

August 2, 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: Brother Elmo for Sister Mary's health, for his granddaughter and his wife's and his health; Sister Carmen for sin and her granddaughter's school year, and for bible reading to continue; Sister Sharyon for sin and health and her family; Sister Ashyra for missing and for her baby and her family; Sister Ceil for being late and for chemo Monday; Sister Geronica for sin and bible study and for learning books of bible; Sister Felicia for her grandson who is starting school that he is treated fairly and learns; Brother Sammy for Jackson family in an accident and for his sleep and work schedule; Brother Moses to help those in Tucson who want to learn and for his family who is traveling and the mission; Sister Elizabeth for her mother who is traveling and also for her father who is traveling as well, also for her home; Sister Lisa for sin, and upcoming procedure; Brother Ellis for his health; Brother Jeremiah for sin, his family and school and football and keep grades up; Brother Rashaud for his children going back to school, for Laila to get college credits; and his uncle Chris' health also thanked everyone who helped and participated in the youth event, also for Jennifer who is ill; Sister Christina for being late, and for time management, and to be careful not to speed also for sin; Brother Devin for career choices; Brother Armstrong for Harding family in Tucson; Brother Darryl who will be traveling next week and for medical decisions and decisions on future of retirement;

Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to those born in August!!
- Today is Total Day/Family Day. 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
- There is a congregational meeting on August 16 to go over the Central Arizona Lectureship schedule
- There is a 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: 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.

Memory verse leader next week: Paul Heaton - John 14:6 (NASB)

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

MINISTER’S NOTES

Seek First the Kingdom of GOD and His Righteousness (*Matthew 6:33-34*)

Matthew chapter 6 is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, focusing on genuine religious motives, heavenly priorities, and trusting God for daily needs. It covers three main spiritual practices, motives in religious practices, the correct view of wealth, and a command against worry.

Jesus teaches us to place God’s righteousness above every earthly concern. In Paul’s day, Israel had great zeal for God, but their zeal was misdirected—they tried to establish their own righteousness instead of submitting to God’s righteousness in Christ. Paul reminds us that zeal can be good or bad depending on whether it follows God’s truth.

Moses taught, “*The man who does those things shall live by them,*” showing that righteousness based on the Law requires perfect obedience. Christ fulfilled the Law, and now true righteousness is found only in Him.

If we do not seek God’s righteousness first, we will:

- Drift into our own righteousness
- Drift into worldly priorities
- Drift into spiritual neglect
- Drift away from the assembly
- Drift away from Christ

But if we seek God’s righteousness first:

- Our zeal becomes holy
- Our priorities become godly
- Our decisions become wise
- Our hearts become stable
- Our lives become aligned with Christ

“Seek Him first, seek Him always, and seek Him above all.”