



Living By Faith

"The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:17

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4th & Stewart Church of Christ

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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:45 AM
Worship..... 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM
Redstone Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class 10:00 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class..... 10:00 AM
Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister Jim Moore
Don Smith..... James Thomas

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey

Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten
Cherokee Home for Children
Eric Henry, SWSBS
Food Pantry
Gospel Broadcast Network
Gospel Chariot Missions
House to House, Heart to Heart
Lake Cisco Camp
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, BTSP
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study the Bible to know more about Christ and His Church.

Welcome

Today marks the start of our **2009 Fall Gospel Meeting** and whether you are a member or visitor, we are glad that you are here. We welcome Maxie and Fran Boren. They are members at Brown Trail church of Christ in Fort Worth where Maxie serves as one of the elders for the congregation, lectureship director that they host each year, and "outreach evangelist." In the past he has also served as the director of the school of preaching there at Brown Trail and served as their pulpit preacher. In addition to the work at Brown Trail, Maxie also conducts many gospel meetings each year, this being his 685th such effort. We are greatly looking forward to the lessons that he will present all week dealing with *Finding Peace and Hope in a Troubled World*. All of us know from experience that this is a troubled world. We



have trouble in our own lives and we look and see people all around us that face troubles as well. Sadly, though, many people go through this world of trouble with no hope and no peace, but such does not have to be the case!

Meeting Schedule:

Sunday @ 9:45 AM, 10:40 AM, 6:00 PM
Monday-Wednesday @ 7:00 PM
Wednesday @ 11:00 AM with lunch following.

The Bible is God's revealed Word for the purpose of making one "perfect (complete—RTS), thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and we are told that God has given us "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Is it not great to know that not only did God love us enough to send His Son to die for us (John 3:16) but He also desired to give us a better life, I believe both here and in eternity (John 10:10)? Therefore peace and hope is not just a side-note of the gospel message, it is a vital part of the gospel message! So as Paul wrote to the Romans and spoke of the salvation that was available to ALL in Jesus Christ, he wrote, "Now the God of hope **fill you with all joy and peace** in believing, that ye may **abound in hope**, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Wherever the inspired (2 Timothy 3:16 2 Corinthians 2:6-13), soul-saving (Romans 1:16) gospel message of Jesus Christ is proclaimed and followed, it will fill us with hope and peace! The world may not think peace and hope are possible, but we know such can be found—only in Jesus Christ. I know that is what will be proclaimed this week, the Gospel of Christ, the Word of God, that will help us in whatever problems we face in life. We hope that you will be with us every opportunity that you get.



I also want to remind you or let you know that we are recording all of the lessons presented this week (as we do the sermons every week) and they will be available either on CD or online, free of charge. Also the bulletin is available online each week or by email.

To request a set of CDs or an individual sermon, please indicate such on an attendance card. For online audio or bulletin information please visit us at www.4thstreetcoc.org.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Philippians 4:9



And Now A Word From Our Creator by Bill Burk

Probably all of us have been watching some television show when suddenly there's a break in the programming and a voice comes over the sound system, "And now a word from one of our sponsors..." A commercial then flashes on the screen with a narrator who says something like, "Me you tired of acid reflux? If so then ask your physician about..." It's been estimated that the average American, who lives to be 80 years old, will see some seven million advertisements in his lifetime. Most of the commercials that appear before us we immediately tune out. We've seen so many we're just not interested in seeing anymore. Perhaps we've become the same way regarding the promises of God. We've heard them a lot. However, unlike so many products on the market, we need the truths of God's word. So pay attention, "And Now A Word From Our Creator..."

