

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## That They May All Be One

On the night of His betrayal, the Lord observed the Passover with His twelve apostles. Each of the four gospels refers to the events of that evening, but John gives us the most complete account what transpired between the Lord and these chosen men. No other gospel account contains this information. In John 13 through John 16 we have a detailed record of the Lord washing the apostles' feet, dismissing Judas to complete his treachery, and His final instructions and exhortations to the remaining eleven men. Then, in chapter 17 John recorded the words of the Lord's Prayer which concluded their time together in the upper room.

Near the end of this prayer the Lord said, ***"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me"*** (John 17:20-21). This plea for the unity of all believers has long been a rallying point in churches that identify with the Christian faith. However, like so many things the Lord said, this plea has been used in ways the Lord never intended.

For example, many who call for the unity of all believers do so based on emphasizing the areas of agreement among the various churches, while de-emphasizing areas of disagreement. The net effect is that areas of disagreement are rendered unimportant. In this way churches with differing doctrinal beliefs can still claim unity with their religious neighbors. From a human perspective this seems to make perfect sense. Unfortunately, it completely misses the point of what the Lord said.

In the context of John 17 the Lord's plea for unity was based upon the unity that exists between Himself and His Father in heaven. His plea was that His disciples would be one with them, just as they are with each other. This is a particular kind of unity that is far different from what many call unity today. While we may not be able to fully comprehend the unity of the Father and the Son, we can be certain that it is not based upon an emphasis of areas of agreement and a de-emphasis of areas of disagreement. This is because there are no areas of disagreement between the Father and the Son.

In John 12:48 the Lord said His word will judge at the last day. However, He went on to say, ***"For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the father has told Me."*** (John 12:49-50). This means that everything the Lord spoke is exactly what the Father told Him to speak. They are one, because they both speak the same thing.

This fact cannot be overemphasized. The unity of the Father and the Son is based upon compliance with the Father's will. Even as a full-fledged member of the godhead, Jesus did not go His own way. He bowed to the Father's wishes in everything He did. If we today wish to experience this unity, we must also comply with the Father's will. In Ephesians 4:3 Paul exhorted

the Christians in Ephesus **“to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”** The unity of which he spoke is the unity that comes to us when we obey the gospel and the Father adds us to His kingdom. We preserve this unity by being of the same mind and judgment, as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:10. We can only be of the same mind and judgment, however, if we bow to the Father’s Will in everything we do. If we humbly submit to the Father’s will, then we will all be one, just as the Lord prayed.

—Fred Dominguez

### ***Sympathy***

**Virginia Stanton** (Christy Weakland’s grandmother on her father’s side) who had been diagnosed with the Covid 19 virus passed away on Wednesday, August 12th in a nursing home in Texarkana, TX. Virginia was about to turn 90 years old. Keep her family in your prayers.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Betty Leeth** (Devida’s cousin) is diagnosed with MDS (multiple myeloma). She has low red blood cells which can lead to Leukemia if untreated. Please keep Betty in your prayers that she receives the right treatment that will be effective on this disease.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Richard and Carolyn Siler** is still at home with some symptoms of the Covid 19 virus. They are doing well. Keep them in your prayers.

**Barbara Murphy** (Lucas Ochoa’s mother-in-law) is making some improvements. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Also, continue to keep **Tim Tolbert** in your prayers as he is dealing with the Covid virus.

### ***Prayer List***

Jack Aaron; Wayne Anderson; Brian Basaldua; Bill Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Steve Chavez; Jon Cooper; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Leo Holloway; Vertie Howard; Easton Jones; Chris Landers; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Allen & Resa Mann; Krysta McMullen; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. & Julie Munoz; Barbara Murphy; Tanya Nichols; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Erica Patiño; Trina Plyler; Corina Rodriguez; Diane Salinas; Sheila Stanton; Tim Tolbert; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jackie Wallace; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower’s Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

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

### ***Youth***

#### **Bible Quiz Question (Multiple Choice)**

With whom was Peter staying when Cornelius sent for him to come to his house; (a) Alexander the coppersmith; (b) Simon the tanner or (c) Aquila the tentmaker?

#### **Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...**

In Romans 13:10 it reads, “There is none righteous, no not one.

### ***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 let us know when they will be here for their food drive. They are requesting **Coconut Oil** and **Dryer Sheets**.

Our "**Fall Quarter Bible Classes**" begins September 2nd. Our Coordinators will be looking for teachers. Please let them know if you would like to teach or be a helper.

## The Church of the Lord

So many misunderstandings abound concerning the church Jesus Built (Mt. 16:18). A few mistakes people make in thinking about the church are:

**The church is a building.** It is not; it is a body of saved people (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).

**The church is an after-thought, or second plan of Jesus, after He could not establish a physical kingdom.**

How wrong such a view is! The church is according to God's eternal plan and purpose (Eph. 3:10-11).

**The church is a social club.** No, the church is a spiritual entity. Its members enjoy social interaction, but they compose the "house of God" and are the "kingdom" of Christ (1 Tim. 3:15; Col. 1:13).

**The church is a human institution, so we can make our own rules.** How wrong! The church belongs to Christ and His Word is our law (Heb. 9:15). He is the Head of the church (Col. 1:18)!

## Are You Ready?

While on a South Pole expedition, British explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton left a few men on Elephant Island, promising that he would return.

Later, when he tried to go back, huge icebergs blocked the way. But suddenly, as if by chance, an avenue opened in the ice and Shackleton was able to get through. His men ready and waiting, quickly scrambled aboard. No sooner had the ship cleared the island than the ice crushed together behind them.

Contemplating their narrow escape, the explorer said to his men, "It was fortunate you were all packed and ready to go." They replied, "We never gave up hope. Whenever the sea was clear of ice, we rolled up our sleeping bags and reminded each other, He may come today."

In like manner, we do not know when the Lord shall return, only the Father knows (Mt. 24:26) - but we had better be ready. The Lord may return today, tomorrow, next week, next year or 1,000 years from now. The Lord has given us no date, only that His return shall be as a thief in the night (Mt. 24:42-51) - without warning. This is why Jesus said, "*Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come*" If the Lord were to come today, would you be ready? Are you sure?

## August 16, 2020

### A.M.

Announcements

Larry May

Song Leader

Jaxon Straw

Sermon

Allen Weakland

Opening Prayer

Larry May

Scripture

Scot Straw

Second Prayer

Bill Ryan

Closing Prayer

Doug Guynn

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Joshua Weakland

### P.M.

Larry May

Oliver Hernandez

Allen Weakland

Larry May

Craig Wesson

Jeff Wesson

Bill Brown

Richard Siler

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Pulpit:* Craig Wesson 934-4633—*Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Collections:* Cody Wesson 934-4646

(Our services are stream-lined on FB)

### **Sunday AM**

*"Answer to Sin"*

*(I John 2:1-2)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Back to the Bible"*

*(II Timothy 3:16-17)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 43*

*Morning Worship...61*

*Evening Worship...36*

*Wednesday...65*

*Contribution... \$4,244.00*