

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Opposing Error

One is not a Christian who does not actively oppose error in every good and right way available at his disposal and in accordance with his ability. Christ actively opposed error as He went about doing good. He was busy in teaching against error and in opposing wrong and could have done no less and be the sinless Son of God. He did not hesitate to label a hypocritical false teacher as such. He did not hesitate to point out false practices and doctrines. He did not bid God speed (2 John 9-11) to those in error, nor did He encourage them in their error in any way. He did not overlook error and pretend it was not there nor did He look at error and pretend it was not error. He did not let personal ties cloud His view for He was not “such a close friend” that He would let sin go unchallenged. He did not let money silence His opposition. The power, position, popularity or possessions of those in sin did not alter His stand in the least. In all this, He did not sin in His opposition of error. He was not wrong to condemn wrong, nor was He wrong in having His stinging condemnations of false doctrines and false teachers written down so that all might see and read and be warned.

He, who showed the greatest love, was not unloving in His opposing error. He was not unkind for He did not hate enemies of God and of good, but loved them and the souls of all men enough to point out the difference between evil and good. He gave His life on the cross of Calvary for sinful men-not that they might be condemned, but that they might be saved. He, who made forgiveness possible, was not of an unforgiving spirit in His opposing error. He taught against a mote-searching, fault-finding, unloving and unforgiving spirit; thus, one cannot rightfully claim to be a faithful follower of His and be of such an attitude (Matthew 6:14-15; 7:1-5).

His followers are to be like Him, as far as humanly possible, following His perfect example (1 Peter 1:21-23). One who claims to be a Christian and who does not actively oppose error is either deceived (having accepted Satan’s pseudo-Christianity), ignorant (not knowing the difference between good and evil or the Christian’s responsibility), or a liar (being hypocritical) in his claim to be a “Christian.” Regardless of who one might be and of what position he might hold, if he is not actively opposing error in good and right ways available at his disposal and in accordance with his ability, he is not a Christian, but is a traitor to the cause of Christ and should, if he continues in his fellowship of error, rejecting every effort to bring him to repentance, be marked and avoided (2 Thess. 3:6-15).

Error begets error. The first step into error is usually not the last. Once the first barrier is taken down, succeeding ones fall much easier. “Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13). Seldom can they be turned around, yet Christians must seek to so do. Every faithful Christian, who knows the reality of Heaven and Hell, will pray and work to bring men out of error and into truth. Their hearts will be burdened, their pillows tear-stained, their pleadings and warnings earnest, their prayers fervent as they seek the salvation of those in sin.

What then of those preachers, elderships and congregations who want, for whatever reason, to maintain fellowship with those brethren known to be in error? Has such a relationship ever resulted in the reclaiming for Christ of the brethren who have left the light to walk in the darkness of devilish doctrines? Can such a relationship be sustained without dreadful cost? Can it be productive of any good? Do the “benefits” of an earthly concord with error outweigh the losses and liabilities-the forfeiture of God’s blessings, the spotting, wrinkling and blemishing of the Lord’s church; thus, the loss of influence for good, the guilt of leading others astray, and ultimately, the eternal loss of precious souls? (2 Corinthians 6:14; 7:1)

Lack of opposition to error will *never* accomplish any good, but will *always* result in wrong gaining footholds, making inroads, and winning victories. Lack of opposition to error has resulted in lost souls, lost churches, lost colleges and lost good works of many kinds. Truly, spiritual strength and courage to stand for the right will mean the loss of some “friends” and their support, but if being right means being alone, one had better be right. If being right means being financially bankrupt, one had better be right. If being right means being ill-spoken of, one had better be right. If being right means being in the minority, even in the church of Christ, one had better be right. One is never right in doing wrong and one is never wrong in doing right. One is not a Christian who does not actively oppose error in every good and right way available at his disposal and in

accordance with his ability. God, through Paul, said: “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).

Bobby Liddell

### ***Prayer Request***

**Nick Simmons**, grandson of Susan Simmons, who is a student at LCU, was rushed to the hospital Sunday afternoon, November 5th. Nick went into a diabetic coma (from lack of insulin or maybe food poisoning)? Nick’s blood sugar reached 1133. He was brought out of his coma slowly and was to be released from the hospital on the 8th if he continued to improve. Keep Nick in your prayers.

**Ace Carson** (nephew of Jacob & Ashley Carson) underwent an emergency appendectomy surgery in Lubbock. His appendix had ruptured. Pray that Ace has a speedy recovery.

**Charles Simmons** (Susan’s husband) had to be taken to the hospital on October 31st due to having a seizure. He was treated at the ER and was prescribed medications. The cause of the seizure is not known. Charles has been diagnosed with neuropathy.

**Lee Roy Bell** was admitted to Medical Center Hospital Thursday, November 9th for an Angiogram scheduled Friday, November 10th. Lee Roy was released to go home that evening.

Please keep **Dennis Dillon** (Minister at the Parkview Church of Christ) in your prayers as he has been diagnosed with throat cancer. Denny Wilson will be filling in for him when needed. Please pray that Dennis will receive effective treatments for his cancer.

### ***Concerns Update***

**John Wood** had the first half of his new medication treatment at the Infusion Center in Lubbock on Monday, November 6th. The treatment went well. He was told that it may take a little while for the results to show.

**Glenna McCarty’s** surgery for diverticulitis at Midland Memorial on Tuesday was very complicated. The surgery had to be by an incision instead of laparoscopically. However, she did have a good night in ICU the day of surgery and was expected to be assigned a room the next day.

### ***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***

Robertta 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...**

The Apostle Stephen relates to a time of drought in Canaan. We read in Acts 7:12, “But when Jacob heard that there was corn in \_\_\_\_\_, he sent out our fathers first.” Into which country did they go for corn?

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

Jesus was mocked by three objects of ridicule; His body (robe) His head (crown of thorns) His hands (nails).

### 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.

### Thank You

It is with deep Christian love that we thank you for the blessing that you have bestowed on our congregation during our time of need after the devastation of hurricane Harvey.

In Christian love,

the members of the Aransas Pass Church of Christ

### 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.

There is a *"Tee Shirt Order"* list on the bulletin board for Eisenhower tee-shirts—\$10.00 ea. Deadline is November 15th. See Jacey or Holly for more information.

### November 12, 2017 A.M.

Announcements	Larry May
Song Leader	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May
Scripture	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Dex Dennard
Lord's Supper	
West...	Tom Sorenson
	Craig Wesson
	Bill Ryan
East...	George Warren
	Richard Siler
	Jr. Munoz

### P.M.

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Richard Siler
Trinidad Wood
Jr. Munoz
Josh Wells
Communion
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *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 King Sent in Love"*  
(2 Chronicles 2:11)

### Sunday PM

*"Why I am a Member"* (Pt 6)  
(Daniel 2:44)

### Our Records

*Bible Class*... 78  
*Morning Worship*...133  
*Evening Worship*...57  
*Wednesday*...79  
*Contribution*...\$6,268.00