

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Worship and the Coronavirus—Part 1

*“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”* (Hebrews 10:25). Christians are commanded to assemble together the first day of every week (Acts 20:7). In these assemblies we are commanded to sing, pray, give, preach and to partake of the Lord’s Supper. The Hebrew letter was not written to any particular congregation, but to the Hebrew people at large. Some of them had begun to forsake the assembling, and to trickle back into Judaism. When/if we do this, it is sin (Hebrews 10:26). We hope you have not been negligent, during this Coronavirus Pandemic, in your individual duty to worship God.

The local congregation is not only the highest form of church government upon the earth; it is the only form of church government upon the earth. God ordained and established each individual congregation to be governed by a group of men known as elders, *“And when they had ordained them elders in every church and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed”* (Acts 14:23). An elder’s authority is confined to the congregation that appoints him. Peter penned unto his fellow elders, *“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind”* (I Peter 5:2). The church has no centralized form of government through which to function, here on earth. Therefore, I must be a member of the local congregation in order to serve God in His church. Immediately after Saul’s/Paul’s conversion, he sought to join himself unto the local congregation in Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples...And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem” (Acts 9:26, 28). The only way I can submit to and obey, the government that God has ordained in the church, is to be a member of a local congregation (Heb. 13:17). These passages illustrate the importance and necessity of being a member of the local congregation.

While we are told to obey government, we are not at liberty to disobey God in order to conform to governmental authority. Paul penned, *“Let every soul be subject unto the high powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation”* (Romans 13:1-2). However, this command is qualified by the following statements; *“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men”* (Acts 5:29). In the previous chapter, when the Sanhedrin threatened and warned the apostles not to teach or speak in the name of Jesus, they replied, *“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard”* (Acts 4:19-20) Thankfully, at this time, our government has not tried to tell us that we cannot assemble to worship, but has simply requested that we do so in smaller numbers in order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus among the populace. “IF” we can obey God, and accommodate governmental authority at the

same time, surely it would be wise to do so.

—Larry Yarber  
Part 2 next week

### ***Prayer Request***

Terresia Weaver has requested prayers for **Robert Alcazar** (her niece's husband) Robert is in ICU at UMC hospital in Lubbock. He is on medication for Arrhythmia and got a heart catheter put in on the right side of his heart. Robert has a heart capacity of 10%. He is 47 years old. Please keep him in your prayers that he receives what is needed to help him have better health.

**Bobby Wells** (father of Josh Wells) was admitted into the hospital due to passing out twice last Friday. He was diagnosed with a blood infection. Bobby was doing better after being treated and was to go home soon.

### ***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)**

All males in Israel were required to attend how many feasts each year? (a) Seven (b) Three (c) Twelve?

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

Peter was staying with (b) Simon the tanner when Cornelius sent for him to come to his house.

#### **Did You Know?**

During the whole time the Israelites wandered around the desert, they never got swollen feet. (Deuteronomy 8:4)

### ***Events***

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

The Ackerly Church of Christ is hosting a "**Gospel Meeting**" with Brother Mike Bonner from San Angelo, TX –September 13th-16th. The theme is entitled "We Win." Their invitation is posted on our bulletin board showing the times and titles for each lesson. Please check it out and try to set aside some time to attend if you possibly can.

### ***Thank You***

I want to "Thank" all of the church for your prayers on behalf of my mother, Petra Baca. She is doing very well. She passed the swallow test this past Thursday. May our Lord bless each one of you.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Campos

## Office News

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home will be here Wednesday, September 2nd for their food drive. They are requesting **Coconut Oil** and **Dryer Sheets**. Monetary donations also accepted.

NOTE:

There will be a "Deacon's Meeting" this evening following our services in the Library.

## The Promise of Life in Christ

There is a little phrase found in 2 Timothy Chapter 1:1 that I absolutely appreciate. The phrase uplifts our souls and helps us experience a *spiritual freshness*. The phrase is found in the KJV, NKJV, ESV, NIV, and the NASB reads this way: *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the **promise of life** that is in Christ Jesus.* The promise of life is what it is all about! The promise of life is at the forefront of Paul's thinking as he writes his second letter to Timothy around A.D. 67. This great soldier of Christ is sitting in a Roman prison and will soon be executed for his faith, yet he still maintained his passionate heart for God.

We might ask, "...what does a passionate heart for God look like?" Here is the short answer. Passionate hearts ruled by God will always desire to please God and keep His Word. A passionate heart will always be in pursuit of eternal things. It is the heart that will be a faithful steward of God's Word till the very end. The passionate heart for God is a beneficiary of the promise of life and thus desires to serve God till it takes its last beat. A passionate heart motivates us to love—God's way—till our last day on earth! Remember God doesn't only want us to have a passionate heart for Him; He has a passionate heart for us. (John 3:16).

—Clark Tatum

### August 23, 2020

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Larry May
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Richard Siler	John Wood
Second Prayer	Jaxon Straw	Bill Brown
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Tommy Garcia	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 also stream-lined on FB)

### Sunday AM

"Power of Truth"  
(1John 2:24-27)

## **Sunday PM**

*"Back to the Bible" (Pt 2)*  
*(II Timothy 3:16-17)*

## **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 58*

*Morning Worship...85*

*Evening Worship...55*

*Wednesday...43*

*Contribution... \$4,592.11*



