

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Boldness to Preach the Gospel

***“And now, Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word”*** (Acts 4:29).

Peter and John had just been released from imprisonment. Their only crimes were healing the lame man at the temple gate and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 3 & 4). They were told not to preach or teach in the name of Christ. However, it was impossible for them to withhold the message of Christ from humanity. Upon their release the apostles made the above supplication to God. They prayed that even with the threat of harm the Lord would give them the ability to boldly proclaim the message of truth.

There has never been a time when the world needed more fearless, uncompromising Gospel preachers than it does today. Millions are being spiritually lost without hearing the Gospel. Others are dying while feeding upon a steady diet of error and false doctrine. A dangerous attitude of complacency exists among many of our brethren when it comes to preaching a Gospel that condemns unbelief, exposes error, denounces hypocrites and declares the whole counsel of God on unpopular subjects. The Gospel must be boldly preached to the alien sinner. Peter held back nothing when he declared that those meeting at Pentecost were guilty of the blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:36). Stephen was not timid in his sermon to the Jews (Acts 7). The apostle Paul wrote, ***“Wherefore I take you to record this day that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God”*** (Acts 20:26-27).

Many times Paul is remembered for his sermons to the unbeliever. He preached Jesus before Elymas the sorcerer (Acts 13). He preached Jesus to the Greeks on Mars Hill in Athens, Greece (Acts 17:18-34). He preached Jesus to the unbelievers while he was in prison in Rome (Acts 28:30-31). Yet, Paul never apologized or was ashamed for preaching the truth. He gave a frank, forward, and complete declaration of God’s message for lost and dying men. Paul was seeking lost souls. He had no time for pretty speeches, fancy phrases, or a message weakened in order that it would not offend those outside the body of Christ. Likewise, it is time for Gospel preachers to expose error and false teaching. There are those in the Lord’s church who do not want error exposed. We know this to be true when we hear such statements as, “We don’t believe in debating,” or “Don’t speak against so and so’s doctrine publicly; they’ll be offended.” Those who adhere to such ideas are not servants of the Master.

The Bible plainly records that Jesus engaged in spiritual confrontations with Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, and lawyers (Mt. 22; Mk. 12). Jude 3 states that Christians must ***“contend earnestly for the faith.”*** Paul said that he was ***“set for the defense of the gospel”*** (Phil. 1:17). How can we follow the New Testament and not expose erroneous doctrine? God’s people must boldly stand up, speak out, and expose the doctrines of devils. May God help us rear a generation of defenders of the faith that will cause Satan himself to tremble! John recorded that many false teachers have already gone out into the world (1 John 4:1).

Finally, the Gospel must be boldly preached to denounce the hypocrite, and declare the whole truth on unpopular subjects. It took great boldness for the apostle Paul to pen the following to the Corinthian church: ***“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you...”*** (I Cor. 5:1). It took just as much boldness for John the Immerser to denounce the sinful relationship that existed between Herod and his brother’s wife.

The Gospel cannot be changed to fit man. Mankind must be changed to fit the Gospel. Paul warned, *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed”* (Galatians 1:8). Often it is difficult for a Gospel preacher to do this; however, we must remember that Christ plainly stated that only the truth would make one free (John 8:32).

—Mike Barrett

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Carolyn Travis**. Carolyn passed away on October 19th. Her services were held at 1:00 p.m. October 25th at the Gardendale Church of Christ; she was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Carolyn was a former member of Eisenhower.

### **Prayer Request**

**Charles Wood** had a doctor’s appointment Monday, October 30th and was diagnosed with bronchitis that was ready to go to his lungs. Charles was prescribed antibiotics with suggested rest. Please keep him in your prayers that he will get well soon.

Please keep **Ora McAfee** in your prayers as she continues to recuperate from her knee surgery.

Also, **Glenda Hillis** is struggling with her arthritis. Keep her in your prayers that she will be feeling better soon.

### **Concerns Update**

**Glenna McCarty’s** surgery for diverticulitis is Tuesday, November 7th at Midland Memorial. Dr. Viney will do her surgery. Keep Glenna on your prayer list that all will go well.

### **Prayer List**

Tom Bauer; Lee Roy Bell, Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Jane Burroughs; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Charlene Harris; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Matthew Simmons; Clay Stanton; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### **Eisenhower’s Shut-ins**

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; 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...**

When Jesus was being tried before Pilate, He was mocked with three objects of ridicule. One was on His body, one was on His head and one was in His hand. What were these objects of ridicule?

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

Cyrus, King of Persia, allowed the Israelites to return from exile to their own land.

## 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.

## Office News

The **"New Mexico Children's Home"** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. They are requesting **Crackers and Pineapples**. Monetary donations also accepted. Also they will be picking up the holiday gifts for the children at that time.

We will be assembling **"Holiday Gift Bags"** Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. This project takes about an hour. Please dress warm just in case it is a bit chilly that morning. Your participation in this is so much appreciated. Thank you

There is a **"Tee Shirt Order"** list on the bulletin board for Eisenhower tee-shirts—\$10.00 ea. See Jacey or Holly for more info.

## Both Human and Divine!

The nature of Jesus has been controversial, but it should not be! The Bible is clear that Jesus was both human and divine. He is God in the flesh! Matthew 1 declares Him to be born of Mary (fleshly), yet He would be called "Immanuel" which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). The human nature of Jesus is taught. He grew "hungry" (Matthew 4), He "wept" (John 11:35), He became weary (John 4:8), He needed sleep (Matthew 8:24) and He died (John 19:23). He was indeed human! But, He was also God. He is eternal God (John 1:1), was one with the Father (John 10:30). He announced that He is the "I AM" (John 8:58), and was preached as "God who was manifested in the flesh" (I Timothy 3:16). The Scriptures are plain about who Jesus is. He is not mere man, but God made flesh (John 1:14).

—Darwin Hunter

### November 5, 2017

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Allen Weakland  
Craig Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Dex Dennard  
Don Easlon  
Mike Roemisch

### P.M.

Allen Weakland  
John Wood  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Bill Brown  
Larry May  
Scot Straw

Lord's Supper

West...

Cody Wesson  
Charles Wood  
Tommy Garcia

Josh Wells  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

Bill Tolbert  
Josh Weakland  
Gary Loving

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*: Richard Siler 556-2151 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398; *Collections*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398

### **Sunday AM**

*"A New Man"*  
(Colossians 3:1-11)

### **Sunday PM**

*"Why I Am A Member" (Pt 5)*  
(Matthew 16:18)  
(1 Peter 3:15)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class...* 67  
*Morning Worship...*125  
*Evening Worship...*74  
*Wednesday...*79  
*Contribution...*\$4,861.02