

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Church is Different

God has taught His people to be different. His people often forget this truth and lose their distinctiveness. Israel wanted to become like the other nations around them (I Samuel 8). They did and God cast them off. Surely there is a warning for the church.

***The Church is Different from The World.*** The church is different from the world in its attitude and ambitions. ***“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world”*** (John 17:16). Christian values are different from sinners’. Sinners live for self. Christians live to glorify God and serve others (Matthew 16:24; Mark 10:45). Are we losing this distinctiveness today? Are the ambitions of Christians different from non-Christians?

***The Church Differs from Judaism.*** Judaism was carnal; the church is spiritual. ***“Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service and a worldly sanctuary...which stood only in meats and drinks and divers washing and carnal ordinances imposed until the time of reformation”*** (Hebrews 9:1, 10). Look at the word, “carnal.” The church is spiritual (Ephesians 1:3). It is heavenly (Ephesians 2:6). It worships in spirit and truth (John 4:24; Romans 1:9). This is one reason that mechanical instruments of music have no place in Christian worship. If one granted that it was right in the Old Testament it does not suit the spiritual worship of the New Testament. Christian worship must be from the heart. ***“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”*** (Ephesians 5:19).

***The Church is Different from Catholicism.*** The church differs from the Catholic Church in that it accepts the authority of the Scriptures. Catholics do not. Consider the following: “One must keep the commandments of God and the church” (catechism of Christian Doctrine, No. 1 p. 31). The Scriptures are an authority, but not the only authority. In truth, it is no authority since the pope must interpret it. Catholics teach that 2 Peter 1:20 denies the right of individual interpretation, but Peter is speaking of how Scripture was given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:2). Paul commanded ***“prove all things, hold fast to that which is good”*** (I Thessalonians 5:21). The Lord’s church urges all to have an open mind and “search the scriptures daily” to see if what is heard is in harmony with what they have read.

***The Church is Different from Protestantism.*** The church differs from Protestantism in that it accepts the completeness of the Scriptures. The church has no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible. All teaching is based upon the Book. All questions are decided by what the Bible teaches not a manual or discipline. It also differs from Protestantism in accepting the completeness of the Scripture and denying the need for a direct operation of the Holy Spirit in order to be able to understand it. Protestants misapply I Corinthians 2:14. They think the natural man is a sinner and that without a direct operation of the Spirit he cannot understand the bible. It is strange that though the Bible is made of words, just like those in school books and newspapers, one can understand a book or paper, but not the Bible.

***The Church is Different from the Christian Church.*** The church differs from the Christian Church in its respect for the silence of the Scriptures. The Christian church teaches that where the Bible is silent we may speak or act. This opens the door for anything that is not specifically forbidden. This is a real difference between it and the church.

**Conclusion:** We should not be afraid or ashamed to be different from the world, from Judaism, from Catholicism, from Protestantism, and even from the Christian Church. Without a doubt one of the greatest problems we are facing in the church today is the fact that most people are afraid to be different.

—Franklin Camp

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to Wilene Wright and her family in the loss of her brother, **Ernest Lewis**. Ernest passed away on September 14th in O'Fallon, ILL. He had Alzheimer's and contracted the Covid 19 virus. His services were held in Illinois.

### ***Prayer Request***

**James Drake** was taken to Medical Center Hospital last week due to COPD. He is in room #738, but not allowed to have visitors.

Please keep **Mary Brown** in your prayers. She is scheduled to start physical therapy this week on her neck and also on her right leg. Please pray that the therapy will take care of her pain.

**Don Easlon** injured his knee at work and is home staying off it. He is having some pain and in need of prayers.

Sylvia Campos is requesting prayers for her niece, **Diane Salinas**. Diane started a very aggressive chemo treatment last Tuesday that went through September 25th. Then, tomorrow, she will undergo a very risky T-Cell transplant with several complications following the transplant. The doctors assured her that they should go away after a few days. Her transplant will be done at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Diane is in dire need of prayers at this time.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Irma Gomez** (Mirta Garcia's mother) had a heart procedure done on September 22nd in Lubbock. Everything went well. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

**Albessa Chavez** (Gabriella Cleveland's mother) who underwent surgery on September 14th will need treatments for her cancer. Please keep Albessa in your daily prayers that she will win this battle.

**Maria Anaya's** stent surgery last Thursday went well. She was prescribed some pain medication; she is home recuperating. Keep Maria in your prayers.

### ***Prayer List***

Robert Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Abessa Chavez; Steve Chavez; Jon Cooper; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Leo Holloway; Vertie Howard; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. & Julie Munoz; Barbara Murphy; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Erica Patiño; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Tim Tolbert; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Bobby Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

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

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### ***Youth***

**Bible Quiz Question ... True or False**

Nichodemus was a Pharisee (John 3:1)

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

Goliath's lineage was of the Philistines. (I Samuel 17:4)

## Events

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

This evening we will have a "Prayer Service". We will be praying for our country and our political leaders.

Gloria Craig is hosting a "Family Devotional" on Saturday, October 10th at 4:00 pm. She is having Chili Dogs. Please check with her as to what you can help out with. Everyone is invited

**Food for Thought...** Love is not holding on too tight.

## My Heart Gets There First

An elderly Christian lady, dreadfully crippled with rheumatism, used to hobble to the services of the church on two sticks. It was a great ordeal and required of her considerable toil and pain. A friend of hers observed her regularly and asked: "How do you manage to be at every service?" Her answer was classic: "My heart gets there first and my old legs just follow after."

There is the key to faithfulness, not only in attendance at the worship assemblies, but in living a life worthy of the name "Christian".

Jesus had taught men to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). All acceptable service to God and His son begins in the heart—a heart filled with love. A heart filled with the love of God and His Son will show itself in external actions. Jesus said, "*If you love me, keep my commandments* (John 15:14).

If Jesus truly is Lord in our hearts, our lives will be lived so that others will see Christ living in us and the hope we have in our heart (I Peter 3:15-16).

We have heard the expression, "their heart is not in it." I'm afraid that the Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, must be saying that about many people who profess to follow Christ. Is your heart in the service to Christ? If so, you'll be like the lady above; your heart gets there first and your legs naturally will follow.

—Lindel Doty  
Shreveport, LA

<b>September 27, 2020</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Men of Congregation
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Richard Siler
Second Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Miguel Lozano
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Jacob Carson	John Wood
		Communion
		(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon:* Tommy Garcia — *Pulpit:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Table:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Scot Straw 288-4533 — *Collections:* Scot Straw 288-4533  
**(Our services are also live streamed on FB)**

## **Sunday AM**

*“Keeping Our Focus”  
(I John 3:4-10)*

## **Sunday PM**

*“Prayer Service for Our Nation”*

## **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 49*

*Morning Worship...70*

*Evening Worship...43*

*Wednesday...55*

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