

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “My God, We Know Thee”

“Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee” (Hosea 8:2)

Israel would find herself in trouble. In the midst of trouble she would cry out to God, “We know thee.” but, God said: **“Because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law”** (Hosea 8:1), their cry is in vain. Israel did not know God or they would have realized that He does not overlook violations of His commandments. He did not give His Word to be ignored or transgressed. He intended for Israel to obey His will. For them to think they could pay no attention to what He had said and have His approval, was evidence that they did not know God.

Does not today’s religious world cry out: “My God, we know thee,” then follow in Israel’s steps? If this is not true what is the meaning of all the “non-essential commands” babble? The general attitude today is, “Oh, I know it is in the Bible, but we do not have to do it.” From every pulpit goes forth the cry, “My God, we know thee,” but in these very pulpits are men who insist that we need not do what God says. How much time and effort is spent in the pulpits of our land today trying to prove you do not have to obey the Word of the Lord? The majority of preaching done today in reference to salvation is to try to prove we are saved by faith alone — a direct contradiction of James 2:24. Does one know God that reads James 2:24 and then insists that we are saved by faith only? Jesus said, **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”** (Mark 16:16). One who teaches that baptism is not a condition of salvation, has transgressed His covenant.

If when Israel transgressed God’s covenant they did not know Him, what of those today who follow in their steps? Why have men written creeds and confessions of faith if they have not transgressed His covenant? If they contain commandments of men and leave out some of the commandments of God of what use are they? If they contain only what is in the Bible why write them? Why not just use the Bible.

Lest someone say, “But the passage you have quoted is in the Old Testament,” let me give one from the New Testament: **“And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 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 2:3-5)

**“They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idol that they may be cut off”** (Hosea 8:4). Yet, Israel claimed, “My God, we know thee” but they did not know God. This has its application today. Men have set up Popes, Cardinals, Presiding Elders, preachers as Pastors, but not by God. Where does one read of these in the Bible? Since such is not in the Bible, it is evident that God did not set them up. To claim to know God while setting up Popes, Reverends, and other offices unknown to the Bible, is to be like Israel. Those who follow such do not know God.

Men have also set up denominations so they may have “the church of their choice” but they are not by God. Jesus said, **“Upon this rock I will build my church”** (Matthew 16:18). All others have been set up by men. All claim to know God but it cannot be, for they are without any authority from God. Denominationalism is founded upon departures from the Bible and contrary to its plea for unity. How can anything built upon departures from God and in violation of the Bible’s teaching on unity have the approval of God?

**“Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure”** (Hosea 8:8). Israel was to remain a separate and distinct people but they thought they had to be like the Gentile nations. When they became such they were of no use to God. Yes, they would cry out, “My God, we know thee,” but it was a hollow plea. Congregations can be swallowed up by the world also. Many congregations are being “chewed on” and/or swallowed up.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Elder McCarty** is scheduled to have cataract eye surgery on his right eye Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Eyes of Texas. He has already had surgery done on the left eye.

Also, **Glenna's** arthritis has flared up. She is having a lot of pain. Her doctor has prescribed a steroid packet to help with the pain. Please keep both Glenna and Elder in your prayers

Jack Wright has requested prayers for his long time neighbor, **Lucy Fuentes**. She suffered a stroke and was in the hospital for six weeks. Please keep Lucy in your prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Conchida Williams** (Devida's sister) had shoulder replacement surgery November 23rd in Chillicothe, OH. The surgery went very well.

### ***Prayer List***

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Bill Bundick; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Cruz Coe; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Nancy Easlon; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Andrué LaFlure; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Ora McAfee; Jill McAfee; Jack McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Maxine Newton; Laura Olivas; Connie Phelps; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Meta Troutz; Marilyn Upshaw; Teresa Vires; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Jack Wright

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire 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 did Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus?

**Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...**

King Solomon created the first merchant navy.

### ***Events***

A "**Ladies Gift Exchange**" is being hosted by Christy Weakland and Bonnie Sorenson at Bonnie's home at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 11th. Bring a gift to exchange. All our ladies are invited to come join the fun and fellowship.

Today is our "**Fifth Sunday Service**". We will have a Potluck luncheon after our morning service followed by the evening service. All our visitors are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship.

### ***FYI***

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Christian Take Aim**" at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch *“In Search of the Lord’s Way”* every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.  
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**

Dear Friends & family at Eisenhower,  
Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls and being there for me.  
In Christ,  
Ora  
The basket of goodies is great; the visit with Bill and Robbie even better.  
Love you all,  
Maxine

### **Office News**

Our **“Food Pantry”** is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.  
The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 8th for a food drive. They are requesting **Cream of Chicken Soup**. Monetary donations also accepted.  
There is a signup sheet in the foyer for those who would like to host a **“Family Devotional”**. We need hosts for 2016. Please put your name beside the month that works for you.

### **Food for Thought**

Common sense is uncommon  
Give everyone your ear but few your tongue  
It is nice to be important but more important to be nice.

<b>November 29, 2015</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Dex Dennard	Richard Siler
Second Prayer	Bill Butler	Craig Wesson
Closing Prayer	John Carroll	Bill Tolbert
Lord's Supper		
West...	Jeff Wesson	John Wood
	Bill Ryan	Communion
	Richard Siler	(In Library)
East...	Cody Wesson	
	Josh Weakland	
	Tommy Garcia	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 363-0350 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486;  
*Table:* John Wood 230-0689; *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties:* Don Easlon 363-0350  
*Collections:* Don Easlon 363-0350

## **Sunday AM**

*"Removed & Went Behind"*

*(Exodus 14:10-20)*

## **Sunday PM**

*"He is Risen"*

*(Mark 16:1-14)*

## **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 83*

*Morning Worship...142*

*Evening Worship...81*

*Wednesday...81*

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