

August 9, 2026

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 Deshanae Scott to come back to church; Sister Hilda for sin and for LaRon and her family; Sister Shayron for sin and struggles, she also thanked the Church for support, for her family, health, and for her son's work situation and to stay positive; Sister Carmen for sin and for being under pressure and for her temper and her family; Sister Olivia for sin and for stress and anger; Sister Sue for her brother in law's health and that she's able to ride her bike again; Sister Netta for sin, and apologized for not informing church that she had been traveling, and for study with her husband; Sister Diedra for sin, and for pressure at work, and anger and also a new role at work; Sister Linda for sin, and for stress test for heart, also that she will be traveling to Texas, also for encouragement for parents; Sister Elizabeth for her relationship with siblings and to talk to family, also for balance in home; Sister Jennifer apologized for missing last week due to food poisoning, and also thanked those who participated in the youth event, and that her prayer life gets better; Brother Darren for his co-workers family health situation, and others family life, and for those missing due to health; Brother Rashaud for his household and the kids' school, also for a loss in his family; Brother Arnold for sin and family; For our visitor with concerns for his family and health

Announcements:

- There will be a Men's Training class and Ladies Bible Class today at 2:30
- The Arizona Lectureship meeting will be held on August 15 at 10 am at Tonto
- There is a congregational meeting on August 16 to go over the Central Arizona Lectureship schedule
- The next fundamental Friday class will be held August 21 at 7:30. Meal provided
- There is an Ignited YOUTH meeting on August 23 after morning worship
- The Tonto Street Church of Christ will host a Beat the Heat Retreat on August 22-23. A flier is available on the bulletin board with more information.
- The next area wide singing will be August 30 at 2:30 in Eloy. Evening worship will begin at 4 pm
- 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: elaychurchofchrist.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: Paul Heaton - John 14:6 (NASB)

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Memory verse leader next week: Brett Myers - 1 John 5:11 (NASB)

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

MINISTER’S NOTES

Walking by Faith, Not by Sight — 2 Corinthians 5:7

Today’s lessons invite us to embrace a life shaped by faith rather than sight. Paul reminds us that trusting God often begins in uncomfortable places, yet it leads to deeper confidence, greater stability, and a stronger witness. As we learn to walk by faith, God not only strengthens us — He uses our walk to strengthen others.

Getting Comfortable with the Uncomfortable

In the morning lesson, through 2 Corinthians 4:17-5:10 we explore how walking by faith challenges our natural desire for control and certainty. Faith reframes our struggles, gives us a more reliable foundation than sight, and becomes a daily lifestyle rather than something we use only in emergencies. As we choose to trust God in situations that feel uncomfortable, unfamiliar or uncertain, we discover that His promises are more reliable than our circumstances. We begin developing a steady confidence in His presence and promises. The more we practice walking by faith, the more comfortable we become with the uncomfortable.

Your Comfort Becomes Their Comfort

In the subsequent lesson, we see how our personal walk of faith becomes a blessing to others. From 2 Corinthians 5:14–15, we learn that dying to Christ means no longer living for ourselves — and that this shift makes our example powerful. Our peace becomes visible, our lives shine as light, and our endurance encourages those who are watching. Fellow believers draw strength from our stability, and those outside the body see a living testimony of God’s transforming work. The comfort we gain from trusting God becomes comfort for those learning to trust Him themselves.

Together, these lessons show that **walking by faith shapes us — and then God uses us to shape others**. As we grow more confident in God’s guidance, our example becomes a source of comfort, clarity, and encouragement for everyone around us.