

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Bible Doesn't Say, "Don't Do It," Does It?

Solomon once wrote that "there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Certainly that saying is true with reference to the arguments that a swelling "progressive" element within the church is employing in defense of the idea that the use of musical instruments is permissible in Christian worship. Or at the very least, they allege, the issue is not one that should prevent fellowship between churches of Christ and denominational groups that use the instrument.

Professors in several colleges are attempting to argue this case, and a number of churches already have begun incorporating the instrument into their services. An even greater number contends that the matter is of no consequence, and there is little doubt that these will have the instrument in the not-distant future.

It once was the case that those who advocated the instrument attempted to make arguments that were at least remotely related to the biblical text. But those arguments proved to be so baseless that most of them have been abandoned. The mantra now appears to be that stale quip, "The Bible doesn't say, 'don't do it.'"

One cannot but believe that with some of these folks it would not matter if the Bible explicitly stated, "You must not use mechanical music in Christian worship." They would do it anyway, for they are "will-worshippers" (Colossians 2:23) who are enamored with carnality, rather than truth.

Imagine for a moment the following scenario. A man takes his car into an automotive repair shop. He informs the proprietor that the vehicle is not running smoothly and he wants a tune-up. When the customer returns the following day, he is presented with a bill for more than \$2,000. In addition to the tune-up, the repairman installed new brakes, a muffler, a carburetor, a fuel pump, and a new set of tires. The customer is enraged and protests: "I did not authorize these extra expenditures!" "I know that," the mechanic responds, "but you did not say not to do it." Suppose the case is taken to court. How do you reckon a judge would rule? The issue is, very simply, one of authority. While we recognize that there are many laws in the bible that are explicitly negative, one may not draw the inference that everything is *permitted* which is not *specifically condemned*.

In the table of the Ten Commandments, the Lord said regarding "graven images," i.e., idol gods, "you shall not bow yourself down to them" (Exodus 20:5). But what if some renegade Hebrew simply "stood" before an idol and prayed? Do you suppose that if he had done such, and made the defense, "He said, 'don't bow' but, he didn't say, 'don't stand' "? Do you suppose the Lord would have been impressed with such a depraved defense?

Can reasonable people not mentally anticipate the logical consequence of this type of reasoning? It throws wide open the gates of apostasy. Consider the following questions that surely could be posed by modern innovators.

Why can't we pray to Mary and the saints? The Bible doesn't explicitly condemn it.

Why can't we observe communion on Saturday? The Bible doesn't say not to.

Why can't we have Pepsi and pizza for communion? The Bible doesn't forbid it.

Why can't we baptize babies? The New Testament doesn't censure it.

Why can't we smoke marijuana in worship? No text prohibits it.

It has become increasingly apparent that not only do we see a new generation emerging that knows practically nothing about the Scriptures; largely it is a people that cannot reason. Logic, to them, is like an alien language.

For many, their entire religious emphasis (under a leaking umbrella they call “spiritual”) is one of feelings, self-centeredness, and an appeal to the carnal.

—Wayne Jackson

Sympathy

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Ed Fisher**. Ed passed away Monday, August 24th at his home. A memorial service was conducted at Eisenhower church of Christ Thursday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m. Ed was laid to rest at the American Heritage Cemetery.

Prayer Requests

Glenna McCarty has an infection in her lower stomach which is being treated with antibiotics.

Trina Plyler is scheduled for colon surgery Monday, August 31st in Weatherford, TX. She does not have a stage four cancer which is good news. However, they expect Trina’s surgery to be a difficult one. She is George and Jurlean Warren’s daughter. Keep her in your prayers.

Prayers have been requested for **Casey Cleveland** who has been very sick with a very high temperature of 105. Casey is a student at Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver, CO.

Concerns Update

Andrew Schwarz underwent a three hour surgery Monday, August 24th in Oklahoma. The doctors said everything went well. They were able to remove the tumor and some lymph nodes. Andrew’s hospital stay was expected to be anywhere from 3-7 days. Keep him in your prayers.

Lee Roy Bell has made a marked improvement both in his well-being and strength. He is still doing physical therapy at Madison Medical Resort. He seems to be doing really well.

Ora McAfee’s shoulder surgery Thursday, August 20th at ORMC went well.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Brian Drake; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambricht; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Katie Limer; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Jack McCarty; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Avery Ojado; Jonathan Pegan; Judy Phillips; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Christa Bella Sellers; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Nancy Slife; James Stevens; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells;

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Anna Groves; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty & Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What was the name of Judas Iscariot’s father?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

Joshua was the son of Nun.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Christian Take Aim**” at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; www.thegospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the “**Speaking the Truth in Love**” program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Events

Fifth Sunday Potluck/Strengthening the Family Reorganization Meeting—Today following our A.M. service... Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A “**Men’s Breakfast**” is scheduled for Saturday, September 5th.

There will be a “**Ladies Breakfast**” Saturday, October 3rd in the Annex. The men of the congregation will be doing the cooking.

Crib Shower...

A “**Crib Shower**” is being hosted for Bradley & Raven Wilson’s new baby girl, Madelyn Diane. A baby crib is set up in the east foyer for your gifts. Selections are at Target. They will be using “**gDiapers Cloth inserts**”

Office News

Our “**Food Pantry**” is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.

The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, September 1st for a food drive. They are requesting **Oatmeal**. Monetary donations accepted.

NOTE: Devida Montgomery will be out of the office September 2nd–9th. She will be visiting her family in Ohio. Please be sure to leave all important messages or information with one of the Elders. The office work will resume on the 10th.

You Have the Right to Tell
Any Lost Soul How to Be Saved!

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (I Peter 3:15).

These things are simple, profound, and true! Let us all be busy evangelizing as the early church did (Acts 8:4-5).

—via Piedmont Road
Church of Christ
Marietta, GA

August 30, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lord’s Supper

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Denny Wilson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Richard Siler
Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson

P.M.

Allen Weakland
John Wood
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Tom Sorenson
Jr. Munoz
Rudy Ochoa

West...	Larry May Trinidad Wood Clint Titlow	Bill Tolbert Communion (In Library)
East...	Bill Brown Charles Wood Isaiah Armendarez	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon:* Richard Siler 362-1392 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486
Table: Bill Tolbert 381-5564 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702;
Collections: Tommy Garcia 638-2702

Sunday AM”

*“Motivation to do God’s Will”
(John 4:34)*

Sunday PM

*“Is it From Heaven or Men?”
(Mark 11:27-33)*

Our Records

*Bible Class...75
Morning Worship...96
Evening Worship...67
Wednesday...88
Contribution...\$3,951.00*

