

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Churches of Christ (Which Are Not)

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (2 John 9-11)

Since John said that an individual who “transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ” has neither the Father nor the Son, then a congregation which “transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ” has neither the Father nor the Son. Also, those faithful to God cannot bid God speed (by worshipping with, making financial contributions to, being members of, or giving morale encouragement to a church which “transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ,” without partaking of that church’s evil deeds (cf. Eph. 5:11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18). When once faithful congregations become apostate, Jesus removes their candlesticks (c f. Rev. 2:5). They are no longer the church of Christ.

Today, a lot of church buildings have signs on or near them that need to be removed. Their signs are false advertising because they say the churches meeting in those buildings are “Churches of Christ,” but they are not. Their sign says, “Church of Christ,” that does not make it so, for the Churches of Christ (which are not) brethren “have forsaken the right way and are gone astray” (2 Peter 2:15). And, as when God’s children in Jeremiah’s day were told, “Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls.” members in these heretic churches likewise respond, “**We will not walk therein**” (Jeremiah 6:16). Instead, Churches of Christ (which are not) insist on pleasing men (Galatians 1:10) by tickling ears (2 Timothy 4:3-4) with “smooth things” (Isaiah 30:10).

“Love” is one of those men-pleasing, ear-tickling, smooth things emphasized by the Churches of Christ (which are not). People in those churches like to hold up the bible when they talk about love, but it is obvious that the members in those churches do not really love the Lord. If they did they would keep His commandments (John 14:15). Oh yes, those members claim that they know the Lord, but they do not for John said, “**He that saith, I know him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him**” (I John 2:45). Jesus would ask these pseudo-members of His church, “**why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?**” (Luke 6:46).

“Grace” is another men-pleasing, ear tickling, smooth thing emphasized by Churches of Christ (which are not). Yes, “grace” is a wonderful Bible subject, but the “grace” advocated by the Churches of Christ (which are not) is not the “grace” presented in God’s Word. About the “grace” proclaimed in the heretic “Churches of Christ,” Glenn Wallace stressed, “They think ‘grace’ is ‘grease’ - and people will slide into heaven, sins and all.” It is as though they have never read Romans 6:1-2, where Paul asked: “**Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**” Contrary to what that passage says, when it comes to sins such as “adulterous marriages,” they will say, “The couple can continue in that marriage. God’s grace will take care of it.” Churches where such as that is taught are not churches of Christ.

“Faith,” the way Churches of Christ (which are not) preach it, is just another men-pleasing, ear tickling, smooth thing emphasized by the Churches of Christ (which are not). They quote, “**So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God**” (Romans 10:17), but their idea of what faith is amounts to little more

than an individual's trust and confidence in Jesus Christ, which is confirmed by a feeling or an experience they have had. Even if they do not say it outright, their concept of faith is closer to the "faith only" doctrine of men than it is Bible faith. To them a Scriptural exegesis of James 2:24 - ***"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only"*** -is intolerable. Not only that, the Churches of Christ (which are not) will never, ***"earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"*** (Jude 3) because they do not believe in it.

—Tommy J. Hicks

Prayer Request

James Wesson (Jeff's dad) was also diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus. James was admitted into the hospital last week but was doing well and expected to go home soon.

Glenna McCarty has a doctor's appointment on December 15th in San Antonio to have her knee checked out to see if surgery is possible. Keep Glenna in your prayers.

Jr. Munoz has requested prayers for his neighbor's son and son-in-law who are both dealing with serious health issues.

Concerns Update

Janet Wesson (Jeff's mom) who had a light case of the Covid-19 seem to be doing very well. Continue to keep the Wesson's in your prayers.

Prayer List

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Winford Hambright; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriquez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; James & Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

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 ... (Sentence Completion)

He is despised and rejected by men..." (Is. 53:3)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Felix's wife, Drusilla, was a Jew (Acts 24:24).

Wedding Shower

We are hosting a **"Wedding Shower"** for Dylan Straw and Shannon Keith for their upcoming marriage on December 19. The table is set up in the east foyer for their gifts and gift cards. Dylan and Shannon's selections are at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

Events Watch ***"In Search of the Lord's Way"*** Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Thank You

To the Church, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for all of your prayers on behalf of my niece Diane Salinas. She also wants to Thank you for your prayers and especially for those who took the time to send her a

card. Her husband took pictures of them and sent them to her. She said they made her feel good and made her smile. She is home. She gets some spurts of energy but is still very tired. The Car T cell transplant killed most of her cancer. They did find a few lumps and are not sure what they are. She went back to Houston last week for a biopsy. The T cells can keep fighting for between 8-12 weeks, so hopefully they continue to fight any cancer that she may still have.

Sylvia Campos

Concerns Update

Take time to smell the flowers.

Stoke the Folk!

Have you ever just sat around a fire? It is incredibly therapeutic. A fire seems to bring out wonderful moments of reflection and conversation. Fires are beneficial in many ways with the heat, light and mood it produces.

God's word is compared to a fire in Jeremiah 23:39. Like a fire it enlightens and penetrates. I believe that the gospel is also a fire and the church need to be on fire to spread it properly. I also believe that the church that is on fire for the Lord shines brightly in many ways and glorifies Him (Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 3:21). How I wish more brethren would take advantage of the times we burn brightly for the Lord in work and worship.

Have you ever been sitting around a fire that was beginning to dwindle and took a stick and stoked the coals and the fire would burn brightly, again? It is amazing that just moving the burning coals around a little makes such a big difference in the fire.

There's a lesson for all of us in this. It is important to keep moving about serving, working, fellowshiping and encouraging one another in the church. Doing this breathes needed oxygen into the church and helps the gospel fire to burn in our hearts and lives. The more of us "burning coals" who move around, the brighter we will burn together for the Lord!

So, stoke the fire—stoke the folk!

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:14-25) "and your zeal has stirred up the majority" (2 Corinthians 9:2).

—Edd Sterchi

November 15th, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
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	Trinidad Wood
Second Prayer	Tommy Garcia	Don Easlon
Closing Prayer	Doug Guynn	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Jeff Wesson	Cody Wesson
		Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 – *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 – *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 – *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 – *Recording Sermons:* Trinidad Wood 413-8508 – *Collections:* Trinidad Wood

Sunday AM

“Myths of the World”

(I John 2:15-17)

Sunday PM

“Impact of the Gospel”

(I Thessalonians 2:13-16)

Our Records

Bible Class... 49

Morning Worship...NC

Evening Worship...NC

Wednesday...47

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