

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Do Methodists Not Have A Bible?

A “Special Session” of The General Conference of The United Methodist Church was held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. This “Special Session” met to decide if the United Methodist Church would *strengthen* or *end* its prohibitions regarding same-sex marriage and the ordaining of gays and lesbians into its clergy? The “Special Session’s” final vote was 53% to 47% in favor of strengthening the prohibitions “against” same-sex marriage and ordaining gays and lesbians into its clergy. This may lead to a wide-open break in the United Methodist Church.

Matt Miofsky, a “Special Session” attendee, said about the Methodist Church where he preaches, “We fully embrace LGBTQ+ people into the whole life of the church.” Further, Miofsky added, “Jesus loves queer people for who they are” and that the “scriptures welcome queer people into the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ (and not through a renunciation of their gender or sexual identity).” Kevin Young, the “Senior Minister at St. John’s United Methodist Church,” in Lubbock, may or may not have attended the St. Louis meeting, but he, like many other Methodists did not like the “Special Session’s” outcome. He said he thought that as far as he is concerned, the general conference of the United Methodist Church has decided to stay on the side of discrimination. He said he thought that it is tragic, “to send a signal to our culture and our world that somehow that discriminatory posture against LGBTQ people is approved by God.”

God does love those involved in LGBTQ+ IMMORALITY (John 3:16). He wants them to be saved (2 Peter 3:9). Still, if the bible is true—and it is—God cannot accept them as long as they engage in lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-sexual, and queer lifestyles. Perhaps, it should be asked, “Do Methodists (and others) - who claim the “scriptures welcome queer people into the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ (and not through a renunciation of their gender or sexual identity)’ - actually have a Bible? If so, have they not read Paul saying:

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality ...will inherit the kingdom of God. And Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV).

In Galatians 5:19-21, Paul identifies “sexual immorality” as a work of the flesh and sounds the warning, “that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

God turned “the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes; condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:4-6). The LGBTQ+ folks and their allies may try to deny it, but the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah (cf. Genesis 18:20; Isaiah 3:9; Lamentations. 4:6), is a reference to the sin of homosexuality (cf. Genesis 19:4-9).

Condemning homosexuality in the Mosaic Dispensation, God said, ***“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination”*** (Leviticus 18:22). God, according to the Law of Moses, commanded, ***“If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them”*** (Leviticus 20:13). The Law of Moses is no longer of force.

Now, under the Law of Christ in the New Testament Dispensation, God still condemns

homosexuality, but He does not have them harmed physically as a punishment. He will dispense to them their due on Judgment Day. However, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, warns that ***“the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God.”*** These include the sexually immoral...adulterers...and those who practice homosexuality (cf. 1 Timothy 1:10). Supporters of the ‘LGBTQ+ Community’ need to read Romans 1:26-29, 32.

God has rendered His decision about all forms of sexual immorality (including homosexuality) and made it known in His Word. He has not changed that decision (Malachi 3:6). So, if the Methodists and others have a Bible and believe what God says in it, what is the point of having a “Special Session”? They cannot change what God still says about the matter.

—Tommy J. Hicks

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jim Howell, who passed away August 7th in Midland. A Graveside service was held on Tuesday August 10th at the Dawson County Cemetery in Lamesa, TX. Jim was a former member of Eisenhower. He was 88 years old. Keep his family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Cathy Eastwood will undergo day surgery on August 17th due to an infection she has. Please keep her in your prayers that all will go well.

Joyce Ferneau, Devida’s cousin, is in an unconscious state in a hospital in Chillicothe, OH. Joyce is in need of prayers.

Concerns Update

Doug Guynn went back to Ft. Worth last week for an MRI and CT scan. Also, **Kim Guynn** had an eye appointment with a specialist for a retina treatment. Keep both Doug and Kim in your prayers at this time.

Velma Tolbert has completed her chemo and is on her own at this time.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Nola Beckham; Betty Branson; Bill & Mary Brown; LaDonna Chism; Casey Devito; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Joyce Ferneau; Briana Fuentes; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Vertie Howard; John & Belinda Katon; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Alex Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Steve Savell; Cynthia Schulze; Jackie Schulze; Shane and Nicole Sweeten; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Question)

Will the dead or living Christians rise first to meet the Lord when He returns?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

It is the body of the believer in Christ that is “sown in weakness” but “raised in power” at the coming of Christ. (I Corinthians 15:42-43).

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

(Part 2— continued from last week)

Third, we must lay aside hypocrisy. This could be described as the desire to fool others. The word has connections to theater; actors pretend to be someone or something they are not. In the bible hypocrisy and false religion are denounced by our Lord (Matthew 23:28; Mark 12:15; Luke 12:1). Likewise, many today claim devotion to God, and yet see little problem with contradicting His teachings (Matthew 15:7-9). We could draw specific contrast to the “unfeigned” love Peter noted within the church family (1 Peter 1:22). Hypocrisy in our spiritual service will draw many away from true religion and bring decay into the church family. Rather than play-acting, God's Word promotes the wisdom of sincerity (Romans 12:9; Philippians 1:9-11; James 3:13-18).

Fourth, we must lay aside envy. This could be described as the desire to have what rightfully belongs to someone else. Many give in to envy because they have slipped into a materialistic mindset. This can be closely linked with the concept of covetousness (Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15; Romans 13:9). When you are envious of another, you have ill will towards them brought on by seeing their well-being. This can ruin our relationships inside and outside the church (Proverbs 23:17; Romans 13:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3). Instead, Christians should be happy when their brother experiences good and be satisfied with what they have been given. Rather than yearning for what belongs to another, God's Word promotes loving support and contentment (Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Philippians 4:11).

Fifth, we must lay aside all evil speaking. This could be described as the desire to tear down others lashing out with our tongue. The Greek term used by Peter for evil speaking is a compound word (Lit. “against-speak”). It is far too easy to become inconsiderate with our words. A child of God should never engage in gossip, backbiting, or slander. Always remember how powerful and how dangerous your tongue can be (Proverbs 18:21); James 3:1-12). If we become corrupted by the world and lack proper compassion, it shows in our speech. Are you ready to give an account of “every idle word” that comes from your mouth (Matthew 12:33-37)? Rather than the misuse of our tongues, God's Word promotes pure and uplifting speech (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6).

May we all desire the Word of God to become strong and put off these deadly desires which make us weak!

—John Haffner

August 15, 2021	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jacob Carson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Craig Wesson	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Josh Weakland	Richard Siler
Lords Supper		Cody Wesson
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Jeff Wesson</u>	Communion
	Jr. Munoz	(In Library)
	Bill Ryan	
	John Wood	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990— *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834—
Pulpit: Scot Straw 288-4533 — *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders:* Larry
May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Collections:* Scot Straw
288-4533

Sunday AM
“Repentance”
(Luke 24:44:47)

Sunday PM
“Beauty of Forgiveness”
(John 1:29)

Records
Bible Class... 64
Morning Worship...85
Evening Worship...60
Wednesday...52
Contribution...\$4,697.00

July 4, 2021

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

A.M.

Jeff Wesson

Craig Wesson

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Don Easlon

Oliver Hernandez

Gary Loving

Josh Weakland

P.M.

Jeff Wesson

Jacob Carson

Allen Weakland

Jeff Wesson

Cody Wesson

Scot Straw

Larry May

Tom Sorenson

Communion

Bill Ryan
Jordan Zuniga
David Ryan

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 — *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775—
Pulpit: Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Table:* Tom Sorenson 638-9447 — *Song Leaders:* Larry
May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Collections:* Tom
Sorenson

Sunday AM

“TBA”

Sunday PM

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