

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Spiritual Bogies

Though we may sometimes fail to become alarmed when we should, we also see “bogies” when they exist only in imagination. The Catholic church is afraid the members might spill some of the fruit of the vine, they say, so they take it away from them. The Lord had no such fears.

The Baptists say:

*It is most likely that in the Apostolic age when there was but ‘one Lord, one faith, and one baptism and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense, ‘baptism was the door into the church. Now, it is different; and while the churches are desirous of receiving members, they are wary and cautious that they do not receive unworthy persons. The churches therefore have candidates come before them, make their statement, give their ‘experience’ and then their reception is decided by a vote of the members (Hiscox’s Manual, p. 22).*

If the Lord had seen the danger that Baptists thought they saw he could have fixed it like the Baptists, but He did not!

Sometimes we are told that if we speak of the church as “Church of Christ,” or “Church of God,” we make a denomination of it. If the Lord had entertained any such fears we could not read of the “churches of Christ” and “church of God” in the New Testament.

But we are told that we are liable to include less than all of God’s children if we use those terms. But the Lord Himself had no such fears.

The church in the aggregate sense includes all of God’s family, but in the local sense includes all who worship together. A child of God living in a city is not a member of a local congregation unless he “congregates.” To speak of the church of Christ at a certain street address includes all who worship at that place and no more. A Christian might be a member of a certain congregation for years then join the Baptists, or some other denomination. He does not cease at that moment to be a child of God, though he sinned in so doing and remains in sin so long as he remains a member of a denomination. He is an erring child of God like the fellow who gets drunk. He then is a member of the church of God in the aggregate sense and also a member of the Baptist Church. Though he is a member, still of the church of God in the aggregate sense, he is no longer a member of the local congregation.

The same is true of the child of God who refuses any longer to assemble for worship. He is an erring member of the church in the aggregate sense but is no longer a member of the local congregation. A letter of commendation from one congregation to another is not “membership.” One is a member of the congregation with which he congregates. It is said that the expressions “churches of Christ” and “church of God” are not names. This is indeed a strange position. It is well known that the Greek word *ekklesia*, translated usually by the word “church,” was in common

use for hundreds of years before the church of the Lord was established or the New Testament written. So, the word “church,” does not properly designate the divine institution. But it is asked: “Does not the New Testament speak sometimes simply of the church?” Yes, but that is an elliptical expression. When it is used those to whom it was spoken knew that it was not a mob, a civil court, or the Jewish church.

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### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Russell and Patti Haley in the loss of their daughter. It is suspected that she was met with foul play that took her life. Patti is a co-worker of Shona Wood. Please pray for this family during this sad time of loss

### **Prayer Request**

**Trina Plyler** had to have surgery on her other kidney last week. They have pin-pointed other hot spots that are showing up in other areas that is very concerning at this time. George and Jurlean are requesting that we keep Trina in our prayers.

**Both Bill and Mary Brown** both have Covid and are on prescribed medications. They are in quarantine for 10 days or until they are completely well.

Both **Jeff and Cody Wesson** were sick last weekend.

Don Easlon has requested prayers for his friend, **Darryl Williamson**, who has swelling of the brain.

### **Concerns Update**

**Terresia Weaver** had her #13 treatment on July 11th. She had good news to report. The cancer marker # was down from 6.2 to 5.4. Terresia will have another CT scan tomorrow. Continue to keep Terresia in your prayers that she will continue to have good reports.

**Debbie Cox** (wife of Dr. Logan Cox) may have to have another surgery. She is in need of prayers. Dr. Cox is Allen's Chiropractor.

### **Prayer List**

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Charles Smith; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

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

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

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

### **Youth**

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

Paul slept in Damascus where the disciples lowered him in a basket so he could get out of town. (Acts 9:25)

Paul slept in Publius' house in Malta where his ship ran aground. (Acts 28:7)

### **Events**

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

### **Food for Thought**

Learn to listen. You don't learn anything from hearing yourself talk.

## Office News

The items requested for our “Food Pantry” this week and next week are: self-rising flour, salt and canned foods.

## Baby Shower...

Ladies, you are invited to a **Baby Shower** for Allison Moyers today between 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Bonnie Sorenson’s home. Please come join the fun and help celebrate Zooney Sue’s arrival. The hostesses are Bonnie, Patsy, Mirta, Beth Ann and Devida. Please come join the fun and help celebrate Zooney Sue’s arrival.

Sunday, July 31st is our “**Fifth Sunday Service**”. We will have a potluck luncheon after our morning service followed by our evening service. All our visitors are welcome.

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What is a name? “A word or term embodying any knowledge, notion, or conception so as to fix and make it subject to record and recall for future or common use in the process or interchange of thought.” (New Standard Dictionary). The expressions above mentioned do this: therefore, they are names of the church. Whatever a thing is called, that is its name. I once saw a brand of cosmetics—the *no-name brand*. *No-Name* was its name! But the Lord does not have a no-name church. It is called the “church of Christ” because Christ built it (Matthew 16:18); bought it (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25; is head of it (Ephesians 5:23; is married to it (Romans 7:4; John 3:29; it is His body (Ephesians 1:22-23; called it “my church” (Matthew 16:18; and, congregations were called “churches of Christ” (Romans 16:16). Why is it called the “church of God?” Because, “all things that the Father hath are mine.” (John 16:15) — O. C. Lambert

July 24, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jacob Carson	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	Scot Straw	Josh Weakland
Closing Prayer	Tom Sorenson	Cody Wesson
Lords Supper		Jon Roemisch
Scripture Reading	<u>Josh Weakland</u>	Communion
	Doug Guynn	(In Library)
	Craig Wesson	
	David Ryan	

**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

“It Isn’t Where You are From.”

(Judges 11:1)

## Sunday PM

“Change in Responsibility”

(I Thessalonians 5:12-15)

