

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Current Crises Challenging the Church

The Lord's church stands at a crossroads. Many who once walked among the faithful have turned aside to follow the doctrines of men and their own stubborn will. In the forefront of this new digression are some who are well-known and who have acquired a devoted following? In time past, many of these false teachers proclaimed the faith. In contrast to Paul, who preached the faith he once destroyed, they now seek to destroy the faith they once preached (Gal. 1:23). Boldly, they proclaim "new" truths and "new" hermeneutics to support them.

They disdain God's approved pattern as outdated "traditionalism" and mask their old denominational doctrines as "progress" and needed "change" in a "church in transition" in a changing world.

Have we forgotten men of faith and courage, only a generation ago, routed the same errors which false brethren now embrace and advanced the cause of Christ in public debate with denominational opponents who were at least honest enough to identify themselves as different from and opposed to the church of Christ; Oh for an honest false teacher.

Others, working quietly in leadership roles in local congregations have orchestrated subtle changes designed to gradually lead men away from the pure Gospel of Christ. To compound the problem, a generation of spiritual illiterates has provided ready adherents who love to have it so. Do they not know they, in departing from the Gospel, are running headlong into the clutches of Satan and the accompanying miseries and eternal damnation? It seems they do not or they do not care and will not be warned.

What shall those who faithfully seek to follow God's will, do? Ignoring the fact of the departure of formerly faithful brethren will not solve the problem. We owe our brethren more than that (Gal. 6:1)!

First, there is a real danger which threatens the eternal salvation of brethren and those whom they influence and which significantly hinders the work of the Lord's people. Sadly, many would rather hide their heads in the sand and pretend there is no problem! They do not discern false doctrine when they heard it and will heed no warnings against it. Brethren, Satan is wreaking havoc among the churches! How can we say there is no problem?

Second, we must fortify ourselves to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12), putting on the Christian's armor (Eph. 6:10-18) and preparing ourselves to capably and courageously wield the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). Hoping error and its proponents will self-destruct; thus, freeing us from having to face the issues or fight the battles is the coward's way out. Let us be set for the defense of the Gospel (Phil. 1:17) and ready to oppose error wherever it may be and whoever may uphold it (Eph. 5:11). Then, when problems arise and men oppose the truth, we shall be ready to recognize the threat and to deal with it appropriately.

Finally, we must stop attacking faithful brethren who would, out of genuine love for Christ and His church, sound the warning against uncertain sounds and deceitful workers. Instead, let us focus our energies on the real problems and the real troublers of Israel (1Kings 18:17-18). It has always

amazed me how some who claim to be “balanced” will either uphold error and false teachers or will refuse to stand in opposition to it and them. Are they not guilty (2 John 9-11)? Yet, that same “balanced” brother will viciously and maliciously attack and publicly vilify one who has the intestinal fortitude to stand up and say: “This is wrong and those who teach it or practice it are wrong.”

God help us to have courage to face in faith the current crises!

—Bobby Liddell

Prayer Request

C. A. Smith (Kallie Wesson’s grandfather) fell and broke his hip. Prayers have been requested for his well-being and speedy recovery. Keep C. A. in your daily prayers

Erica Patinó is still home recuperating from her gall bladder surgery. Please continue to keep Erica in your daily prayers that she gets well soon.

J. D. Stanton (10 year old nephew) of Christy Weakland, was involved in a four-wheeler accident last week. Prayers have been requested for him at this time.

Prayers have been requested for Marissa Anaya’s newborn baby son, **Easton Jones**, who was born too early. Easton had to be airlifted to a Dallas Hospital due to an obstruction in his stomach area. Please keep both Marissa and baby Easton in your prayers that he will be okay.

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; Opal Hager; 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; Tanya Nichols; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Danna Robertson; Diane Salinas; J. D. Saylor; Janelle Shirley; Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lindsey Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Tom Wilcox; 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

Who said, “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...

Judas Iscariot said, “I have sinned for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

Events

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

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**.

Picture Board

We started taking our member's photos on Wednesday, July 8th to update our picture board. Picture taking will take place 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after each of our services for the next few weeks. This will give everyone the opportunity to update their photo. Feel free to notify Tommy and Mirra if you have any questions.

"Drive By" Baby Shower

On Saturday, July 25th, there will be a "Drive by" Baby Shower for Amanda and Jordan Zuniga under the covered parking at the annex. Please drive by to show your love and support for them and their expected blessing anytime between 2:00–4:00 p.m. Enjoy curbside treats! They are registered on Amazon.

Food for thought...

There is no place to hide a sin without the conscience looking in.

I Can't Hear You!

I'm sure we all agree we live in a loud world. Noise everywhere, sometimes the only answer is to put on those little headphones and drown out the noise with, well more noise. Have you ever tried to talk to someone wearing a set of those things? It's impossible! They have to take them off so they can listen.

You and I can talk to God because God listens. Our voices matter in heaven. There is no need for us to worry that God may not listen to us. Even if I stutter, stumble or don't know for sure what I need to say or how to say it, God still listens.

Sometimes those around us may not listen because what we have to say is not important to them. But with God, what we have to say is always important to Him. God listens. Carefully listens. Our words don't stop until they have reached the very throne of God! James writes, "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of your sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

Our prayers can move God to change the world. I admit I don't understand the mystery of prayer, but thankfully I don't need to. This much is clear, when we speak, God listens, and when God listens, things start to happen! That is an amazing thought!

-Philip Sims
Haskell Church of Christ

July 19, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Branyon May	Branyon May
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Richard Siler`	Tom Sorenson
Second Prayer	Joshua Weakland	Jaxon Straw
Closing Prayer	Craig Wesson	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Craig Wesson	Tommy Garcia
		Communion (In Library)

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

Note: Our services are "live streamed" on Facebook.

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* Bill Ryan 352-4871—*Table:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231— *Collections:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231

Sunday AM

*“Benefits and Cost of Christianity”
(Luke 9:23-25)*

Sunday PM

*“Helping Others Fulfil God’s Will”
(Ephesians 5:31-33)*

Our Records

*Bible Class... 68
Morning Worship...84
Evening Worship...NC
Wednesday...NC
Contribution... \$4,199.00*