



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 9:30 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:

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Works We Support:

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

SIX THINGS YOU'LL NEVER REGRET

by J. A. McNutt

- 1. Showing kindness to an aged person.** Lev. 19:32, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD." Job 12:12, "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding." Prov 23:22, "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old."
- 2. Destroying a letter written in anger.** Eph 4:26, 31-32, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath; Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Prov 15:18, "A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife."
- 3. Offering the apology that saved a friendship.** Prov 15:1, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Matt 5:23-25, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him..."
- 4. Stopping a scandal that would wreck a reputation.** Prov 12:23, "A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness." Prov 17:9, "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends." Prov 11:9, "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered."
- 5. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.** Prov 1:8-9, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck." 1 Tim 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Eph 6:2-3, "Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."
- 6. Feeling reverence for your maker.** Prov 1:7, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Prov 3:5-7, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." Eccl 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole of man."

*I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and re-
joice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.*

Psalm 9:1-2

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



Defeated

by Bill Burk

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me" (Luke 22:31-34).

Practically every Christian is familiar with the story of Peter's denial of Jesus (Luke 22:54-62). Despite his bold claims, defeat came for Peter in the form of temptation's pull. He knew what was coming but lost the battle anyway. Sadly, many of us are habitually defeated in the face of temptation. Why? Consider these possibilities...

- 1. Overconfidence:** In the book of John, the disciple whom Jesus loved reminds us of Peter's bold claim. After Jesus declared that where He was going His disciples, at least at that time, could not follow, Peter said, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake" (John 13:37). Jesus would respond, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times" (John 13:38). Peter had good intention but he evidently didn't realize the danger he was in. We are reminded of Paul's words, "Therefore to him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).
- 2. Underprepared:** Many of us are defeated because we are not prepared for Satan's temptations that are ahead of us (cf. 2 Cor. 2: 11). Peter really had no

excuses in this regard. He had been with the Lord for over three years. The Lord had prepared Him and given him His word (John 17:6-9) yet he was defeated. Each of us needs to reflect upon our strengths and weaknesses (2 Cor. 13:5); our associates (Pro. 12:26) and our circumstances so we don't find ourselves unprepared when temptation comes.

- 3. Unused Resources:** Peter, like each of us, had resources at his disposal to keep him safe in the face of temptation. He had the ear of God (cf. Mat. 6: 13), yet we don't read of him praying. He had the word of God yet we don't read of him quoting or reflecting upon the law, the prophets or the psalms. He had the people of God, his fellow disciples, yet he wasn't there for them or they for him. Unless we want continual defeat, we should take advantage of the arsenal at our disposal (Eph. 6:10-18).
- 4. Overburdening Guilt:** Defeat in time of temptation causes guilt to the sensitive heart (cf. Psalm 51:1fi). Guilt and shame can weigh us down and make us useless for the cause of Christ (psalm 32: Iff.). Then, because we are in the wrong frame of mind we fall again and again. Guilt should be felt when we sin, however, forgiveness should be sought (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9).

As God's people, we have to realize that we will lose some battles to temptation although the avenue of escape is always available (1 Cor. 10:13). But thankfully due to **God's Unbelievable Grace** we don't have to lose the war (1 Cor. 15:50-58). His grace is sufficient for us (1 Cor. 12:7-10). We can overcome (Rom. 8:28-38). Therefore, to paraphrase the words of Winston Churchill, "Never Give Up!"

Television	God's Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Reading Schedule
The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB	Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).	Sunday...Leviticus 18-19; Mark 2
In Search of the Lord's Way (Mack Lyon) Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB	Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)	Monday...Leviticus 20-22; Mark 3:1-19
Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org	Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)	Tuesday...Leviticus 23; Mark 3:20-35
Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208	Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)	Wednesday..Leviticus 24-25; Mark 4:1-25
Radio	Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)	Thursday...Leviticus 26; Mark 4:26-41
Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3		Friday...Leviticus 27; Mark 5:1-20
		Saturday...Numbers 1-2; Mark 5:21-43
		<i>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)</i>

News & Notes

Sculptor of the Day

by Tom Moore

Today I woke up early, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have.

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 **24 contacts** were made. **Also remember that tonight is the 3rd Sunday; we will be having finger-foods following the meeting that night; hope you can come and join us.**

Ladies Class

Remember our **ladies class every Wednesday at 10 AM** in the fellowship hall— Join us as we study the life of Christ. This Wednesday are planning on staying after class for lunch at the building; see Linda Griffith with any question.

