

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Names: The Church and Christ's People

“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet.” That line is from Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. Names may not have meant much to Shakespeare, but they have always meant something to God.

Acts 20:28 quotes Paul telling the Ephesian elders that the Lord’s church was, “purchased with his own blood.” Ephesians 5:23 says, “Christ is the head of the church: and He is the savior of the body” (the church and the body are one and the same, Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4; Colossians 1:18). Ephesians 5:25 stresses that “Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.” And, in Matthew 16:18, Jesus claimed the church He was about to build as His. If Jesus gave Himself for the church, becoming its Savior, purchasing it with His own blood, then should not the church bear *the name of Christ*, rather than the name of some man (regardless of how great that man may be)? Should it not bear *the name of Christ* (Romans 16:16) rather than the name of a faction? Peter emphatically proclaimed, “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

A person cannot read in his Bible where Paul, or any other member of the Lord’s church, was ever called a Baptist, a Methodist, a Catholic, a Pentecostal, or any of the other denominational labels. As prophesied in Isaiah 62:2, members of the Lord’s church were “called by a new name.” In the New Testament there is one, and only one, new name given. That new name was revealed in Acts 11:26; “And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” By what greater term than “Christian” could any man desire to be called? If the names Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, et *cetera*, were never given in the Bible as the terms by which the Lord’s people were to be known and if such terms only serve to delineate and maintain divisions, would it not be best to give them up and to use only the terms provided by God in the Bible for those who are members of His church? “Disciples,” “saints,” “brethren,” “Christians,” and other Bible designations are not divisive. They foster no party spirit and we should never continue in anything which divides or perpetuates division.

Because “God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints” (1 Corinthians 14:33), and because it is the Lord’s will for all those who would follow Him to be united, even as He and God the Father are united (John 17:20-23) and because internal divisions are strictly forbidden to those who would follow Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:10-13) and because those who would follow Jesus are commanded to endeavor “to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) and because divisions among the professed followers of Christ bring harm to the Cause for which He bled and died (John 17:21); all should eagerly, willingly return to the simplicity of New Testament Christianity, as set forth in the New Testament.

The Greek word *ekklesia* means “the called out.” That is what the church is—God’s

“called out” people. Jesus Christ commissioned. “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). Paul plainly makes the point that God calls one out by the Gospel of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:14). When one *hears* (Romans 10:17), *believes* (John 1:12), and *obeys* (Romans 6:16-18) the un-pervverted Gospel of Christ (Galatians 1:6-9), he is *saved* (Romans 1:16-17) and the Lord adds him to His church (Acts 2:47).

—Tommy J. Hicks

Prayer Requests

Betty Branson is still in a lot a pain due to torn and pulled muscles in her back. She can only lie down to get relief. Betty is in need of prayers.

Jefferson Wood (Ronny & Shona Wood’s son) smashed the middle toe on his right foot while on a boating trip. Jeff saw an Orthopedic doctor last Monday for medical treatment. Prayers have been requested.

Conny Jimenez had day surgery on Thursday, June 29th at Midland Memorial Hospital. The bones in her wrist were not healing properly so they had to put screws in her wrist. Please keep Conny in your prayers for a complete healing.

Leigh Ann McFarland is still in need of prayers as she continues to fight cancer. Our prayer is that Leigh Ann receives the most effective treatment possible.

Jude Drake (Jamie & Katie Drake’s two weeks old infant twin son) is still in the NICU with problems in controlling his sugar levels. His sister was able to go home. Jude also has pneumonia. James and Joyce Drake are his great-grandparents. Jude is in need of prayers for better health so he can go home.

Concerns Update

Doug Guynn’s MRI on Friday, June 29th was postponed until July 14th because the machine was broken.

Jurlean Warren is showing some signs of relief with her pain level. She is dealing with other issues as well. Continue to keep Jurlean in your daily prayers.

Prayer List

Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; Charlie Carson; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Glenda Driver; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Aisha Garcia; Becky Gillespie; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Cheri Hodges; Lon & Lana Howard; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Juan & Estella Morelez; Joe Morrison; Emma Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Bill Tate; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; John Wood; Natalynn Wood.

Eisenhower’s Homebound....

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

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

Thank You

We have felt all the support and prayers; all the wonderful cards to Wayne & Paul. He is resting with Jesus in the most wondrous place to be. Thank you for the great food you served after the service. In Christ, Love, Pam & Paul

Office News

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” is July 24th-26th at 6:30—8:00 pm, Monday thru Wednesday. The theme is: “The Flood”.

It's Too Late! I've Gone Too Far!

“I've done too many bad things in my life. How could I ever be right with God?” Well, have you ever committed adultery with a married woman and then had her husband killed in an attempt to cover it up? David did that, yet he is remembered as a man after God's own heart (2 Samuel 11:1; 1 Samuel 13:14).

Have you ever had Christians imprisoned and killed? Saul of Tarsus did that, but later became the great apostle Paul (Acts 22:3-4).

This is some of the best news we'll ever hear! It's not what we've done; it's not what we do last! No matter how badly we messed up. That doesn't have to be the end.

John Mark messed up when he turned back from helping Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey (Acts 13:13). But later Mark repented. Paul would write, “Mark is profitable to me for the ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11).

On any list of evil people King Manasseh would be near the top. For decades he engaged in the most sordid behavior including burning babies in sacrifice to idols. But near the end of his life, he humbled himself and repented. God had mercy on him and delayed judgment (2 Chronicles 33:1-13).

The prodigal son left home and engaged in riotous living (Luke 15:11-13). As he left, he was haughty. He had money, youth and health. While away he did things his father wouldn't have allowed at home (today, it would be wild parties, fornication and drugs). But when the money was gone, so were his party friends. They left him to starve in the hog pen!

The Bible says he “came to himself” (Luke 15:17). He repented and went back home. His father didn't say, “I knew he'd come dragging himself back; he sure is a sorry excuse for a son!” No! The father welcomed him back! (Luke 15:18:24).

It is not what you have done. It is “will you repent?” When you come back, God is always good, and His mercy endures forever! (Psalm 100:5; 103:17; Ephesians 2:4-5).

—Danny Tunnell

July 9, 2023

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

A.M.

Don Easlon

Oliver Hernandez

Allen Weakland

Don Easlon

Jr. Munoz

Tommy Garcia

David Baldwin

P.M.

Don Easlon

Cody Wesson

Allen Weakland

Don Easlon

Jackie Perkins

Jeff Wesson

Charles Wood

Lords Supper

Craig Wesson
Jacob Carson
Richard Siler
Trini Wood

Jon Roemisch
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson — Contributions: Jon Roemisch

Sunday AM

“The Piercing of the Heart”
(Acts 2:36-39)

Sunday PM

“Superior Nature of Jesus’ Sacrifice”
(Heb 10:5-10)

Our Records

Bible Class... 52
Morning Worship...90
Evening Worship ... 55
Wednesday...52
Contribution...\$4,530.72

