



# Living By Faith

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

April 25, 2010

## 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:

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, Africa  
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.

## Tracking

By Terry Jackson

Many hunters have acquired the ability to track animals. There are certain signs that they look for and after finding them can tell the direction that they need to go. It does have certain draw backs because the trail may lead one into a place that he really does not need to go like the cave of a mean spirited grizzly! Another gift of technology is that a person can order a product and then track [its] journey to the destination. Radars can track the approach or departure of aircraft or almost anything equipped with GPS. The thing about tracking is that it relies on signs or evidence.

As we consider this discussion, a thought comes to mind, "Am I leaving enough evidence in my life that I can lead folks to Christ? If people followed my path, where would I lead them?" In John 20:30-31, John wrote that Jesus had performed many signs, "**but these were written that you might believe.**" The lessons Jesus taught and the miracles or signs He performed led men to the Father. Our lives leave impressions or influences on those with which we contact. Can our friends and associates track our example to Christ? The Bible tells us that certain Greeks approached Philip saying, "**Sir, we wish to see Jesus**" (John 12:21). The Christian must live his life with such conviction that when men search for the Christ they will know where to go. How often are folks surprised to learn, because of the way a certain person lives their life, that the person is a member of the church of Christ. Or like Peter does their speech betray them (Matt. 26:73)?

The Christians at Thessalonica were commended by Paul because of their example, (1 Thess. 1:6-9) "**And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.**" It has been said that imitation is the greatest form of flattery. Do we imitate our Lord like these folks? Does our faith need explanation or can it be seen in our life like the faithful people of old (See Heb. 11). If people are tracking us will we lead them to the Savior or away from Him? We are either examples of righteousness, (Phil. 3:17), or examples of ungodliness, (2 Peter 2:6).

***"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15)***



*Be not wise in thine own eyes:  
fear the LORD, and depart from evil.  
It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.*

*Proverbs 3:7-8*

## This Old Book

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy.


It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ, yes, to glory itself for eternity. [author unknown]

How often do you read and studied your Bible? "Give diligence [study - KJV] to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). The Psalmist declared, "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psa. 119:97).

from Tom Moore via *the Preachers PC*



# EVIDENCE

**That Demands A Verdict**

## Join Us: May 2-5, 2010

We invite you to be our guest at the 4th & Stewart church of Christ for our Spring Gospel Meeting as we look at *Evidence That Demands A Verdict*. Our guest preacher, John Moore, is a talented speaker and writer. He is well trained and prepared to present Biblical lessons concerning history, science, archaeology, and geography all designed to challenge our thoughts and strengthen our faith in God and the Bible.

- Sunday, May 2:  
9:45 AM: The Bible and Its Influence  
10:40 AM: I Know That God Exists  
6:00 PM: "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down"
- Monday, May 3:  
7:00 PM: Tell Me The Story Of Jesus
- Tuesday, May 4:  
7:00 PM: Why I Believe The Bible Is The Word of God
- Wednesday, May 5:  
11:00 AM: The Bible Land: A Testing Ground Of Faith  
7:00 PM: Did Jesus Really Rise From The Grave?

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## Just A Week To Go!

Can you believe that it is already time for our gospel meeting! We have been looking forward to it and praying for its success and now it is just a week away. We know how quickly time passes by so make sure you use this week to pray for John Moore and the success of the meeting. Also continue passing out flyers to invite and remind people of the upcoming meeting and your desire to have them here. We did not do an organized door knocking campaign but we will have an ad in the Brownwood Bulletin this week, notice went out in the most recent *House to House*, and, if you have not already, why not use the great spring weather this week and get out and pass out flyers in your neighborhood.

Also remember the Baked Potato and Salad lunch that will follow Wednesday morning's class. We hope that everyone who can will be here and, if you are planning on being here, sign-up for the things needed for lunch on the list located on the bulletin board so that we know there will be enough.

Finally, if you are interested in hosting John for lunch or dinner sometime during the gospel meeting, please let Ryan know so we can schedule that.

**Corrected Bible Reading Schedule**

(I forgot to update this list last week and so this is what it should have been; the correct list for this week is listed below.)

