

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Forsake Not

Absenteeism is a common problem every congregation of the Lord's church faces. There are no preachers, elders or other concerned Christians who are not at least to some degree frustrated by the blatant forsaking of the assembly by faint hearted brethren. Consider those things a Christian miss by not assembling with the saints as he/she ought.

The willfully absent Christian turns his back upon the privilege of coming before the Creator of all things, as a faithful child to worship and give a sacrifice of praise in the name of Jesus. What person would throw away an invitation to have an audience with the President, or perhaps with a monarch, let alone an invitation to actually converse and sit at a table to eat with such? The main problem is those afore described have not really thought through nor taken seriously their relationship with God, what the purpose of worship is, nor what their duty is to their God and Savior.

Those who forsake the assembly miss out on the fellowship designed to last eternally. It seems really strange how some act like they could not care less about the brethren, whether in worship or other planned fellowships, by never or rarely ever showing up. Yet, they think they will go to Heaven with those same brethren and be together forever!

Closely linked to fellowship, the Christian who forsakes the assembly also misses out on edification. Edification is strictly personal. It is not so much the design of worship, but it is one of the "built in" benefits or "by-products" of worship.

A third item forsaking brethren miss out on is instruction. This is usually the point about which some, those who try to justify their sin, will quibble. They allege they can get as much or more out of their own personal bible reading at home as at worship. It's hard to believe that those who forsake the assembly actually take time at home to study their Bible. If they truly studied their Bible, they would soon learn of their error, repent and not forsake assembling with the saints any longer.

The fourth and fifth aspects of worship the lazy member misses are those of the privilege of giving and the sobering proclamation of the death of our Lord in the Supper. The dedicated Christian knows the joy and regard of dutiful, bountiful and sacrificial giving to the Lord's cause. It is the grateful Christian who would not within his or her power, willfully forsake meeting with those of like precious faith about the Lord's table.

Now, though it is (or should be) obvious to all that to forsake the assembly is outright disobedience. Therefore, one sins by forsaking the assembly.

- There is the foremost disobedience of Hebrews 10:25
- There is the failure to edify the brethren when opportunity was present to do so (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- There is the willful disobedience of not giving as per (1 Corinthians 16).
- There is the failure to eat the Lord's Supper as was a part of the apostles' doctrine and practice which all faithful first century Christian followed (Acts 2:42; 20:7, etc.).

The most frightening point in all of this is: Christians who willfully forsake the assembly and, thus, willfully sin in all the areas listed above will miss Heaven. That is the point made in the context of Hebrews 10:25-35.

Reader, if you are guilty of the sin of forsaking the assembly on the first day (or any assembly of the church) we implore you: “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness” (Acts 8:22) and cease that which is so obviously sinful!

—Southside Church of Christ

### ***Prayer Request***

Lindsey Wells’ five month’s old baby cousin, **Elyse Reyes**, had surgery for a twisted stomach. Everything went well, but she is not completely well yet.

**Juli Marshall** had to go to the ER last Sunday because she was having trouble breathing. Juli had an anxiety attack.

**John Michael Armendariz** (Sonia’s cousin) is having a rough time with the Covid virus.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Bill Brown** is starting his next round of chemo treatments. Please continue to keep in your prayers, Bill and also **Mary**, who has not been feeling well lately.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; Sam Archer; Sean Bradley; Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Tara Grimmett; Doug Guynn; Rosanna Herrera; Alex Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Reda Sowell; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower’s Shut-ins***

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna McCarty; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### ***Youth***

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

Israel’s first King was Saul.

### ***Bridal Shower***

Ladies, you are invited to a “**Bridal Shower**” for Kamryn Pepper (Bride-Elect of Cody Wesson) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 16th in the Church Annex. Selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond & Dillard’s. Come join the fun!

### ***Events***

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

We are hosting a (safe and fun) “**Trunk or Treat**” festival for the whole family at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30th. There will be games, food, candy, fun and fellowship. If you can help, please see either Ashley or Kallie.

### ***New Birth***

Congratulations to BethAnn and Steven Easlon on the birth of their baby girl, BobbiAnn Belle; born at 3:57 a.m. September 27th. She weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long.

### ***Thank You***

The Dear Eisenhower Family, Thank you so much for all the prayers and get-well cards. Your kind words lifted our spirits in our time of illness. Knowing my daughter and her family are a part of such a loving congregation is a blessing that fills my heart with happiness. In Christian Love, Eddie and Nina Chavez

## Salvation: Full and Free

The Bible has to be the full, complete and final authority in our spiritual walk. But it isn't. There are over 300 active faiths regarding God. You may say, as I have heard, that some just have a different interpretation. Really? Then why do some espouse things that aren't even in the Bible, example, sinner's prayer, once saved always saved, etc., contrary to what the Bible teaches (Revelation 3:5)

Or, what about the things taught that directly oppose what the bible teaches: call no man father on the earth for one is your Father in heaven (Matthew 23:9). Doesn't sound like an interpretation problem to me; sounds like an authority problem. Who told you to risk your soul's salvation to a man? Any man.

Could God rightly punish your disobedience if He had not told you how to obey? At what point in history has God ever left the worship of His name up to man's discretion? No, God has always been very clear what He wants from us. Love and obedience. Our obedience can only be accomplished by knowledge of His Will which is the Word. How many of you have ever completely read the terms of a bank loan? I thought so. You trust what the loan officer is telling you is also on the paper. But is that really trust or is it simply in harmony with the fact that you don't want to read it anyway. Where the soul is concerned it seems a bit more important.

I have never, nor will I ever, tell you to do what I say is right. I will show you what God has said is right. His plan is simplistic and holy. Turn away from the wickedness this world has become (Luke 13:3-5), confess the name of His Son as Lord (Romans 10:9-13) and be baptized for the remission of sin and walk with God (Acts 2:37-38, Acts 22:16, Mark 16:15-16, Romans 6:3-4).

The Bible is the authority because it is the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and it offers you salvation full and free.

—Tim Turpin  
Northside church of Christ, Cordell, OK

<b>October 3, 2021</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Jackie Perkins	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Gary Lcving
Closing Prayer	Charles Wood	Scot Straw
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Larry May</u>	Communion
	Jr. Munoz	(In Library)
	Tom Sorenson	
	Richard Siler	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 —*Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 —*Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444—*Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Collections:* Bill Ryan

### Sunday AM

*“Jesus-The Politically Incorrect Evangelist” - Pt. #4*  
(John 4:25-35)

**Sunday PM**

*“Back to the Bible—Christ, who is He?” - Pt. #5  
(John 1:29)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 66*

*Morning Worship...98*

*Evening Worship...52*

*Wednesday...63*

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