

August 30, 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 Elizabeth for the Sevedra family for the loss in their family and for Devin who is at work; Sister Felicia for being late and for her family in Memphis who are struggling; Sister Carmen for sin and her health, due to allergies and her family; Sister Roby for being late; Sister Diedra for sin and her household and also for anger; Sister Christina for sin and for mental health with dealing with her mom's passing and her struggles; Sister Rita for sin and her mom's health issues; Brother Elmo for his son who is in prison and to help know God also for being late; Sister Shayron for sin, and for Ceil's health and her cousin Danny's mental health, and her health and her family, also for her children come to church; Brother Sam for missing bible study, and for his sleep and work and his household; Brother Jelani for decisions, and for sin

Announcements:

- The area wide singing is today at 2:30 in Eloy. Evening worship will begin at 4 pm
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be on September 4 at 7:30. This is a potluck
- The First Sunday singings will resume on September 6, 2026. Southside Church of Christ in Tucson will host. The singing starts at 3:00 pm
- There will be an Ignited YOUTH meeting on September 12 at 4 pm. This meeting will cover 2027 planning
- A congregation meeting will be held on September 13 after morning worship to go over the meal service for the week of the Central Arizona Lectureship.
- A men's training class and Ladies Bible class will be held on September 13 at 2:30. The meeting will be the last meeting for the ladies before the Ladies Day on September 26.
- The next Arizona Lectureship meeting will be on September 19 at Tonto
- There will be a building clean up on September 19 beginning at 9 am. The building will need a good thorough cleaning before the Central Arizona Lectureship. No Fellowship meals will be held after the clean-up to keep the building ready for the Ladies Day and Central AZ Lectureship.
- There will be a teacher's meeting on September 20 after morning worship
- The Eloy Ladies Day will be held on September 26 beginning at 9 am
- The Central Arizona Lectureship will be held September 27 through October 1st. (with rest day on September 28)
- 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: elychurchofchrist.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: Stuart Fain John 1:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Memory verse leader next week: Will Gossett - Hebrews 7:25 (NASB)

²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save forever those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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!