Vicksburg/Redstone/Care

Remember our worship services at Redstone and Care every Sunday at 2:30. Also today is the monthly devotional at Vicksburg at 3:30. We would love to have you help/join us.

Wedding Shower

Donna Hall is hosting a **wedding shower for Amy Barnum and Kevin Wilcox on Saturday, February 27th at 2 PM** at the Hall's house in Bangs. Amy and Kevin are to **be married on March 20th at 4 PM** at the Bangs church building. They are registered at JcPenny and Walmart.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

February Birthdays: Peggy Chism (03); Carol Wilcox (05); Lunday Maninger (08); James Nolen (10); Patti Banister (14); Jonathan Fuller (28).

February Anniversaries: Mariah & Steven Martinez (04); Zelma & Lloyd Leslie (09); Debbie & Charlie Perkins (11); Peggy & Billy Chism (26).

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

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Recent Records	February 7, 2010	February 14, 2010
Bible Class	53	61
AM Worship	71	81
PM Worship	45	55
Wednesday PM	36	43
Contribution	\$1608	\$1532

Privileged to Serve	02/14/10 - AM	02/14/10 - PM	02/21/10 - AM	02/21/10 - PM
Greeters	Jim & Peg Moore		Jim & Peg Moore	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		Michael Bickford Psalm 26:1-7		James Fuller
Opening Prayer	Lloyd Leslie	Billy Chism	Ken Makuta	Gene Bannister
Wait on Table	Gene Bannister*, John Barnum James Thomas, James Fuller	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith*, Jim Moore Gene Bannister, Michael Bickford	Allen Griffith
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Ken Makuta	Tom Wilcox	Billy Chism
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	February 24 Don Smith	March 3 James Fuller	March 10 Ken Makuta	March 17 Allen Griffith

Studies For The Week of February 21st:

Sunday Class.....1 Corinthians (Chap. 5-6)

Wednesday ClassMinor Prophets: Joel 2-3

What Acts Tells Us About Baptism

Acts contains a number of conversion accounts, all of which that have any detail mention baptism; what can we learn from these accounts:

1) Baptism is Necessary

- a) Acts 2:37 and 16:30 both have people asking what they must to be saved and being baptized is part of the answer.
- b) Paul's own account shows that he had to be baptized (Acts 9:6, 22:16).

2) Baptism is Urgent

- a) There is no case where anyone slept or ate between learning what they needed to do and being baptized – it was that urgent because they were dealing with their eternal soul.
- b) Acts 8 – the Ethiopian did not wait though far from home; Acts 16 the jailer was baptized at night rather than waiting for day.

3) Baptism is an Immersion

- a) Acts 8:36 the Ethiopian's baptism required water and both he and Philip went down into the water and came up out of it.
- b) NT baptism was always an immersion that figures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (cf. John 3:23; Rom. 6:4-5).

4) Baptism is in the Name of Jesus Christ –done according to His authority (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 8:12, 16;19:5; cf. Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:17).

5) Baptism is a cause for rejoicing – only following this act are our sins forgiven (Acts 8:39; Gal. 3:27; Lk. 15:10).

How Are We Doing?

It is good to examine ourselves as individuals and as a congregation and ask "How are we doing?" (cf. Ps. 26:2; Hag. 1:5,7; 1 Cor. 11:1; 2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Pet. 1:10; James 1:23-25). Ask, "how are we doing teaching our children & instilling faith in the next generation?"

1) Statistically, Not Good — Surveys conducted of "Christianity" reveal that almost 2 out of 3 children will no longer be spiritual active by the time they are in their 20's.

2) We have a charge to perpetuate faith as much as possible.

- a) Parents are reminded throughout the Bible of this need (Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 1:15, 3:14).
- b) But as elders, preachers, teachers, Christians, we have that same charge (Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:15-16; 2 Tim. 2:2, 4:2).
- c) This is a matter of souls, not just numbers (James 5:20).

3) Only one generation (or less) from apostasy and extinction.

- a) OT warnings of quick changes: sin (Gen. 3); new king (Ex. 1:8); fickleness of Israel (Num.); time of judges (Jud. 2:7, 10).
- b) NT also reminds us of the need to be built up in the faith and teach that to others (2 Tim. 2:2-4; 1 Tim. 4:16).

4) The gospel will always reproduce in good and honest hearts.

- a) Take comfort in knowing that God's word will always be the seed (Lk. 8:11) that will accomplish His will (Isa. 55:11).
- b) We have to teach it and trust in God to bring forth the increase (1 Cor. 6:7); let us make sure we are doing the best we can.

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