

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## How Did We Get Here?

“Thou shalt not murder.” (Exodus 20:13) God hates the shedding of innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17), as Pharaoh did in Exodus 1:22, having the Hebrew boys that were born cast into a river, or as Herod did in Matthew 2:16, kill the children two years and younger.

How did our society get to the point of having killed 62 million innocent babies since 1973?

God makes each person unique. There was only one Jesus Christ, only one Abraham Lincoln, only one Alexander Campbell, only one N.B. Hardeman and only one Jonas Salk. We may have already aborted the person who would have found the cure for cancer!

How did we get to the place today where 60 percent of Americans believe that widespread abortion is OK? Unfortunately, we now have 48 years of legal precedent in the United States supporting abortion. For those born from 1973 on, widespread and legalized abortion is all they’ve ever known.

Many have been taught that a pre-born child is simply a fetus, an embryo, or a “glob of tissue.” Few have been taught that God forms children in their mother’s womb. (Psalm 139:13). What started as one cell becomes trillions and once fully grown, the baby is delivered and brought into the world a living, breathing child.

It’s interesting that even though our laws support abortion, in the high-profile case of inmate Scott Peterson, he is actually on death row for murdering two people: his pregnant wife and the baby in her womb. If murdering a human being is wrong then abortion is wrong.

A good doctor may need to deliver a baby early to save the mother’s life. But the doctor’s goal is to wait long enough for the baby to have a reasonable chance for survival. The hope is to save the mother’s life and the child’s also. The intent is not to kill, but to preserve life. On the other hand, the intent of abortion is always to kill the child.

For those who may have had an abortion or have supported an abortion in any way, and now know it is sinful and wrong, and feel guilty, you are who Jesus came to redeem! God’s mercy is bigger than our sins. Those that confess and forsake their sins will have mercy. (Proverbs 28:13). “God commended His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8). All of us have messed up. Only the guilty need mercy and that includes all of us. (Romans 3:23-24).

It is the devil, not God, who makes things appear hopeless. With God’s mercy and forgiveness there is no reason to despair or to become despondent over past mistakes. We are able to do all things through Christ who strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13).  
—Danny Tunnell

### TIME LOST IS FOREVER LOST (By Dalton Key)

Yes, time lost is forever lost and enough wasted time amounts to a wasted life. In the words of Samuel Smiles, “Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance, but lost time is gone forever.” Or as A.W. Tozer once observed, “When you kill time, remember that it has no resurrection.

From her deathbed, Elizabeth I, Queen of England sighed, “All my possessions for a moment of time.” As will be true for all of us, Her Majesty was finally forced to admit the obvious.

From the perspective of flesh, life is time and time is life, or as Benjamin Franklin once said, “Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.” What is life in the flesh but so much time? Is not life composed, comprised of increments of time?

What really counts is not the number of hours we put in, but rather what we put into those hours! Many a slothful soul has worked twice as long to do one-half the work a more diligent worker will accomplish in short order.

That said, our concern should not be with the wasted hours and neglected opportunities of the past; we should rather focus our attention upon the here and now, upon what we should be doing and could be doing today.

Scripture places a hefty premium on the present. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2) “But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” (Hebrews 3:13) “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside redeeming the time.” (Colossians 4:5).

We must resolve to begin living each day to the fullest, as our days of flesh are by no means unlimited; “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12). We must do all we can, with all we have, for as long as we are able. (Eph. 5:15-16)

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to Larry May in the loss of his cousin, **Sam Archer**. Sam passed away last Sunday evening, October 3rd in Everett, WA. He had been put under Hospice Care a few weeks ago. Keep this family in your prayers.

We extend our condolences to the family of **Shirley Landers** (Christy Weakland’s aunt). Shirley passed away Tuesday, October 5th due to a head-on car collision on Saturday, October 2nd in Ft. Worth. Services are not known at this time. Keep this family in your prayers.

Also, our sympathy goes out to **April Valenzuela** (a campus policeman) for PHS. She lost her husband, father-in-law and her husband’s grandmother in a car accident last weekend.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Chris Landers** has a broken leg from the wreck on October 2nd. He should be okay.

**Jim Morris**, the preacher at Ft. Stockton, has requested prayers for his niece, Michele, who tested positive with the Covid virus.

**Ora McAfee** fell and broke her clavicle (collar bone) It is inoperable; she was transferred to Encompass in Midland for rehab Tuesday, October 5th. Keep Ora in your prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Glenna McCarty** is getting better; just a little slow. Her heart is back in rhythm with the meds the doctor prescribed her.

Baby **Elyse Reyes** was discharged from the hospital and is home and doing well.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; John Michal Armendariz; Bradley; Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Tara Grimmatt; 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***

Bible Quiz Question ... (Fill in the blank)

“Abide in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 15:4)

### ***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.

**Rob Whitacre (House to House, Heart to Heart)** will be here November 12th and 13th to present another “Evangelism Workshop”.

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.

### The “Good Old Days”

Are the stresses and strains of today’s pressure-cooker world beginning to take their toll? Do you long for a return to “the good old days”?

Perhaps you can identify with the frustration of this disillusioned observer: “The world is too big for us. Too much going on, too many crimes, too much violence and excitement. Try as you will, you get behind in the race, in spite of yourself it’s an incessant strain to keep pace and still you lose ground. Science empties discoveries on you so fast that you stagger beneath them in hopeless bewilderment. The political world has news seen so rapidly you’re out of breath trying to keep pace with who’s in and who’s out. Everything is high pressure. Human nature can’t endure much more.

I’ll ask once more: Do you long for the “good ol’ days” when today’s problems were as yet unknown?

If so, you might be interest to know that the quotation above is excerpted from an editorial in the Atlantic Journal. The date: June 16, 1883! The more things change, the more they seem to stay the same.

Solomon’s wisdom still rings true: “Say not thou what is the cause that the former days were better than these? For thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this” (Eccl. 7:10).

Regardless the time, regardless the culture, regardless the particular problems of the moment, the words of the Savior bring comfort to the troubled soul: “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

—Dalton Key

<b>October 10, 2021</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Josh Wells	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Larry May	Richard Siler
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Craig Wesson</u>	Communion
	Don Easlon	(In Library)
	Gary Loving	
	Jacob Carson	

**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. #5*

### Sunday PM

*“Back to the Bible—Pt. #6*