 17:17). God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; therefore, when we read what is found therein, we can trust it with all of our being. Man can say what he will against it. God is still right.

When it comes to the church, we can read what the Bible says about it and trust it. Jesus said to Peter: "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus promised to build His church. Jesus promised to build only one church. Jesus promised that the most powerful attacks against the church cannot prevail against it. We read these words of our Lord and we trust them. Jesus spoke the truth. He is right regardless of what any man has to say.

In Ephesians 4:4-6, Paul lists the seven ones. He opens his list with this statement: "There is one body." In the first chapter of Ephesians, he tells us what the body is, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Ephesians 1:22-23). Paul clearly reveals that the church is the body of Christ. If the church is the body, and if there is only one body then there is only one church. That is not something to be scoffed at. These are the words of an inspired apostle. His words are truth. We read them and trust them. We hold on to them regardless of the ridicule that we might receive from others.

In matters of salvation Jesus has spoken to us. He has told us that belief in Him as the Son of God is essential (John 8:24). He has revealed that repentance is essential to salvation (Luke 13:3-5). Also, He stressed the need of confessing Him before men (Matthew 10:32-33). This same Jesus taught that baptism is part of the salvation process. "And he said unto them, Go, ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). We read these words and trust them. Man may reject the necessity of baptism; however, the believer knows that those who reject immersion for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) do so to their own peril. What Jesus tells us to do to be saved involves absolute truth. We read His words and trust them.

With regard to our worship of God, we take the same "read and trust" approach. The

first century church engaged in preaching the Word during their gatherings on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). They partook of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week as well (Acts 20:7). They took up a collection on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). In addition, they prayed (Acts 2:42). Too, they sang songs of praise unto God (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Some will ridicule our determination to partake of the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Some will laugh at us for not using instruments of music in our worship services. Let them ridicule us and let them laugh at us. We have read the Scriptures and trust them.

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### ***Sympathy***

We extend our sympathy to Patsy Mitchell and her family in the loss of **Randy**. Randy passed from this life on June 23rd. His services were held at Eisenhower Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27th. Please keep the Mitchell family in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Cathy Eastwood in the loss of her birth mother and her husband who died tragically recently in Tulsa, OK.

### ***Response***

**Carolyn Wilkerson** came forward on Sunday, June 12th asking forgiveness for not being as strong a Christian as she knows she should and wants to be. The last few months have been a struggle for Carolyn health wise and has caused her faith to waiver. Please keep her in your prayers that she becomes unmoveable in her faith and stays strong in the Lord.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Bruce and Trina Plyer** are both in the hospital with serious health issues at this time. Trina may need another kidney operation, but that is not for certain. George and Jurlean are requesting prayers for them. Bruce & Trina live in Mineral Wells, TX.

**Hattie Gilmore** fell a little over a week ago. She has some bruises and is still sore from the fall. Please keep her in your prayers that she heals quickly and gets to feeling better soon.

**Vickie Ryan** had tests run last Monday to find out why her blood is too thick. She was being checked for Polycythemia which is due to an increase in blood cells particularly the red blood cells which makes the blood thicker. Keep Vickie in your prayers that all will be okay.

Continue to keep **Allison Moyer** and **Julia York** in your prayers as they are both expecting babies. Please pray for safe and healthy deliveries.

### ***Prayer List***

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenda McMillan; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyer; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Reda Sowell; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

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

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Ronda Lyne; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

## Youth

### **Bible Knowledge .... “Paul Slept Here”**

Paul slept on the Straight Street when he was blind (Acts 9:11).

### **Events**

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

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

Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What’s yours?

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The first century church partook of the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week. Every week has a first day. Therefore, we will continue to trust the Word. Too, there is no authorization for instrumental music in the New Testament. We read that we are to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. What we have read, we will trust. Remember, the Bible is always right.

Man has always rejected God’s Word. But man’s rejection does not mean that God’s Word is not right. God’s Word is right and will always be right. Those who have read it and trusted it in the past have never been ashamed or disappointed. Paul commended the Thessalonians for their reception of the truth. He wrote to them, saying, “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh in you that believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Dear readers, if we will receive the word of God, and, if we will truly believe in it, it will effectually, powerfully work in our lives as well. In the end, we will not be disappointed that we read it and trusted in it rather than allowing the foolishness of man to cause us to doubt it.

— Victor M. Eskew

### **July 3, 2022**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### **A.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Bill Ryan  
Jacob Carson  
Don Easlon

### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Isaiah Armendarez  
Oliver Hernandez  
Bill Ryan

Lords Supper

**Scripture Reading**

Craig Wesson  
David Ryan  
Tom Sorenson  
Steve Easlon

Jon Roemisch  
Communion  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775  
*Pulpit:* Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725—*Song Leaders:* Larry May  
638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Steven Easlon 269-0727 — *Collections:* Steve Easlon

**Sunday AM**

*“Keeping America Great”*  
*(I Timothy 2:1-7)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Jehovah—Shalom”*  
*(Judges 6:11-24)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 57*  
*Morning Worship...103*  
*Evening Worship ...46*  
*Wednesday...58*  
*Contribution...4,790.00*