

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Which Jesus are you looking for?

Within all of us should be a strong desire to “see Jesus.” Like the Greeks who said to Philip, **“Sir, we would see Jesus”** (John 12:21). And Zacchaeus who **“sought to see Jesus who he was”** (Luke 19:3), we must put forth every effort to search Him out and hear Him so that we may know nothing but **“Jesus Christ, and him crucified”** (I Corinthians 2:2). But if we are to find Him we must know for whom we are looking. Throughout the years many have created an image of Jesus that is completely unbiblical. Some have imagined Him as a powerless and indifferent prophet, while others have viewed Him as a God of grace and love who requires essentially nothing from His followers. To the Jews gathered on Pentecost, Peter preached Jesus—the real Jesus. In that sermon he detailed three characteristics of Christ that deserve our attention.

First, Jesus is powerful. In Acts 2:22 Peter described Christ as **“a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.”** Jesus was not just any Jewish prophet; He was proven by God to be authentic. This point would not have been lost on the Jews because there had been many messiah type figures in their history that had all been proven to be frauds (cf. Acts 5). How, was His authenticity made known? - **“By miracles and wonders and signs”** which the people had witnessed and knew were legitimate. Jesus was **“declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”** (Romans 1:4). Jesus is the Lamb of God who has **“prevailed” and is therefore worthy to “receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing”** (Revelation 5:5-12). No one should doubt that Jesus is powerful because His power was on vivid display when He walked the earth, and it continues to be on display today, though non-miraculously. Christ has the power to forgive sins, heal broken hearts and change lives (cf. Luke 4:18). He is not impotent or disinterested. He is the powerful Son of God.

Second, the authentic Jesus is the Jesus of Scripture, the one who is rightly described on the pages of Scripture. In his sermon Peter referenced Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11, 2 Samuel 7:12-16, and Psalm 110:1. Unlike so many today, Peter was not content with giving his own ideas and opinions about Christ and His kingdom,. Instead, he based every point upon the steadfast foundation of Holy Writ. If we are to really know Christ (I Cor. 2:2), then it must be the Christ who is described in Scripture. He is full of love and compassion (Matthew 9:36), but He is also wrathful (John 2:13-17; Matthew 23). He is our Savior (John 1:29; Luke 19:10), but He is also our Judge (John 12:48; Acts 17:30-31). Too often we focus only on the characteristics of Jesus that appeal to us, but that is a skewed view of who He really is. We must have a balanced and Biblical view of Christ if we truly are to see and know Him.

Third, Jesus is our Lord. The conclusion to Peter’s powerful sermon is found in Acts 2:36. He said...

**“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”**

Jesus is “the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords” (I Timothy 6:15). Some may say that it is a tired old cliché, but it is true nonetheless; “Jesus must be Lord of all or not at all.” Here is where the majority of the people who desire to follow Christ, go back and **“walked no more with him”** (John 6:66). Jesus must truly be Lord of everything. He is Lord when I am shopping for new clothes, making my monthly budget or

turning on my television. He must be Lord of how I choose to teach and discipline my children, what vacation destination my family chooses and whether or not I will make the decision to continue to put God first while I am away from home. He must be Lord of everything that I say, think, and do. Truly, He must be “Lord of all, or not at all.”

Which Jesus are you looking for? Is it the powerful, Biblical Christ who is Lord of all? Or, is it the imitation Jesus that so many have fabricated? Rest assured, you will find whichever Jesus you seek. How we answer that question is eternally important.

—Cody Westbrook

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to Lonna Bayless and her family in the loss of her mother, **Betty Anderson**. Betty passed from this life on Thursday, September 15th. A private service was conducted for her on Saturday, September 17th in Oklahoma.

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Mirta Garcia** will have an MRI done on her lower back to see if her problem can be pinpointed. She is requesting our prayers.

**Bill Ryan** has been diagnosed with A-fib problems with his heart. He is on medication. Prayers have been requested for him.

**Mary Brown** is having a problem with her neck and the ability to turn her head. She has seen a chiropractor which did not help much. Keep her in your prayers that she can find the cause.

**Cody Wesson** was scheduled for knee repair surgery in Dallas, TX Thursday, September 22nd.

Carolyn Wilkerson is requesting prayers for her daughter, **Reda Sowell**. Rita has an upper respiratory infection and also the shingles. Two years ago Rita was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis which causes muscle weakness.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Ruby Davis** got a shot in her neck and one in her knee to cushion her joints and help with the pain.

### ***Prayer List***

Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Krizdon Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Isabel Chacon; Eddie Chavez; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; Leta Collier; Carol Cooper; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; Charles Dickens; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Monica Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Natalie Hudson; Bobby Hunt; Charles & Helen Jones; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Laura Olivas; Amber Parker; Trina Plyler; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singleterry; Madison Smith; Bob Spurlin; Cheryl Thompson; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw; and Lester Whisenant.

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

What does “testament” mean?

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

The two principle religious sects in Christ’s day were the Pharisees and Sadducees.

## **Events**

Watch **“In Search of the Lord’s Way”** every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

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.

**The Knott Church of Christ’s** Fall Gospel Meeting starts today, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and goes through Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Denny Wilson is the guest speaker. Theme: “I Stand In Awe of You”. The flyer is on the bulletin board.

The **“Westside Church of Christ”** will have their **“Fall Gospel Meeting October 2nd—5th”** Theme: “Getting Close to God” with Guest Speaker John Moore. The topics are posted on the bulletin board.

**“A Marriage Enrichment Seminar”** entitled **“Traveling the Road of Marriage”** with John & Carla Moore is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>—October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Westside Church of Christ, Midland, TX. The details are posted on bulletin board.

## **Thank You**

The goodies basket is great! Special thanks to Mary for delivering it and the visit.  
Maxine Newton

## **Office News**

The **“Tipton Children’s Home”** truck will be in Odessa October 25-27 to pick up any food items and supplies. They are requesting... **Whole Dill Pickles, (Saltines, Club, Ritz Crackers), Assorted Cereal, Chicken Broth, Sliced Peaches, Green Chilies, Canned Tuna & Chicken. (Requested Supplies) Aluminum Foil, 13 and 30 Gallon Can Liners, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Small liquid hand soaps.**

The **“New Mexico Children’s Home”** will be back in Odessa December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. They are requesting **Tea Bags** and **Koolaid**. Monetary donations also accepted.

**Note:** Ladies, we will be stuffing heart pillows Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Annex.

<b>September 25, 2016</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Dex Dennard
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Dex Dennard	Isaiah Armendarez
Second Prayer	Charles Wood	Josh Wells
Closing Prayer	Scot Straw	Richard Siler

Lord's Supper

West...

Craig Wesson

Josh Wells

Dylan Straw

East...

Richard Siler

Trinidad Wood

Cody Wesson

John Wood

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** **Elder :** Jeff Wesson 556-5547; **Deacon:** Bill Ryan 272-5507 **Pulpit:** George

Warren 557-2171 **Table:** John Wood 413-7444; **Song Leaders:** Denny Wilson 325-340-2291;

**Recording Duties:** Chris Butler 362-7486; **Collections:** Chris Butler 362-7486

### **Sunday AM**

*"Ethiopian Conversion"*

*(Acts 8:26-35)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Antitype of How God Saves"*

*(1 Peter 3:18-22)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 70*

*Morning Worship...115*

*Evening Worship...75*

*Wednesday...73*

*Contribution...\$3,854.36*