



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
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Deacons:

Mike Bannister Jim Moore 5
Don Smith..... James Thomas 2

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey 3

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.

Deadly Dictionary

By Carl Garner

It takes less than a gram of poison in your food to bring about some very deadly results. That's 0.035 ounces or less—not much. It takes only a microscopic speck of dust on a computer chip to destroy its effectiveness. Just a very tiny deviation from the correct navigational course can cause the powerful spaceships to miss their objective by miles and miles. Just a little mistake can result in a gigantic blunder.

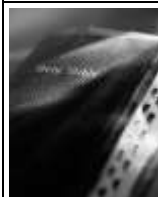
In 2004 a news release illustrated this point in potentially hazardous circumstances. The venerable French publishing house, Larousse, has urgently issued a recall of the deadly 1991 *Petit Larousse Dictionary*. A deadly dictionary, you say? Seldom considered lethal, except when falling from a high shelf on one's unprotected head, this one is truly dangerous. How can it be dangerous, you ask? The answer is a simple one—the dictionary contains one erroneous detail among its 1700 pages. On page 203 of the latest edition is a color illustration showing fifteen varieties of mushrooms, including *Amanita Phalloides*, often called the deadliest mushroom in France. The mistake? There was supposed to be a red dot next to the picture of this deadly plant, indicating its potential danger if ingested. Instead, there is a black dot, indicating it is harmless and therefore edible.

A common French pastime is that of roaming through the French countryside forests sampling the varieties of mushrooms that grow wild therein. What authoritative source do they use for their information on which mushrooms are edible? The *Petit Larousse Dictionary*. Over a million copies are sold each year at a price of \$75 each. Think of it—one dot on one page given the wrong color and people may die because of that error, if they are not made aware of the danger of believing that which is false.

The lesson for us is obvious. It doesn't take a great deal of error to cause a deadly result. Satan added only one three-letter word to God's truth, thereby making a lie. Read Genesis 3:3-4 and compare the two statements. Only one seemingly innocent statement in 1 Kings 13:18 brought about the death of the young prophet. Much of the religious doctrine that causes division and spiritual death today contains much truth. But just one deviation from truth, just adding or subtracting just one word or phrase can change the entire meaning of what God has given to man for his guidance.

This is why we must carefully study our Bibles. This is why we must always compare that which we hear from men with God's inspired Word (Acts 17: 11). This is why we need to be so careful in the use of translations that are careless with the Word of God. This is why elders are expected to use "sound doctrine" in stopping the mouths of those who would advance their own false views. This is why no one has the right to change one word of God's instruction for man. Because the results can be deadly, both now and in eternity.

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." (Deuteronomy 4:2)



Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

Psalm 61:1-3

We Are Wonderfully Made

By Tom Wacaster

Over the past two decades, I have had numerous occasions to gaze upon the internal works of a computer. I am always amazed at the circuitry and complexity therein. An accident? Of course not! Now consider man. As Shakespeare once said, "What a piece of work is man!" Here is what our God has made:

- ◆ **THE EARS:** A piano has 88 keys, but each of your ears has a keyboard with 1500 keys. They are so finely tuned that you can hear the blood rushing through your vessels. The outside of your ear can catch up to 73,700 vibrations per second.
- ◆ **THE EYES:** They are both microscopes and telescopes. One can look upon a star millions of miles away, or inspect the smallest of insects.
- ◆ **THE FEET:** Each foot has more than two dozen bones, none of which is wider than your thumb. But the foot is so manufactured with its ligaments, tendons, muscles, and joints that a 30-pound man can put all his weight on these tiny bones.
- ◆ **THE HEART:** This little muscle is about the size of your fist, but it beats 4320 times an hour. That amounts to approximately 40 million beats a year. A single drop of blood can make a complete trip around your circulatory system in 22 seconds. When considered as a whole, indeed we are wonderfully made. And to think that somebody came up with the silly notion that this happened by chance! Three weeks ago I had the opportunity to hear a wonderful lesson on the very topic we are considering.

