

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Worship and the Coronavirus—Part 2

The Old Testament has been written and recorded for our learning, “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through comfort and patience of the scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4). The “holy convocations,” (...public meeting, assembly, something called out...”Strong), of the Jewish community, forbade attendance to the diseased (leper) or those suspected of disease (defiled) (Leviticus 23:1-5, 13:45-46; Numbers 5:1-4, please be sure to look up and read all of these passages in your Bibles). There was even a provision granted to the one who was not able, due to circumstances beyond their control, to partake of the Passover in its due season. They were allowed to observe this “holy convocation” one month later (Numbers 9:1-14). However, this privilege could not be abused and if someone did abuse it, this person was not allowed to observe this feast one month later on, but was to be cut off from among his people (again, Numbers 9:1-14). Lepers therefore and those who were under quarantine for defilement, were forced to worship God separate and apart from the main assembly. This is basically what is taking place under the current Coronavirus Pandemic.

In like manner, when the Jerusalem congregation was scattered abroad, due to persecution, undoubtedly, they met and worshipped in smaller groups until the persecution ceased and they were able to return to Jerusalem (Acts 8:1-5). For years brethren have been forced to postpone or cancel services, due to inclement weather such as tornados, snow/ice, floods earthquakes, etc. Sick and/or infectious members have been unable to attend regular assemblies due to unpreventable and uncontrollable circumstances. No one has, or should they attempt to condemn these peoples for not assembling with the main body. We all should recognize that in circumstances such as this, people can, and in other times did, worship God acceptably, separate and apart from the main congregation. Thus, both Old and New Testament examples illustrate these truths to us.

These comments are not intended to accuse, excuse or justify anyone. They are written to remind us that we need to exercise caution when making judgments in areas of expedience (Romans 14:1ff). —Larry Yarber

### Just Checking Up

A young boy walked into a drug store and asked to use the telephone. He asked the operator to give him a certain number.

“Hello, Dr. Anderson, Do you want to hire a boy to cut the grass and run errands for you? Oh, you already have a boy? Are you completely satisfied with the boy you have? O.K. then, good buy Doctor.” As the boy thanked the druggist, the druggist said, “Just a minute son, if you are looking for work, I could use a boy like you.” The boy replied, “Thank you, sir, but I have a job.” “Didn’t I just hear you trying to get a job from Dr. Anderson?” No sir,” said the lad, “you see I’m the boy who is working for Dr. Anderson and I was just checking up on myself.”

It might do us all good to check up on ourselves once in a while to see if God is pleased with our attendance, our giving, our worship and all the work in His vineyard.

***“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith” (2 Corinthians 13:5).***

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### ***Sympathy***

Please keep Blanca Ramos in your prayers. Approximately, three months ago, her husband, **Honorio**, suffered a heart attack during the night and passed away in his sleep. Blanca and Honorio were former members of Eisenhower.

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Maria Anaya** will be going to El Paso to undergo two day surgeries to have a couple of stents put in; one in her leg to open the flow of blood and the other stent will go closer to her heart. Maria has been experiencing continuous pain in her leg. Keep her in your prayers that the surgeries will go well.

**Mildred Lee** has a case of the shingles. Shingles are very painful. Let us pray that Mildred's will be short lived so she can be pain free.

**Sheila Stanton** is in need of prayers. She is experiencing a severely low iron count and is in a weakened state at this time. She was being scheduled for an iron infusion.

**Tom Siler** (Richard's brother) has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Keep him in your prayers that he receives effective treatments for his cancer. Tom lives in Weatherford.

**Abessa Chavez** (Gabriella Cleveland's mom) has been diagnosed with cervical cancer. Prayers have been requested for her.

### ***Concerns update***

**Robert Alcazar** (Terresia Weaver's niece's husband) has been put on numerous medicines. He is too weak to have any corrective surgeries. He was scheduled to go home by the end of August with a vest that will shock his heart if he feels short of breath. Robert must get stronger to have anything done. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Vickie Ryan** tested negative for the Covid Virus last week which was very good news.

**Jasmin Duron** (Linda Tate's granddaughter) tested positive for the Covid Virus. She is in quarantine and doing okay at this time.

### ***Prayer List***

Jack Aaron; Wayne Anderson; 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; Bobby Wells; 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)**

Who was the first farmer?

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

All males in Israel were required to attend **three** feasts each year; the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover), the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. (Deut. 16:16)

## *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.

## *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.

## A Prayer for Our Elders

Our Father, let me be a pillar of strength to our elders, not a thorn in the flesh to sap their strength, not a burden on their back to pull them down.

Let me support them without striving to possess them. Let me lift their hands without placing shackles upon them. Let me give them aid that they may devote time to saving others and less time to gratifying my vanity.

Let me see them as shepherds of the whole flock, not compel them to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me be unselfish in what I do for them, not selfish in demanding that they do more for me. Let me serve church more, happy that they serve me less.

Let me receive not an accusation against them except at the mouth of two or three witnesses. Help me to be merciful in judgment upon them—for I have never walked in their shoes. Help me, Lord, to be a Christian at all times that their work may be made easier and my own soul may be brought close to Thee. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord is this petition offered unto Thee. Amen

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### **August 30, 2020**

	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Jaxon Straw
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Jeff Wesson
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Josh Wells	John Wood
Second Prayer	Gary Loving	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Jr. Munoz
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Jeff Wesson	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 Love”*  
*(1John 4:17-19)*

### **Sunday PM**

*“Back to the Bible” (Pt 3)*  
*(II Timothy 3:16-17)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 56*  
*Morning Worship...83*  
*Evening Worship...NC*  
*Wednesday...56*  
*Contribution... \$3,802.01*