

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Worship According to God's Pattern

Serious Bible students know that for a person's activity "in or out" of the worship service to be acceptable to God, he must do whatever he does according to God's standard for that activity (2 John 9). Bible investigation reveals God's expectations for specific acts of worship and established patterns or forms by which those acts are to be carried out. To go beyond the teachings of Christ by attempting to offer an act of worship not authorized by Scripture has seldom been thought of by those of the Restoration Movement. On the few occasions when such thoughts have been expressed they were soundly defeated with a demand for a "thus said the Lord." Thus, only five acts of worship are allowed in the worship services of the churches of Christ: prayer, teaching, singing, giving and communion (Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:19; I Cor. 16:1; Mt. 26:26f; I Cor. 11:17ff).

The intent of this article is to warn against the failure to have a "thus saith the Lord" for the pattern used in the carrying out of those authorized acts of worship. It is vital that Christians observe the Lord's Supper. He commanded such in Matthew 26:26f, and other passages. It is equally important that the would-be-worshiper observe the Lord's Supper with the proper attitude and proper objects. Only unleavened bread and fruit of the vine have been authorized by God. Coke and potato chips will not suffice regardless of one's attitude. A "thus said the Lord" settles the question as noted in Matthew 26:26f.

Likewise, prayer has a pattern. Man is to address God though the name of Christ (Col. 3:17) - not through God's name, not in man's name—in the name of Christ. It matters not if man prays publicly or privately, he must follow the pattern of prayer.

Teaching also has a form (Rom. 6:17). Man is not permitted to teach anything he chooses in the name of Christ. Neither is he allowed to use dishonest means in attempts to teach the doctrines of Christ (Col. 3:17).

The offering of gifts is discussed by God in 2 Corinthians 9 and 1 Corinthians 16. The intent, the amount, the method are discussed, Man has not been left to his own choosing in this matter. Giving according to the pattern of God is vital—not by raffles; not a business; not taxation, but the freewill giving.

The Bible gives instructions for singing in worship. Again, a pattern is to be followed (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 1 cor. 14:15; Heb. 13:15; Jas, 5:13; Acts 16:25). Every passage demands singing; not singing and playing or playing instead of singing. It is always singing.

In every case, public or private, the pattern is to be followed. Please note that the pattern also includes such things as singles and multiples participating in these acts of worship.

Examples of prayer include one praying to God alone (Jn. 17); multiples praying to God with one leading the prayer (I Cor. 14). Yet, never do we find multiples orally praying as multiples!

Teaching is found in the form of one teaching another (Acts 8) and one teaching multiples (Acts 2). Never do we find multiples teaching multiples at the same time. Each is to speak in turn (I Cor. 14).

Giving is always within the pattern. Each gives as he has prospered (1 Cor. 16). No one can give for another, or tax another.

When communion is taken, there is a pattern to be followed in the worship service. Each participant partakes of the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine with the proper attitude (1 Cor. 11).

Singing has its pattern— the individual sings to God to praise His name and rejoice (Jas. 5:13); multiples sing to God (Eph. 5:9), and in the process teach and admonish one another (Col. 3:16). Nowhere in Scripture is there permission for one to sing to multiples or for multiples to multiples in the worship service of our Lord. Thus, solos and group singing are not according to the pattern of God.

—David Holland

### ***Prayer Request***

**Glenda Hillis** was admitted into the Medical Center Hospital last week. She was treated and was released to go home on Tuesday. Continue to keep Glenda in your daily prayers.

Jeff Wesson has requested prayers for his nephew, **Jed Martin**, as he battles cancer. Jed was taken to MD Anderson Hospital last week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers that he will receive the best possible treatment for his cancer.

### ***Concerns Update***

After being treated for two weeks, **Devida's** allergic reaction to a makeup foundation is finally showing some improvements. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

### ***Prayer List***

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sharon Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Paulie Ann Easlon; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; 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

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...**

Solomon was called Solomon until the day he died, but what name did God give him when he was born? (2 Samuel 12:25)

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

Abigail saved her husband from David's wrath and after his death, she married David. (1 Samuel 25).

### ***Events***

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

The elders at the **Brown Trail church of Christ** decided to take their program "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" off the air. It was televised on ABC at 8:00 am Sunday mornings.

## Office News

### NOVEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY

11/03/19 Sylvia & Janis  
11/10/19 Lou Ann & Patsy  
11/17/19 Hannah & Gabriella  
11/24/19 Kamilla & Julie D.

The “NMCCH” Home” will be here December 3rd for a food pickup. They have requested cold cereals and brown sugar. They will also be picking up the gifts for the children at that time.

### Thank You

To all of Eisenhower Christian friends, Thank you so much for the cards and prayers for Lester. It meant a lot to me and for all the past cards he received from the children & youth groups. You all are truly wonderful people and Christians. Jeannie Whisenant

## God Knows What You Need Before You Ask

Hypocrites prayed long prayers to get people’s attention. They wanted to be recognized as devoted people, Christians don’t pray with this motivation. In fact, they don’t need to make lengthy prayers.

“Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.” (Matthew 6:8). Some people ask, “If God already knows, then why ask?” But let’s check the context: We don’t need to make long prayers. We don’t have to explain to God all the details, all the whys, nor do we have to impress Him with our need, as one does with other people. He already knows. The request in and of itself is already sufficient.

We don’t have to convince God of anything, nor win over His favor.

Besides this, his foreknowledge says nothing either about asking repeatedly, Jesus doesn’t mention the Father’s foreknowledge to keep us from repeated prayer. On the contrary! It serves as motivation to keep on asking, since he is interested in us so much as to stay “informed” about our needs. (I speak now from a human perspective). Thank you, our Father, for knowing us and offering us opportunity to ask you for our needs. Hold this thought: God knows, of this we’re sure, we ask and asking, mature.

–Randal Matheny

<b>November 10, 2019</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Gary Loving	John Wood
Second Prayer	Joshua Weakland	Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer	Josh Wells	Charles Wood
Lord’s Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Cody Wesson</u>	
West...	Clint Titlow	Don Easlon
	Tommy Garcia	Communion
	Doug Guynn	(In Library)
East	Jr. Munoz	
	Kevin Wilcox	
	Miguel Lozano	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon*:: Don Easlon 288-5834 —*Pulpit*;; Rudy Ochoa 214-0398—*Table*: Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*; Craig Wesson 934-4646 *Collections*: Craig Wesson 934-4646

**Sunday AM**

*“Assured Security”*  
(II Timothy 1:12)

**Sunday PM**

*“Christ Liveth in Me”*  
(Galatians 2:20)

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 72*  
*Morning Worship...110*  
*Evening Worship...65*  
*Wednesday...75*  
*Contribution...\$5,014.00*