

Eisenhower Church of Christ

I am not a Church of Christ Preacher

In the last few days I have been deluged with sectarian, denomination remarks. Most of these remarks have been out of the mouths of those who should have known better. One of the most bitter, cruel, malicious and ignorant is, “Church of Christ Preacher.” Do not misunderstand me. I believe there is some “Church of Christ Preachers” in the world today. The Divine, God, in His Word, makes a radical and eternal distinction between the body of Christ, which is the church of Christ, and all other entities! Some religious groups call themselves “Church of Christ.” Abraham Lincoln once asked his cabinet, “If you call a dog’s tail a leg, how many legs does a dog have?” They responded “Five.” To that Mr. Lincoln replied, “No, a dog has four legs. Calling his tail a leg does not make it a leg.” On the other hand, the Divine, God, in His Word defines “the churches of Christ” (Romans 16:16). And the only two things necessary to learning the characteristics of that one, exclusive, acceptable-to-God, church of Christ are: (1) reading the words of the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15-17; 10:9-10; and Ephesians 3:3-5); and (2) being intellectually honest (Luke 8:15). The New Testament sets forth the conditions for entrance into this one and only, exclusive, acceptable-to-God church. The New Testament sets forth the worship in which this one and only, exclusive, acceptable-to-God church may engage with Divine approval. All denominations are either an apostate from this one and only, exclusive, original, acceptable-to-God church or apostate from some other apostasy.

The church of Christ stands today as the one and only product of the one and only seed (the New Testament) that produces only after its own kind according to Divine law given in Genesis Chapter 1 and it has no hybrids (Galatians 1:6-9). This church ordains no ministers, preachers, elders, pastors, bishops, etc. Every member of the churches of Christ is ordained by the Gospel of Christ to be a priest of God (I Peter 2:9). Every member of the church of Christ is called by the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). Thus, while it is possible to be a “Church of Christ Preacher,” I am not one of those. As a preacher of the Gospel, God has obligated me to reject all such evil (2 John 9-11). Because I am a Gospel preacher God has obligated me to preach the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The truth is the New Testament and it alone (John 17:17). It is the Word of Jesus (John 12:48), which came from God the Father (John 12:49-50) and was left to us by the New Testament apostles and prophets (Ephesians 3:5). This New Testament is the totality of God’s message to mankind on earth today (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The New Testament alone is the “all authority” (Matthew 28:18) of Jesus Christ. From the New Testament, the Gospel, we may not vary the tiniest little bit and still please God (Galatians 1:6-9). I am not even a “Church of Christ” member, much less a “Church of Christ” preacher.

I have some relatives and friends who have left the one and only, acceptable-to-God body of Christ and it is these who delight in using these sectarian phrases in my presence. They are cold, cruel, heartless, and lost. My heart hurts for them. My heart hurts to an even greater extent when I contemplate the effect they are having on their children, grandchildren and other extended family members, directing precious, impressionable souls into eternal damnation and unbounded arrogance against God and truth. In 1 Corinthians 4:6 God inspired Paul to write, “...that in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other” (ASV). According to I Timothy 3:6 this not abiding in the Word of God and becoming puffed up, is the very sin of the devil.

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—Kevin Cauley

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Linda Tate in the loss of her sister-in-law, **Bonnie Erwin**. Bonnie passed from this life at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12th at her home. She was diagnosed with cancer throughout her body just a few weeks ago. Keep the Erwin and Tate families in your prayers.

Charliss Wade (Larry May's cousin) passed away on Sunday, December 10th in Austin. Her services were scheduled to be held at the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ, Sunday, December 17th. Let's keep this family in our prayers and also a safe trip for Larry and Janis as they travel there to be with family.

Our condolences go out to Jack Wright and his family in the loss of his aunt, **Lucille Wright** who died Sunday, December 10th. She lived near Seattle, Washington; Lucille was 99 years old. Keep Jack's family in your prayers.

We would like to also express our sympathy to Nancy Campbell and her family in the loss of her husband, **Jon Campbell**. Jon passed away December 5th at his home. His memorial service was held on Saturday, December 9th at Sherwood Church of Christ. Nancy is the Principle at Odessa Christian School.

Prayer Requests

Harold Carrigan was taken to Medical Center Hospital last week. He was checked for possible pneumonia. Harold was back at the Nursing Home Monday, December 11th. Keep Harold on your prayer list.

Susan Simmons spent a few days in Medical Center Hospital last week due to low blood sugar count. They were able to bring it back to more normal. She was able to go home Monday, December 11th.

Mark Erwin had carotid artery surgery on Wednesday, December 13th at 1:30 p.m. Please continue to keep Mark in your daily prayers.

Concerns Update

Jimmy Weaver is at Baylor Scott & White All Saints Hospital in Ft. Worth. His kidneys # is down from 3.24 to 2.98; needs to be a 1. The swelling of the legs much improved. They are talking about giving Jimmy an experimental drug called Terlipressin which could make his kidneys normal again. Then he would only need a liver transplant. He will be in the hospital for a while. Keep Jimmy in your daily prayers.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

As Jesus departed from Jericho a great multitude followed. There were those when they heard Jesus was passing that way who cried, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David." Who were these who thus begged for mercy?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Moses threw a tree into the bitter water to make it good for the people to drink.

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

God has blessed us in Aransas Pass. Thank you for your help. Alice Sutton & Dee Steinmeyer

Thank you, to the ladies for the "goodie bag". A special thanks to Devida for the special treat that she made. Winford

Office News

The "New Mexico Children's Home" will be in Odessa March 6th, 2018. They are requesting **Juices (All Kinds)**. Monetary donations also accepted. Coin cans are on the table in the foyer.

Thought to Remember...

Hard work does not kill but it scares a lot of people half to death.

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Josh Wells	Cody Wesson
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	George Warren
Closing Prayer	Trinidad Wood	Jacob Carson
Lord's Supper		
West...	Scot Straw	Chris Butler
	Cody Wesson	Communion
	Bill Ryan	(In Library)
East...	Don Easlon	
	Josh Wells	
	Jeff Wesson	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder*: Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Table*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Dex Dennard 296-1582 Ochoa 214-0398; *Collections*: Dex Dennard 296-1582

Sunday AM

"Facing the Lion's Den"
(Daniel 6:10-23)

Sunday PM

"Christ First"
(Galatians 2:20)

Our Records

Bible Class... 73
Morning Worship...110
Evening Worship...68
Wednesday...59
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