Here is but a portion of the wonderful evidence that indeed, we are wonderfully made: The basis for the development of a human being in his mother's womb is a complex molecule known as DNA--deoxyribonucleic acid. DNA is the coded information, present in every cell, which forms the in-

struction manual for human development. The code of DNA is composed of four chemical bases: Adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine B, represented by the letters A, G, C, and T. Human DNA consists of about three billion bases arranged in such a way as to form inconceivably complex "words." These genetic "words" are the basis of life. Without this information the cells cannot reproduce and the body cannot be formed in the womb. The position of each base or "letter" is highly significant. Genetic diseases, such as sickle-cell anemia and Down syndrome are caused by glitches in the genome, some as subtle as a single misplaced letter. If written out, the information in the DNA of one cell would fill a thousand six-hundred page books.

What is the origin of this information? The complexity of DNA is evidence of design. The DNA of one cell would fill one thousand six-hundred page books.

Perhaps one of the clearest descriptions of this implication from DNA was stated by Charles Colson in a Breakpoint commentary titled, "Little Green Men." If one were walking along the beach and saw ripples in the sand, he might reasonably conclude that the regular pattern they formed was merely the result of a natural process of waves lapping on the beach. However, if on the same beach he were to see the words, "John loves Mary" scratched into the sand, he would immediately conclude that an intelligent being was responsible for the sentence. These simple words communicate information.

In a similar way, the "words" of DNA are not just randomly produced patterns. They communicate information that could not just happen. Colson concluded that if "John loves Mary" scratched in the sand has to be the product of an intelligent being, how much more the DNA code.

No wonder the psalmist proclaimed, "[We are] fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).



I think that the meeting last week was a **great success** and I want to **thank everyone that took part in making it such**. There were seven **outstanding** lessons presented by Maxie Boren that surely were beneficial to all present. At all sessions we had good attendance composed of members of the community, area congregations, and of course members here. I also believe that a good time was had by all as we had opportunity to visit. And of course, it was a great success in that the word of God was proclaimed as that is our mission (Matthew 28:18-20) and in that it will accomplish its purpose as God long ago said of His word, "it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). So thank you all for the part you had in such, in attendance (and hopefully application of what was studied), in providing food, in spreading the word about the meeting, and in whatever other way you had a hand!

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 .. Jeremiah 6-8; 1 Timothy 5
Monday .. Jeremiah 9-11; 1 Timothy 6
Tuesday .. Jeremiah 12-14; 2 Timothy 1
Wednesday.. Jeremiah 15-17; 2 Timothy 2
Thursday .. Jeremiah 18-19; 2 Timothy 3
Friday .. Jeremiah 20-21; 2 Timothy 4
Saturday .. Jeremiah 22-23; Titus 1
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

Ladies Class

Ladies, please remember that the **regular ladies class will resume this week**. Join us at 10 AM in the fellowship hall as we study the Life of Christ.

Time to Adjust Your Clock and Your Belt!

Believe it or not, next Sunday is the first day of November!

So, two important reminders concerning next Sunday:

- ◆ First — Please remember that it is the end of **Day Light Savings Time** so **set your clock BACK ONE HOUR** before you go to bed Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour and be all the more ready to assemble and worship God that morning!
- ◆ Second—As the first Sunday of the month, it will be our regular **1st Sunday Potluck** lunch following the morning worship time — hope that you can join us.



CDs & Audio of the Meeting

- ◆ I believe all of the CDs that were requested are available on the back table in the auditorium. In an effort to retain all of the content of each lesson, we had to use 6 CDs so make sure you get all six CDs (each Disc is numbered). And if you still need a set, just let Ryan know — thanks.
- ◆ Also remember that the audio is available online at www.4thstreetcoc.org — if you would like to listen to it or know others interested, this is a great way for them to hear it too, no matter where in the world they are!



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 **30 contacts** were made.



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!

Spiritual Sword

New copies of the Spiritual Sword arrived last week and are on the table at the back of the auditorium. If you have not already, make sure that you pick one up for your study. This issue's theme is: **The Responsibility of Elders**.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 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.

