

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Current Crises Challenging the Church

Many who once walked among the faithful have turned aside to follow the doctrines of men and their own stubborn will. In the forefront of this new digression are some who are well known and who have acquired a devoted following. In time past many of these false teachers were proclaimers of the faith. In contrast to Paul, who preached the faith he once destroyed, they now seek to destroy the faith they once preached (Galatians 1:23). Boldly, they proclaim “new” truths and “new” hermeneutics to support them.

They disdain God’s approved pattern as outdated “traditionalism” and mask their old denominational doctrines as “progress” and needed “change” in a “church in transition” in a changing world.

Have we so soon forgotten men of faith and courage, only a generation ago, routed the same errors which false brethren now embrace and advanced the cause of Christ in public debate with denominational opponents who were at least honest enough to identify themselves as different from and opposed to the church of Christ? “Oh, for an honest false teacher.”

Others, working quietly in leadership roles in local congregations have orchestrated subtle changes designed to gradually lead men away from the pure Gospel of Christ. To compound the problem, a generation of spiritual illiterates has provided ready adherents who love to have it so. Do they not know they, in departing from the Gospel are running headlong into the clutches of Satan and the accompanying miseries and eternal damnation? It seems they do not, or they do not care and will not be warned.

What shall those who seek to faithfully follow God’s will do? Ignoring the fact of the departure of formerly faithful brethren will not solve the problem. We owe our brethren more than that (Galatians 6:1)!

First, we must be aware there is a real and present danger threatening the salvation of brethren and those whom they influence and which significantly hinders the work of the Lord’s people. Sadly, many would rather hide their heads in the sand and pretend there is no problem! They do not discern false doctrine when they hear it and will heed no warnings against it. Brethren, Satan is wreaking havoc among the churches! How can we say there is no problem?

Second, we must fortify ourselves to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12), putting on the Christian’s armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) and preparing ourselves to capably and courageously wield the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17). Hoping error and its proponents will somehow self-destruct; thus, freeing us from having to face the issues or fight the battles is the coward’s way out. Let us be set for the defense of the gospel (Philippians 1:17) and ready to oppose error wherever it may be and whoever may uphold it (Ephesians 5:11). Then, when problems arise and men oppose the truth, we shall be ready to recognize the treat and to deal with it appropriately.

Finally, we must stop attacking faithful brethren who, out of genuine love for

Christ and His church, sound the warning against uncertain sounds and deceitful workers. Amazingly some who claim to be “balanced” will either uphold error and false teachers or will refuse to stand in opposition to it and them. Are they not guilty (2 John 9-11)? Yet, that same “balanced” brother will viciously and maliciously attack and publicly vilify one who has the intestinal fortitude to stand up and say: “This is wrong and those who teach it or practice it are wrong.”

God help us to have courage to face in faith the current crises!

—Bobby Liddell

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Barbara Chandler** a member of the Parkview Church of Christ and the wife of the “late” Gene Chandler. Barbara passed away early last Tuesday morning. She was 89 years old. Her services were to be held at the Parkview Church of Christ. Barbara is also Jacob Carson’s aunt. Keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Prayers have been requested for **Inocencio Munoz, Sr.** (Jr.’s father) who underwent surgery to have his gallbladder removed and because a tumor was found on it, he is being put on chemo treatments. Please keep Inocencio on your prayer list.

Julia York has requested prayers for her grandmother, **Maria Carreon**, who is on Life Support in ICU at Midland Memorial.

Marissa Alaniz has requested prayers for her aunt, **Irene Balerio**, who is being treated for cancer. Keep her in your prayers.

Concerns Update

John Wood who was diagnosed with walking pneumonia over a week ago is much improved and able to be back at services.

Mary Anchondo was able to get an answer and received medical attention for what was wrong with her. She is feeling so much better now and is able to be up walking around and able to taste food again.

Ronda Lyne was taken to CCU #9 early last week. She has pneumonia and is in need of prayers at this time.

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Anee Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Gynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Ronda Lyne; Leigh Ann McFarland; Keith Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Bruce Plyler; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene & David Wright.

Eisenhower’s Homebound....

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

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

Office News...

Brandon Aguilar will be here October 29th to present our morning Bible Class and Worship. He is a student that we support from the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, TX.

Our “**Fall Festival**” is Saturday, October 21st from 6pm—8pm in the church’s parking lot. Please join us for fun, games, food & fellowship. Also, we will have trunk or treat.

“October Attended Nursery”

10/8 Patsy & Holly 10/15 Courtney & Julie 10/22 Terresia & Virgie 10/29 Linda & Devida

Thank You

I want to say “Thank You” for all the prayers on my behalf during my lengthy illness and also for the “Get Well” cards I received. I am doing well and feeling almost 100% better. I am looking forward to being back with you all soon. In Christian Love, Mary Anchondo

Where is Your Mind?

I received some bad news recently...another gospel preacher has confessed to committing adultery. He has paid a high price for his sin...he has lost the respect of many, he has lost any influence he might have had, he has lost his ministry of preaching and he may have destroyed two families.

I keep asking myself why such things happen to those who are supposedly strong in faith. The answer lies in where we center our minds. Some men look upon certain women for the purpose of arousing lust (Matthew 5:28). That’s because they have placed their minds on the wrong things., The apostle Paul noted that “*many walk*” by setting “*their minds on earthly things*” (Philippians 3:18-19). To “set” your mind on something means to plant it firmly on that object. We have the expression, “His mind is set in concrete” which means that he’s got his mind made up and won’t change. To set your mind on earthly things is to continually let your thoughts dwell on some aspect of the “here and now.” Thus, to the Colossians Paul writes, “***Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth***” (Colossians 3:2). People who see themselves as citizens of Heaven (Philippians 3:20) let their thoughts dwell on Heavenly things.

The only way we can “reset” our minds is to be done with the old life we once lived. Paul reminds us, “***For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God*** (Colossians 3:3). Only those who have truly been spiritually crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20) can say “***the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world***”. (Galatians 6:14)

Have you joined Jesus on the cross?

—Guy Orbison Jr.

October 8, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Trini Wood
Don Easlon
Bill Ryan

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jon Roemisch
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Caleb York
Larry May
Oliver Hernandez

Lords Supper

Gary Loving
Scot Straw

Richard Siler
Communion

David Ryan
Steve Easlon

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson –556-5547 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 272-5507—*Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444—*Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Contributions:* Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“Showing Respect”
(Romans 12:14-16)

Sunday PM

“Stephen”
(Acts 6:8)

Our Records

Bible Class... 78

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