



*Striving to be a Faithful New Testament Church
Endeavoring to Follow the Pattern of Christ's
Church Written in the New Testament*

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Visitors welcome: Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about the bible or our service, please feel free to ask questions after service

Continued prayer requests: Sister Ceil Ellis, Sister Sue; Sister Vernelle; Sister Fannie Kelley; Sister Diane Wortman, Brother Smith, Sister PeeWee, Sister Emily, Brother Vince, Brother Sullivan, Brother Hook, Sister Felecia Foughty; Sister Mary

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Sister Geronica thanked the church for prayers, also for sin, and her health, as well as her family; Brother Butler for sin and for school also for car issues; Sister Carmen for her ex husband's health and treatment, and for sin and her family; Sister Hilda for her husband and mom and baby who are home sick, for sin, and for her kids and grandkids; Sister Shayron for sin, her health, and her family; Sister Felicia for sin, and her daughter in law's health, as well as herself, and her son; Sister Linda for her brother's health; Visitor sin, and her mothers health; Brother Jeremiah for his aunt, mom, and brother also for strength, grades, and school; Brother Arnold for sin; Sister Lorraine for missing Wednesday and for sin; Brother Devin for his wife's health and for sin; Brother Ellis thanked church for prayers, and for his health, Brother Rashaud for his children and household; Sister Holly for her son in law's safety on his job

Announcements:

- There will be a Spiritual Gifts workshop today after morning worship. This is a continuation from the previous workshop. We will be doing a deeper dive into understanding our gifts.
- The Ignited YOUTH will have a meeting after morning worship on February 15
- There will be a Men's Training Class and Ladies Bible class on February 15 at 2:30
- The West Coast Preachers' and Leaders' Forum will be held February 15 -19, 2026 at the North Las Vegas Church of Christ.
- The next fundamental Friday class will be held on February 20 at 7:30. This is a potluck
- The Coolidge Church of Christ will host a Ladies day on February 21 from 9 am to 1 pm (registration will begin at 8:30). The theme is Love More, Sin Less. The event will be held at the Coolidge Adult Center, 230 S. 3rd St, Coolidge, AZ. A flier with more details will be posted on the bulletin board.
- The next Arizona Lectureship meeting will be held February 21 at 10:00 am
- There will be a congregational meeting on February 22 after morning worship.
- The next area wide singing will be on February 22 at 2:30 in Coolidge. Evening worship will begin at 4:30
- The Evangelism Workshop scheduled with Tommy Brooks on February 28 has been canceled
- There will be a Family Day/Total Day on March 1. There will be a meal served after morning worship and evening worship will begin at 2:15 pm. Team #3 is responsible for set up/service/clean up this day
- The church has purchased 3 water coolers for water and will no longer be providing bottled water for the church. You are welcome to fill your personal water bottles up from the coolers.

- If anyone needs a 2025 Contribution report for tax purposes, send a text to Brother Stuart (520-709-8172)
- Members, please send the email addresses of delinquent members to Brother Williams so an effort can be made to bring these souls back to the Body before it is everlasting too late. Brother Williams email is eddietrustgod@yahoo.com
- Copies of the sermon slides, notes and videos are available on the church website: eloychurchofchrist.org.

*****John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another*****

Memory verse leader this week: Tristan Johnson: Luke 9:23 (NASB)

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Memory verse leader next week: Darren Kyle: Luke 9:23-24 (NASB)

23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me; 24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, this is the one who will save it.

MINISTER'S NOTES

Being Different from the World

These days, it is difficult to see the difference between Christians and non-Christians. If you listen to the way some talk, it is no different than those in the world. If you look at how they dress, it is the same as those in the world. If you see what kinds of jokes entertain them, it is no different than what entertains the world. Many Christians today have lost their distinctiveness. But that is not how Christians are to live. Christians are to be distinctive and different from the world. In 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Paul lists several things that are not the same, and for each pair he asks the Corinthians how can fellowship exist between the two. The answer is, of course, it cannot. Then he tells the Corinthians in verse 17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...". Since we are no longer of the world, we are to be separate from it; we are to be different from the world. In 1 Peter 2:9, we're described as being a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people. Each of these terms shows how different we are.

Each point to the fact that we're not like the rest of the world. We once were part of the world, but we're not any longer. We've come out of the world and now we're separate. And that is how we must remain.

Sadly, some Christians do not want to be different. They don't like sticking out or doing things that bring attention to them. They want to hide and be a Christian in secret and act like their friends out in the world. They believe that they can do everything they used to do and still be a Christian. They think they don't have to come out and be separate. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus compares us to light. We are to stand out in this world and be noticed. We're not doing it for our glory, but to show people the way to God. This world is a very dark place. If we hide our lights, how can we direct them to the truth? Too many Christians are hiding their lights under bushels instead of raising them high for the world to see. If we care about people, we will be different in order to lead them to God.

As Christians, we must learn to become different from the world. We must think of it as a good thing, something that is important and necessary. We, being different, are lights to the dark world. If we become dark like the world, how can anyone come to the truth? If the world cannot see our light, they will remain lost. Let's shine our lights brightly for God!