1. **"Are You Lost? I Will Save You."** The sin problem is universal (1 Kings 8:46; Ecc. 7:20; Rom. 3:23). God sent His Son Jesus into the world to save us from our sins (Mat. 1:21; John 1:29; 3:16; Acts 5:31; 10:43; 13:38; etc.). Jesus verified this truth as He explained His mission "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost" (Matt. 18:11). Both sinner and saint alike need Him. The sinner needs initial forgiveness of His sins through the blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5; Acts 2:38) and the saint needs His continual cleansing (1 Jn 1:7-9).
2. **"Are You Tired? I Will Give You Rest."** Most people are very much aware of the burden and guilt of sin (Psa. 32:3-4). The world and its system, despite its fleshly promises, leaves us frazzled, stressed, worn out and despondent. But in the midst of it all the Lord still says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..." (Mat. 11 :28-30). He provides rest from the burden of sin through His blood (Eph. 1 :7). He replaces it with peace, serenity, contentment and joy (Rom. 5:1; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; John 14:27).
3. **"Are You Lonely? I Will Befriend You."** So many people in the world; young and old alike suffer from loneliness. The apostle Paul experienced loneliness yet he stated that in the worst of times the Lord stood with Him and strengthened Him (2 Tim. 4:17). When others leave and forsake us, the Lord remains (Heb. 13:5-6). He is the friend that sticks closer than a brother (pro. 18:24).
4. **"Are You Worried? I Will Take Care Of You."** Recession; unemployment; nuclear weapons; crime; poverty; disease; death. We live in a scary world. At the same time, the Lord Himself commands us not to worry while at the same time promising to take care of our needs (Mat. 6:25-34). The Psalmist said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psa. 37:25). If the Lord's on our side we have nothing to fear (Rom. 8:28-39).
5. **"Are You Purposeless? I Will Use You."** The Bible teaches that we have been created for God's glory (Isa. 43 :7). Beautifully, the Lord invites us to labor with Him and participate in His grand scheme of redemption (cf. 2 Cor. 6:1). Each of us have been created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27) and meant for the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:20). In Christ, life has great meaning and purpose (1 Tim. 4:7-9).

WHICH CHURCH SHALL I JOIN?

All up and down this troubled land,
 Confusion reigns today;
 As honest folks on every hand
 In doubt are heard to say,
 I do not know which church to join
 For there are so many.
 To these offer this advice,
 You never should join any.
 You cannot join the Church of Christ;
 No man can vote you in.
 The Lord himself will add you
 When He saves you from your sin.
 Then take no chance neighbor;
 This race but once you'll run.
 A church you'd join must be of man
 And not the Bible One.
 Beware of a church you cannot find
 Within the sacred pages;
 Be safe, dear sinner, rest your soul
 Upon the Rock of Ages;
 Be added to this blood-bought church
 And drink salvation's cup,
 For every plant God planteth not
 It shall be rooted up.
 No mourners' bench on Pentecost
 The inspired fitted,
 But said, "Repent and be baptized
 That your sins be remitted."
 The Lord, who saved and added those
 Who did that day His will,
 Will do the same for you, dear friend,
 For He is adding still.
 Let not false teachers lead you wrong
 Nor close your eyes in slumber,
 When Jesus said, "I'll build my church,"
 T'was not the plural number.

~ **Author Unknown;**
 via *Good News From Getwell*, Memphis, TN

Television

The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish)
 Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB
 In Search of the Lord's Way (Mack Lyon)
 Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB
 Gospel Broadcasting Network
 Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org
 Dish Network: Good News Today, Daily
 @ 11:00 am on channel 9407 or 9396

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)
 Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).
Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)
Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)
 Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday .. Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thess. 1
 Monday .. Isaiah 56-58; 2 Thess. 2
 Tuesday .. Isaiah 59-61; 2 Thess. 3
 Wednesday.. Isaiah 62-64; 1 Timothy 1
 Thursday .. Isaiah 65-66; 1 Timothy 2
 Friday .. Jeremiah 1-2; 1 Timothy 3
 Saturday .. Jeremiah 3-5; 1 Timothy 4
Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)

News & Notes

Special Notice

Please remember that the **regular ladies class that meets on Wednesday at 10 AM has been opened up to everyone and will meet at 11 AM in the auditorium.** We hope that you can come out for class led by Maxie Boren and stay for a *Salads and Baked Potato* lunch following in the fellowship hall. There is still a food sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Spiritual Sword

New copies of the *Spiritual Sword* arrived this week and are available at the back of the auditorium. This issue's theme is: ***The Responsibility of Elders.*** In a time when the authority of elders is often minimized or passed to preachers who erringly serve as "pastors," I am sure this is a much needed study. Let us remember that God has designated how the church is to be organized and has chosen qualified men to serve as overseers of the flock (Acts 20:28) and feeders thereof (1 Peter 5:2). Therefore as you study the great responsibility of these men, respect those who ably and willing serve as such, submitting ourselves to them, "for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief" (Heb. 13:17).



