

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “Closet Liberals”

We live in a day when many are “coming out of the closet,” but it is sadly in their immorality and error and not from the “closet” of prayer (Matthew 6:6). Some hid in the “closet” await the time when they think they have a following or no faithful opposition to make their move to lead the church into error. If there is one thing more dangerous than a known liberal, it is a “closet liberal”.

Liberalism is an attitude of mind that allows some to go beyond the authority of the Bible with little if any restraint of conscience or conviction of Truth.

There is the story about the puny little wimpish fellow who was married to a domineering wife. When asked if he was hen-pecked, he softly answered, “No, I just have hen-house ways!” This story reminds us of some of our brethren who do not desire to have the designation “Liberal,” but if they are not indeed liberals they sure have “hen-house ways!” Like the wolves that are about to attack the sheep, all the while looking away from them as they circle closer and closer, our liberal brethren seem to think no one can spot them and “mark them” until they have already destroyed many of the fold. (Please read Acts 20:28-32; Romans 16:17). They become awfully upset when someone “blows their cover” and their error is pointed out! Just as when you catch a man in a lie, he then becomes your enemy, it seems to follow that catching one of these “wolves” in his mischief has the same result (Matthew 7:15).

Brother B.C. Goodpasture made a statement years ago that went something like: “When one walks like a duck, talks like a duck, associates only with ducks and takes on every appearance of a duck, pardon me if I mistake him for a duck!” If one does not want to be known as a liberal thinking person, let him put away his loose thinking and liberal ways toward God and sacred things (2 John 9-11).

It is not my habit to use “labels” nor do others desire generally to do so, but sometimes its use is necessary to warn and protect unsuspecting souls. We wonder if a man has not given up conviction and turned in the wrong direction when he says he “sees no harm” in the “new translations,” that are filled with and are propagating denominational errors, that such a one should not be suspect, that he does not strongly believe any longer in the verbal inspiration and authority of the sacred Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Some of these take the next step to think that the Holy Spirit is guiding and speaking to them directly, just as He did the prophets of the Old Testament and apostles and prophets of the New Testament. Some “decide” that Jesus is not any longer the “only begotten” Son of God, but God’s “only” “unique,” or “beloved” Son, as they follow the modernist liberal line. Some no longer see the mission of the church as the New Testament teaches, of preaching the Gospel to the lost, edifying the saved and helping the needy, but suggest a “social gospel,” entertainment filled mission, foreign to the Bible. Some “would not be opposed” and suggest that it is in harmony with truth to have instrumental music with singing; or humming, whistling and making noise with the mouth, which they “think” is the same as singing one.

It appears that none of these want to be called “liberal” in thinking, but every Bible student must know that they have “hen-house ways” and “appear as ducks.” It is time that we accept Paul’s exhortation, “Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light ...be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:14-17)

—Gary Colley

### ***Prayer Request***

**Vanessa Machuca** (Sylvia Campos’ daughter) was admitted into a hospital in San Antonio on Saturday, November 14th due to excruciating pain in her stomach. She does have a case of the shingles. Vanessa was scheduled for an MRI on the 20th. Keep her in your prayers that she receives a good report.

**Raul and Elizabeth Armendariz** both tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. Raul is dealing with other health concerns as well. Keep them both in your prayers that they can beat this.

**Melissa Moore’s** out-patient foot surgery was done on Friday, November 20th. Please pray that she has a speedy recovery.

**Jordan and Amanda Zuniga** have requested prayers for their family as they are quarantined having been exposed to the Covid-19 virus.

**Leobardo Raigoza** (father of a Sam’s Club employee) is hospitalized with the Covid-19 virus and is not doing well at all. His daughter asked Allen if the church here could please keep her dad in our prayers at this time

### ***Concerns Update***

**James Wesson** (Jeff’s dad) is still in the hospital with the Covid 19 virus symptoms.

### ***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 Rodriguez; 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)**

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...” (Isaiah 55:6)

**Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...**

“He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

### ***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.

### **Office News**

The NMCCCH will be here Tuesday, December 8th to pick up **Paper Towels** and the **Christmas Gifts**. Monetary gifts are also accepted.

## The Election of the Herods

The Herod’s were Edomites from the territory of Idumea. So how did they become rulers in Judaea and the surrounding territories?

In 125 B.C. John Hycanus, a Jewish general, conquered Idumea and forced all of the Edomite men to be circumcised. In the first century B.C. one of those men, Antipatas, was appointed by Roman Authorities to be governor of Idumea. His son, Antipater, succeeded him and was appointed Procurator of Judaea. Eventually, Antipater had his son, Herod, appointed governor of Galilee. Herod proved to be a smart ambitious politician, providing tribute monies to the Roman government while building relationships with Anthony and Augustus, the famous Roman generals, In 37 B.C. Herod was given the crown of Judaea by the Romans, provided he could conquer the territory and establish his rule there, which Herod did, conquering the city of Jerusalem the same year. That is how an Edomite became king of the Jews. Called Herod the Great, he tried to kill Jesus in his infancy by killing all the young boys in Bethlehem. Jesus escaped.

Herod the Great’s son, Herod Antipas, had John the Baptist beheaded.

This same Herod Antipas questioned Jesus during his trial before Pilate. Jesus gave no answers even though they mocked and beat him.

Herod Agripa I, grandson of Herod the Great, had the apostle James killed with a sword. Soon thereafter this Herod was eaten by worms and died.

Herod Agripa II, the great grandson of Herod the Great, listened to Paul’s defense in Caesarea with governor Felix. Paul appealed to Caesar in Rome rather than return to Jerusalem for trial.

Jesus’ entire time on earth was lived under the tyrannical rule of the Edomites known as the Herod’s. Yet through it all, Jesus accomplished everything he came to do, ultimately declaring, “All authority in heaven and of earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18). No matter who gets elected on earth, Jesus is the king of kings, with absolute authority over everyone.

–Rick Cunningham

### **November 22, 2020**

#### **A.M.**

#### **P.M.**

Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Jaxon Straw	Richard Siler
Second Prayer	Jacob Carson	Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Miguel Lozano
Lords Supper		
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Cody 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**

*"Where Do We Go from Here?"*

*(I John 2:12-14)*

## **Sunday PM**

*"Fixing Your Faith"*

*(I Thessalonians 3:1-5)*

## **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 69*

*Morning Worship...NC*

*Evening Worship...34*

*Wednesday...65*

*Contribution... \$3,739.00*