

September 6, 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 Moses for his friend Hubbard, and for another friend who had a loss in his family and for his daughter; Sister Elizabeth for being late and missing bible study and for household; Brother Devin for sin and Troy Butler's health; Sister Netta for sin, being late and for her son and his family attending and for a death in her family; Sister Nikki for sin and for her health and her husband's career; Brother Elmo for missing bible study, and for medication balance, for his family attending, also for kids, grandkids and wife; Sister Carmen for sin and her son and that his non-profit is successful; Brother Armstrong for his family and his daughter's health and his health; Sister Christina for sin and strength, and for balance in her life; Brother Jeremiah for sin, his brothers, and for his mom's struggles, to study his bible and remain faithful; Brother Sullivan for his family, and for missing bible study; Brother Terris for his family and to stay on his path of righteousness; Sister Shayron for her family and her health; Sister Jennifer for missing worship last week, and missing Wednesday and for her health and work; Our visitor for being late, and for a home purchase; Brother Darren for a coworker's wife having surgery and another one who lost a family member; Brothern Rashaud for sin and missing Sunday and Wednesday, also for his wife's health and household; Sister Toye for Asia; Sister Lorine for working today, for her children and her son DeShawn

Announcements:

- Happy birthday to those born in September!
- The First Sunday singing is today at the Southside Church of Christ in Tucson. 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: loychurchofchrist.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: 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.

Memory verse leader next week: Edgar Ellis: Acts 4:12 (NASB)

¹² And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”.

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!