

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Salvation Has a Location”

From the time God called Abraham to go to a country that He would show him, with a promised blessing when this command was obeyed, God has always required certain people to go to certain places for safety or blessing. None whom God called could reach His blessing without doing what God told him to do.

When God brought a flood upon the earth, He placed salvation from the flood for Noah and his family in the ark and all had to go into the ark to be saved from death. Many good people in our time would argue that God has as much power out of the ark as in the ark. They would argue that going into the ark was unnecessary and they would have been preaching salvation out of the ark.

Jesus purchased His church with His blood (Acts 20:28). Being purchased by the blood of Christ, it became a divine institution in which Jesus is said to be the head and that church is His body (Ephesians 1:22-23). This church is built upon a divine foundation of which Jesus is the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:20-22). All who are reconciled to God must be reconciled in this one body or church (Ephesians 2:16). God has located salvation from all past sins in, not out of His church. There is no promise of any man being saved outside the church of Christ and here is where the great battle comes between Truth and error— between human churches and the church of Christ.

(1) Some people argue that there are people who are just as good in one church as in another. That is true, but God does not save us on account of our goodness, but on account of our spirituality. Jesus teaches that we must be born again (John 3:3-5).

(2) Some say we are saved outside the church; then join the church because we are saved. Paul said Christ purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). So if you are saved outside of the church you are saved outside of the purchased possession and you must claim salvation apart from the blood of Christ.

(3) Some argue it is God—not the church—who saves. True, but where does God save? Paul says we are reconciled in one body (Ephesians 2:16). That one body is the church. (Colossians 1:18-24) Since God reconciles us in the church, if you were reconciled outside the church it was not God who did the reconciling.

(4) Some ask, “Won’t God save me out of the church?” Jesus answers that there are only two classes of builders in Matthew 7—those who build on the rock and those who build on the sand. The structures built on the sand will fall, but those on the rock will stand. When Peter confessed the Son of God, Jesus answered and said, “...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Since the church is built upon the rock, if you build outside it, you are building upon the sand and your building will fall.

(5) We are reconciled to God in the church or one body (Ephesians 2:16). Then if you are saved outside the church, you are saved outside of reconciliation to God. No one would want that kind of salvation for that is an impossibility.

Having now learned where I am reconciled to God, the next question to settle is this: “What must I do to come into the place of reconciliation?” Jesus answers by saying we must “hear” His sayings and “do” them to be like the wise builder (Matthew 7:24). In doing the sayings of Jesus, I must “believe” that He is the Son of God (John 20:31). After believing, I must “repent” of my sins (Luke 13:5). After repenting, I must “confess” Him before men (Matthew 10:32), and in the great commission Jesus not only taught that I should believe, but that I must be baptized to reach salvation (Mark 16:16). This agrees with Paul’s statement that *“as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”* (Galatian 3:27). So these five commands taught at different places in the New Testament teach me what I must do to be saved. If our entrance into the city of God depends upon our doing His commandments, no one can have a hope of salvation short of complying with the same. I should be willing to not only obey for my

own salvation, but for those with whom I may associate along life's pathway. As salvation is located in the only church Christ purchased with His own blood, and the way into that church is made so plain. The only reason one can offer for not being saved is that he simply does not want to do God's will.

—J. D. Tant

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Debby Howard** (Devida's cousin) who passed from this life on Saturday, October 5th in Columbus, OH. Her funeral services were conducted on Thursday, October 10th in Waverly, OH. Debby was 63 years old.

Prayer Request

Hattie Mae Gilmore has been struggling with equilibrium health issues recently. It's hard for her to keep her balance. Hattie needs prayers.

Wayne Gunn is still struggling with paralysis in his body and unable to get around; however, he does have some feeling in his fingers. Remember to keep Wayne in your prayers.

Irene Hernandez (Miguel Lozano's son's mother-in-law) underwent emergency cancer surgery last Sunday night in Dallas. Miguel is requesting prayers for her.

Concerns Update

Brian Basaldua is still in serious condition; not able to keep any food down. He is home but may have to go back to the hospital for a feeding tube. He is still in need of prayers.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sharon Brown; Bill Butler; Shawn Callendar; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Paulie Ann Easlon; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Sandy Lawless; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Jed Martin; Patsy Mitchell; Ora McAfee; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; George & Jurlean Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Who was Moses' father?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Their names before the change were as follows... Shadrach (Hananiah), Meshach (Mishael) and Abednego (Azariah).

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.

Westside Church of Christ is hosting a “Ladies Day” on Saturday, November 2nd from 9am–2pm. The guest speaker is Becky Blackmon from Waco, TX. Her theme is “I Just Want to Be a Sheep”. Lunch will be provided. No childcare will be provided.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the concern and the prayers offered during my cousin, Debby Howard’s illness. It is a blessing to have such a caring spiritual family.

In Christ,
Devida Montgomery

Office News

OCTOBER ATTENDED NURSERY

10/13/19 Tracie & Lanie
10/20/19 Virgie & Wanda
10/27/19 Sonia & Jaque

The “NMCCH” Home” will be here December 3rd for a food pickup.

Give Me a Break

This is what the LORD says “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls” (Jeremiah 6:16). The nation of Israel had its share of ups and downs. When she obeyed God, things went well. When things went well, she forgot God. When she forgot God, things went bad. Most Christians can relate to this never-ending cycle!

God called the prophet Jeremiah to warn Israel of impending judgment if she failed to repent and return to Him. The above words serve as good advice to God’s people today.

Each day we stand at the crossroads and look. Daily we must choose what to do and who to follow. The prophet offers timeless advice. Walk in it! When God’s children do this, the promised result is rest for your souls; rest from the weary struggles of playing both sides against the middle. Peace from the turmoil of walking with one foot on God’s side and the other foot in the world; harmony with God, with people and with self.

Need a break? Ask for God’s way; follow Him. Rest will be yours! Bulletin Digest

October 13th, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Don Easlon
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Rudy Ochoa	Richard Siler
Lord’s Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Cody Wesson</u>	
West...	Josh Wells	John Wood
	Joshua Weakland	Communion
	Tom Sorenson	(In Library)

East

Clint Titlow
Miguel Lozano
Larry May

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon*:: Jacob Carson 940-3775—*Pulpit*;; Doug Guynn 260-0440—*Table*: John Wood 413-7444 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*; Trinidad Wood—413-7444
Collections: Trinidad Wood—413-7444

Sunday AM

“The Gospel—Foundation of Faithfulness”
(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

Sunday PM

“Deceitfulness of Sin”
(Matthew 6:13)

Our Records

Bible Class... 63
Morning Worship...103
Evening Worship...62
Wednesday...70
Contribution... \$4,292.00