Recent Records	Oct. 11, 2009	Oct. 18, 2009
Bible Class	53	61
AM Worship	70	81
PM Worship	48	69
Monday PM	N/A	68
Tuesday PM	N/A	67
Wednesday AM	N/A	33
Wednesday PM	53	63
Contribution	\$1405	\$1426

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)

Privileged to Serve	10/25/09 - AM	10/25/09 - PM	11/01/09 - AM	11/01/09 - PM
Greeters	James & Cindy Fuller		Michael & Diana Bickford	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		Michael Bickford 1 John 2:15-17		John Barnum
Opening Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Billy Chism	Jim Moore	Don Smith
Wait on Table	Allen Griffith*, Don Smith Tom Wilcox, Garrett Barnum	Allen Griffith	Ken Makuta*, Michael Fuller James Thomas, James Fuller	Ken Makuta
Closing Prayer	Jim Moore	Gene Banister	Hank Wheeler	Matthew Churchwell
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	October 28 Tom Wilcox	November 4 Allen Griffith	November 11 Jim Moore	November 18 Don Smith

Studies For The Week of October 25th:

Sunday Class2 Thessalonians 2-3

Wednesday ClassDaniel 11

Basics: Identifying Marks (Pt 4: Worship)

- 1) **Meaning:** Worthy of honor, “a bowing down,” “to kiss toward;” shows adoration, respect, honor, gratitude, and respect.
- 2) **Action:** More than being there; must be “from the heart” (Rom. 6:16-18) in spirit (right attitude/mindset) and in truth (right actions) (John 4:24).
- 3) **Object:** God only (Matt. 4:11; Acts 17:12-31); not men (Acts 10:25-26, 14:8-18), angels (Rev. 22:8-9), or idols (Acts 17:29).
- 4) **Type:** Not vain (Matt. 15:9; any substitution from man); not ignorant (Acts 17:22-23; John 4:22; we must understand, 1 Cor. 14:15), not will worship (Col. 2:23; self-devised, Prov. 14:12); but acceptable (Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 2:5).
 - a. **Prayer:** 1 Thess. 5:17; Acts 2:42; 1 Tim. 2:1, 8
 - b. **Lord’s Supper:** 1 Cor. 11:24-29; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 20:7—Memorial of Christ’s death; 1st Day of Week.
 - c. **Collection/Giving:** 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7; Phil. 4:18 — As prospered, purposefully & cheerfully to support work of church.
 - d. **Singing:** Heb. 13:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15—Fruit of lips from heart; singing is specific, excludes all else.
 - e. **Instruction/Preaching:** Acts 20:7, 2:42; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 2:2; Eph. 4:12; Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Tim. 2:11 — like others, not a “spectator sport” all are involved in hearing and applying the word of God.

Spiritual Shortsightedness (Genesis 25:29-34)

- 1) **Spiritual Shortsightedness means we are blind to true values.** By selling the birthright, Esau showed how little it meant to him; how much do spiritual things mean to us (2 Pet. 1:9)?
- 2) **Satan always has a bowl of soup ready!** He knows what, when, and how to offer it (Matt. 4:1-4, 1 Pet. 5:8); therefore we must always think, show patience, and count the cost (1 Cor. 9:27; Lk. 14:28-32; 1 John 2:15-17).
- 3) **We should focus on eternal, not temporal, things.** The bowl of Satan will soon be empty, we must love God more (Heb. 11:24-26; 2 Tim. 3:4; Matt. 19:21-22; Col. 3:1-2).
- 4) **Spiritual Shortsightedness insists on immediate desires and gratification.** This is the lesson the prodigal son (Lk 15:11-32) and the rich fool (Lk 12:15-21) learned; we can’t just live for the moment.
- 5) **Spiritual shortsightedness causes us to make irrevocable decisions that can’t be changed.** We need to learn our actions can’t be changed (Heb. 12:16-17) and may lead us to worse actions (Henn. 27:41); they come with consequences that might not be removed.

If we remain spiritual shortsighted, the eternal consequences won’t be removed either, but Jesus offers a much more satisfying bowl (Rev. 3:20; Matt. 16:24).

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