

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Liberalism

The world is starving for a cause worth dying for. The brotherhood is feeble and bloodless due to short rations regarding the Bible. And though it gives me no pleasure to say it, liberalism in most of our churches offers the world a kind of “Christianity-lite.” We know liberalism will never offer true Christianity to the world—not the stick-to-your-ribs kind. It offers an insipid, unsavory, mild, diluted, weakened version. With liberalism it is sue for peace with the enemies before they say something that may hurt our pride. Everywhere you turn, truths are watered down and “Christianity” is an ease-off, cool-down, rein-in, pull-up, gloss-over, type—i.e., the type that is so broad-minded that it makes one’s brain fall out. When it comes to warfare with sin and error, liberals are embarrassed doves, ashamed the subject even came up. Let us look at a few areas of concern.

Intellectual Pride

Liberalism makes fun of “Bible-toting-Bible-quoting” preachers. If you just study the Bible you are guilty of “theological thumb-sucking” and “Neanderthal religion.” I have two higher degrees, but I know Paul said, “hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” (I Corinthians 1:20). The way of man is not in him (Jeremiah 10:23). The Gospel is God’s power unto salvation (Romans 1:16). The Word of God is where the fire and the strength are (Jeremiah 23:29; Hebrews 4:12; Luke 1:37).

Morals

A liberal does not much preach on, or stand up to, unscriptural divorce, drinking, dancing, smoking, dipping, immodest dress, indecent movies and soft pornography. Rather, they accuse churches who do take a stand of trying to paint “an antiseptic circle around the church. “Well excuse me; that is exactly what I want to do. For me, my family and the church I love, I want to carve out the cleanest and most wholesome environment possible, even if criticized for it by liberals. Christ wishes to present us to God as “holy and without blemish and un-reproveable before him” (Colossians 1:22). Paul said the church should not have “spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27). See also I Corinthians 6:9-11 and 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1.

Doctrinal Error

When it comes to warfare with denominational error, the liberalism I have seen up close has a real problem deciding which side it is on. In fact, its aim seems to be to strip the church of all that makes it distinctive, in the hope that denominations will quit persecuting us and rather say nice things about us. Yet, Jesus said, “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!” (Luke 6:26). Jude said, “Contend earnestly for the faith” (Jude 3). And Jesus clearly said, “Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword” (Matthew 10:34). When it comes to evil speaking, backbiting, slander, and defamation of character, when I go into a debate it has gotten to where I am more afraid of some of my brethren than I am of the sectarians.

Conclusion

As you know, I could go on for quite a while. Liberalism hates rules and commandments, perverts love, swings a wide loop regarding fellowship, attacks re-established doctrine, plays down hell fire, has doubts about the inerrancy of the Bible, emphasizes fun and games and presents Christianity as a delicate and tasteless religion of convenience. If Jesus and the apostles were on earth today, I candidly say I believe they would be appalled.

—Jerry Moffitt

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Winford Hambright**. Winford passed away on Wednesday, November 25th at the Parks Living Facilities. His services were conducted by Scott Sheppard at 1:00 p.m. on December 1st at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. Winford had suffered with several health issues for the last few years of his life.

Prayer Requests

Jeff Wesson has tested positive for the Covid 19 virus. Please keep him in your prayers.

Janis May has requested prayers for her brother-in-law, **Doug Dowell**, who is in a hospital in Oklahoma City, OK with bleeding ulcers. Please keep Doug in your prayers that he will receive the best possible care and treatment for the ulcers.

Miguel Lozano has requested that we keep him in our prayers as he is going through some trying times which is difficult for him to handle. Please keep Miguel in your daily prayers that he gets the right answer to his problems.

Wayne Anderson (Paul Gunn's son) was in the hospital a couple of weeks ago with pneumonia. Paul has requested prayers for him that he has a speedy recovery.

Linda Tate has been sick since November 19th with the Covid 19 virus. She went to be re-tested last Monday afternoon and the test came back negative. She is okay but still has a headache and cannot taste or smell. Keep Linda in your prayers that she gets better soon.

Keep in prayer all of our members who are self-quarantined because of exposure to the virus or because they have the virus.

Prayer List

Maria Anaya; Raul & Elizabeth Armendarez; Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; 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; 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 ...

Where did Paul's ship run aground?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Paul was stoned and left for dead in Lystra (Acts 14:19)

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 NMCCH will be here Tuesday to pick up **Paper Towels** and the **Christmas Gifts**. Monetary gifts are also accepted.

All Bibles Classes are cancelled for the month of December (only) for right now.

Two and Only Two

An elder in my home congregation once told me that back in the days when he sold ice cream he would tell his customers, "We have two flavors—plain and vanilla."

Years ago when you went to have your teeth cleaned, there were no flavor options. Now the dental hygienist asks if I prefer mint, cinnamon, or strawberry.

In 1953 we had only one TV channel and it was black and white. Today we are overwhelmed with choices. From colors of paint to selections of greeting cards from brands of breakfast cereal to college courses—the options are almost endless. In contrast, Jesus often spoke of two and only two alternatives—one good and one bad.

He spoke of the wise and foolish builders—those who do and those who do not act on His teachings (Matthew 7:24-27). He pictured Judgment Day with everyone on the right or the left, the sheep and the goats, each receiving one of two destinies—eternal life or everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:31-46).

He spoke of the five wise virgins who were ready when the bridegroom came, and the five foolish virgins who were not (Matthew 25:1-13).

Wise or foolish. Right or left. Treasures in heaven or on earth. God or Mammon. Narrow way or broad way. Life or destruction. Prepared or unprepared.

To sum up, there are two and only two realms at the present time (Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13) and two and only two realms in the age to come (Matthew 25:46).

So, it's a matter of life or death and the choice is ours.

—David Gibson

December 6, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Don Easlon	Jr. Munoz
Second Prayer	Gary Loving	Larry May
Closing Prayer	Doug Guynn	Miguel Lozano

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Josh Weakland

Tom Sorenson

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209– *Deacon:* John Wood 413-7444 – *Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444 – *Table:* Tom Sorenson 638-9447 – *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990– *Recording Sermons:* Richard Siler 556-2151 – *Collections:* Richard Siler

Sunday AM

“Motivation for Godly Conduct”

(I John 3:16-24)

Sunday PM

“Standing Fast”

(I Thessalonians 3:6-10)

Our Records

Bible Class... NC

Morning Worship...46

Evening Worship... NC

Wednesday...NC

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