

Eisenhower Church of Christ

In John 6:53 we have a much misunderstood “except.” Here Jesus says: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.” Ever since I can remember I have heard brethren, especially when waiting on the Lord’s table, use this verse and make application of it to the bread and cup. The sixty-third verse of this same chapter would show this to be a wrong application. The statement in this verse is: “The flesh profiteth nothing.” When we hear the Gospel of Christ and obey it, we are eating the flesh and drinking the blood of Christ. Without obedience to Him we are not going to benefit by His death and resurrection. We are children of God and heirs of God when we are obedient children (Romans 8:16-17).

In John 15:4 we have another important “except” from the Son of God. “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.” We know that when a branch is severed from the vine it withers and dies. No fruit will ever be found on this dead branch. Christians who do not abide in Christ wither and die. They bear no fruit. Christ is the vine, and each Christian is an individual branch. Fruit is found on branches.

Some sectarians would tell us that denominational churches are the “branches”. Christ was not talking to denominations nor of denominations. He was teaching His disciples. He says they are the branches. In the sixth verse he says that men are the branches. All the branches that the New Testament church has are the members of the church. They bear fruit.

Jesus gave another “except” in Matthew 19:9. Here He is laying down His law for divorce. He gives us to understand there is no cause for divorce except it be for fornication. He did make this exception. It might be well for us to remember that Matthew wrote his narrative several years after the New Testament church had its beginning. Here the Holy Spirit is bringing to Matthew’s remembrance what the Lord had taught on this important question. He was not bringing to his remembrance what Moses had taught. In fact, this is not the law of Moses on divorce, but it is the law of Christ. You know it is a dangerous thing not to receive what Christ said on any subject. “For Moses truly said unto the fathers. A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that ever soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people” (Acts 3:22-23). Now let us hear what that “prophet” said on divorce and remarriage: “It hath been said, “Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement; but I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery” (Matthew 5:31-32). That “prophet” said that one could not put away his wife except for fornication. He further said that when one marries one who has thus been put away, he commits adultery. Let us hear Him.

—Fred Dennis

Why Hymn Books but Not Pianos?

Some may wonder how one could object to a piano in worship to God and yet have hymn books. Neither is specifically mentioned in the New Testament.

Let us illustrate. When God told Noah to build an ark out of “gopher wood” (Genesis 6:14), that *did not* authorize Noah to use pine, fir, or cedar, for these are *another* kind of wood. To use another kind of wood *without authority* would have been presumption. However, that command *did* authorize tools to build with gopher wood, even though *not* specifically mentioned.

Likewise, when God said, “sing” (Ephesians 5:19), that *did not* authorize pianos, guitars and organs,

for these are *another kind* of music. To offer God another kind of music *without authority* is presumption. But, the command to sing *did* authorize hymn books, a leader, lights, and harmony, though not specifically mentioned.

— Steve Fontenot

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Carolyn Siler and her family in the loss of her brother-in-law, **Milton Lee McMillan**. Milton passed from this life on Thursday, August 18th in Ballinger. A memorial service was held for him at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th at the 9th Street Church of Christ with Max Pratt officiating the service. Keep this family in your prayers.

Azaria's (Misty Perkins' daughter) funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 23rd at the Calvary Assembly of God building in Midland. There was a family and friend's night from 6-8 pm Monday evening at the American Heritage funeral home in Gardendale.

Prayer Request

Hazel Cavanaugh has requested our prayers as she is really sick with intestinal problems. She has been to the doctor, but with no results yet. Please keep Hazel in your prayers.

Foy O'Brien (Kamryn Wesson's uncle) who underwent open heart surgery on Friday, August 19th, came through the surgery okay. The surgery took a little longer than expected, but he is doing fine. Continue to keep Foy in your prayers.

Vickie Ryan had a CT scan done last Tuesday. She was expecting test results soon.

Terresia Weaver had her 15th chemo treatment on August 15th. She will have another CT scan after the 19th treatment to check her progress. Please continue to keep Terresia in your daily prayers that she will get good results with each checkup.

Concerns Update

Bill Wood had a stent put in his carotid artery last Tuesday. Everything went well. Bill was kept overnight to monitor his blood pressure.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Kelton Anderson; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Debbie Cox; 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; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Darryl Williamson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Aaron York, Julia York.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, Glenda Hillis; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; 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.

Events

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

This year the "**24th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**", hosted by the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock, will be held October 9-12, 2022. Their flyer showing all the speakers and topics is posted on our bulletin board in the east foyer. The theme is "The Word of God". Please try to set aside some time to attend one or more if you are able.

The Ackerly Church of Christ is hosting a **“Gospel Meeting”** with Wes McAdams, September 11th-14th. The topic is: “What is the Gospel..

Youth

Bible Knowledge Who said it?

Delilah said, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you! (Judges 16:9)

Office News

There will be a **“Baby Shower”** for Julia York at Bonnie Sorenson’s home on Saturday, September 10th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Julia’s selections are at Babylist.com. Caleb and Julia are expecting a baby girl. All the ladies are invited.

We are hosting a **“Diaper Shower”** for Tiffany Rangel. Ramiro & Tiffany are expecting a baby boy at the end of September. A crib is set up in the foyer for them.

We will have a **“Special Contribution”** for Misty Perkins (Jackie & Wanda’s daughter) who lost her child and everything she had in a house fire on Saturday, August 20th. These funds will help her get the things she needs.

The items requested for our **“Food Pantry”** for this week is: Canned Pasta Sauces, Pasta seasoning packets, Canned Meat, Boxes of Mac & Cheese.

I Am a Soldier

I am a soldier in the army of God. Jesus is my commanding officer. The Bible is my code of conduct. I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity. I will either retire in this army at the Lord’s return or die in this army, but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out. I am a soldier.

I am a soldier. I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, pumped, or picked up. I am a soldier.

No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts. I am a soldier.

I cannot have my feelings hurt badly enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit. I am a soldier.

When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead. I will win!

“You, therefore, must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier.” (2 Tim. 2:3-4)

—Selected

August 28th, 2022

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements

Larry May

Larry May

Song Leader

Cody Wesson

Jon Roemisch

Sermon

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

Opening Prayer

Larry May

Larry May

Scripture

Craig Wesson

Isaiah Armendarez

Second Prayer

Jeff Wesson

Gary Loving

Closing Prayer

Jacob Carson

Bill Brown

Lords Supper

Scot Straw

Scripture Reading

Jon Roemisch

Communion

Phil Halbert

(In Library)

Jackie Perkins

David Ryan

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May —638-3990 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Collections:* Jacob Carson

Sunday AM

“Reasons to Not Sin”
(Judges 2:1-5)

Sunday PM

“Salvation of Faith”
(Hebrews 11:7)

Our Records

Bible Class... 72
Morning Worship...90
Evening Worship ...67
Wednesday...69
Contribution...\$5,199.25