Harris & Clark Expedition

David Harris and Kerry Clark have been doing a call-in radio program for a few months in Dublin but most of us have not been able to tune it in on the radio. However, the radio station is now streaming live online so you can listen to it anywhere in the world. For more details or to listen to past episodes, visit:

www.harrisandclark.org

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Today at 3:30 PM: Vicksburg Devotional/Singing.**
- ◆ Oct. 25-28: Gospel Meeting at 9th & Main in San Angelo with James Watkins.
- ◆ Nov. 1-4: Gospel Meeting at Hillcrest in Stephenville with Mike Bonner.

See bulletin board for flyers and additional details.

Visitation Program

Remember to join us for our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services in the fellowship hall.** Keep reporting your contacts made during the week and turn them in each Sunday morning — last week **36 contacts** were made. Also remember that this is the **3rd Sunday** and so plan on bringing finger-foods and staying for a time of fellowship after the meeting.



Remember the **Hayride and Wiener Roast** at the Moore's on October 31st.

Come whenever you'd like. We'll eat about 5:30 PM, have devo & sing, and then go for a hayride after the sun sets.

Hope to see you there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

October Birthdays: Jim Moore (03); Lisa Greer (05); Matthew Churchwell (07); Jo Maninger (12); Seth Smithey (13); Hank Wheeler (13); Tina Barnum (14); Cassie Freeman (23); Peggy Dudley (25).

October Anniversaries: Earlene & Earl Tomlinson (01); Freda & James Womack (19); Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25); Patti & Mike Bannister (27).

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)



	Recent Records	Oct. 04, 2009	Oct. 11, 2009
Bible Class		55	53
AM Worship		71	70
PM Worship		44	48
Wednesday PM		36	53
Contribution		\$1655	\$1405

Privileged to Serve	10/18/09 - AM	10/18/09 - PM	10/25/09 - AM	10/25/09 - PM
Greeters	Jim & Peg Moore		James & Cindy Fuller	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		James Fuller Psalm 37:35-40		Michael Bickford
Opening Prayer	Paul McClung	Michael Bickford	Hank Wheeler	Billy Chism
Wait on Table	James Thomas*, John Barnum Gene Bannister, Hank Wheeler	James Thomas	Allen Griffith*, Don Smith Tom Wilcox, Garrett Barnum	Allen Griffith
Closing Prayer	Ken Makuta	Matt Churchwell	Jim Moore	Gene Banister
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	October 21 Meeting	October 28 Tom Wilcox	November 4 Allen Griffith	November 11 Jim Moore

Studies For The Week of October 18th:

Gospel Meeting with Maxie Boren — Finding Peace and Hope in a Troubled World

WHAT KIND OF WORSHIPPER ARE YOU?

By Barry Gilreath, Jr.

There are all kinds of worshippers. *First*, of all, there is the *Spasmodic Worshipper*. He comes whenever he takes a notion, and that is not too often. The least attractions keep him from assembling with the saints.

Second, we mention the *Irreverent Worshipper*. He whispers, passes notes, and occasionally takes a "snooze" during worship. You may find him giving himself a manicure or reading some article he has brought with him.

Third, we suggest the *Bored Worshipper*. He is constantly looking at his watch or the clock on the wall. This may be accompanied by a yawn or a "hohum".

Fourth, there is the *Observant Worshipper*. He is constantly looking around. There is not a movement in any part of the building that he does not see or try to see.

Fifth, we do not want to omit the *Tardy Worshipper*. He seems to make it a point to always arrive after the singing has already begun. It almost looks as if it is planned that way.

Sixth, there is the *Worldly Worshipper*. This worshipper may have been to the dance or nightclub on Saturday night, and

then tries to worship God on Sunday morning. It could be that he transacted some "shady" business deal the week before or he failed to tell the truth. Maybe the worshipper is filled with malice or hatred toward his fellow man and refuses to speak (even to his brethren).

Seventh, and last, we list the *DEVOTED WORSHIPPER*. This type puts his heart into every act of homage paid unto God that is divinely authorized. He recognizes that he is in the august of presence of his Creator, and conducts himself accordingly. He is punctual, and he is ready to do all things prescribed by God.

Now if we were to try to analyze all these worshippers and seek the reasons behind actions, we would find one great difference. The first six were all woefully lacking in one area, namely a love for God.

The devoted worshipper does what he knows he should because God first loved him, and he loves God and his brethren in return.

If love for God is the motivation for our worship to Him, we will have no difficulty finding the time, the necessary effort and the right attitude with which to worship God.

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