

July 26, 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 Netta for sin and being late; Sister Roby for her health and procedure tomorrow; Brother Elmo for upcoming knee surgery and anxiety, and for his grandson who will be traveling; Sister Carmen sin, and for travel for her granddaughter, and safe travels for OJ and her family; Sister Shayron for sin, and her health, and household also for Darlene who is traveling; Sister Felicia for her Aunt Evelyn's surgery, and for sin and for words; Sister Elizabeth for her siblings to be guided to have a discussion with them; Brother Darren for his brother who is traveling, and for a co-worker's wife's health, and for family, and for a home search; Brother Devin for kids back to school and his household; Brother Rashaud for his household and kids returning to school; Brother Ellis for his family and that he spoke to a young person about Jesus and invited him to church.; Sister Hilda for sin, and her health and for her mom and that her mom's niece passed away

Announcements:

- The area wide singing is today at 2:30 in Coolidge. Evening worship will begin at 4:30 pm
- There will be a Total Day/Family Day on August 2. A meal will be served after morning worship and evening service will begin at 2:15. Team #1 will be responsible for set up/service/cleanup
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be held August 7 at 7:30. This is a potluck
- There will be a Men's Training class and Ladies Bible Class on August 9 at 2:30
- The Arizona Lectureship meeting will be held on August 15 at 10 am at Tonto
- 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
- 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: Jeremiah Kelley: Romans 5:1 (NASB)

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Memory verse leader next week: Arnold Kelley: Romans 5:1-2 (NASB)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.

MINISTER'S NOTES

Giving in the Lord's Church Must Be:

Sacrificial, Generous and Cheerful (2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Hebrews 12:1-2).

Is giving the offering in the New Testament sacrificial? Yes.

While the New Testament eliminates blood sacrifices and the Levitical temple system, giving an offering is still highly sacrificial.

Believers are called to present their entire lives as "living sacrifices", which includes sharing resources to support the poor, the church, and ministers of the gospel as an act of worship.

The concept of giving as a sacrifice is woven throughout the New Testament through both specific examples and direct teachings:

The Philippian Partnership: The Apostle Paul explicitly referred to the financial support he received from the Philippians as a "fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18).

The Teaching of Hebrews: The writer of Hebrews shifts the definition of sacrifice away from animals to practical acts of generosity, stating: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16)

The Principle of Generosity: True giving goes beyond sharing excess or the "leftovers." It is inherently sacrificial because it costs the giver something of value, reflecting a heart of total surrender to God.