Sunday .. Judges 11-13; Luke 12:41-59  
Monday .. Judges 14-16; Luke 13:1-17  
Tuesday .. Judges 17-19; Luke 13:18-35  
Wednesday.. Judges 20-21; Luke 14:1-14  
Thursday .. Ruth 1-2; Luke 14:15-35  
Friday .. Ruth 3-4; Luke 15  
Saturday .. 1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 16

### 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

Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am  
on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208

### 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... 1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 17:1-19  
Monday... 1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 17:20-37  
Tuesday... 1 Sam. 10-12; Luke 18:1-17  
Wednesday.. 1 Sam. 13-14; Luke 18:18-43  
Thursday... 1 Sam. 15-16; Luke 19:1-27  
Friday... 1 Samuel 17; Luke 19:28-48  
Saturday... 1 Sam. 18-19; Luke 20:1-26

*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***

Remember our **ladies class every Wednesday at 10 AM** in the fellowship hall— Join us as we study the life of Christ. Also this week make plans to **stay for lunch**; those who can are invited to stay after class to enjoy lunch at the building.

## ***Cherokee Day...***

Cherokee Home for Children's Cherokee Day is this coming Saturday. There are flyers on the board that give details if you would like to attend; also remember that if you want to contribute to their pantry food drive, those items need to be dropped off today or Wednesday. Here are some suggested items from their list on the bulletin board: **Canned meat (tuna, chicken, chili, spam), canned fruit and fruit juices (plastic bottles), canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, Rotel.**

## ***1st Sunday***

Remember that next Sunday not only begins our gospel meeting but also is the 1st Sunday of May which means it is time for our monthly potluck meal.

We hope that you can make plans to join us for both.

## ***Summer Camp Applications***

Remember the applications for summer camp are at the back of the auditorium. Also available are staff application forms — there are a number of areas in which you can serve and your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Remember to complete and submit your applications as soon as possible; spots are already going fast. This year the junior camp for grades 4-7 will be **July 4-8** and the senior camp for grade 8-12 will be **July 18-23**. See the forms for more information.

## ***Hearing Assistance Available***

If you have a hard time hearing in the auditorium for class, sermons, prayers, etc., you may be benefited by our new hearing assistance system. This system transmits the same sound coming out of the speakers to wireless receivers connected to headphones which you can then regulate the volume on as needed to suit you. If you would like to give this a try, please see Ryan.

## ***Volunteer Opportunity Available***

Are you looking for an opportunity to help young people and have a potential impact on their future for eternity? Don Smith has been informed there is a need for faith-based mentors at the Texas Youth Commission facility. Anyone (or a pair of volunteers) can be used, no special requirements are needed. If you would be interested and want more information, please see Don.

## ***Visitation Program***

Remember our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services in the fellowship hall**. Last week **30 contacts** were made.

## ***For Your Calendar***

*See bulletin board for more information.*

- ◆ **May 1:** Cherokee Day at Cherokee Home for Children.
- ◆ **May 2-5:** Our Gospel Meeting with John Moore: *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*.
- ◆ **May 9-12:** Gospel Meeting with David Baker at the Mesquite & Rusk congregation in Ranger.



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:**

**April Birthdays:** Julie Baker (01); Dorothy Reynolds (06); Lu Whitsett (06); Ashley Arnold (08); Ginger King (08); Kristi Maninger (09); Darlene Smith (10); Kenneth Makuta (13); Birdie Reynolds (17); Earlene Birge (17).

**April Anniversaries:** Tina & John Barnum (08).

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

*Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...*



Recent Records	April 11, 2010	April 18, 2010
Bible Class	54	63
AM Worship	68	81
PM Worship	41	49
Wednesday PM	50	50
Contribution	\$1402	\$1548

Privileged to Serve	04/25/10 - AM	04/25/10 - PM	05/02/10 - AM	05/02/10 - PM
<b>Greeters</b>	Michael & Diana Bickford		Gene & Barbara Bannister	
<b>Scripture Reader Scripture Reading</b>		Hank Wheeler Colossians 3:12-15		James Fuller
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Jim Moore	Paul McClung	Michael Bickford
<b>Wait on Table</b>	Ken Maninger*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Ken Makuta	Ken Maninger	James Thomas*, John Barnum Gene Bannister, Hank Wheeler	James Thomas
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Tom Wilcox	Ken Makuta	Matthew Churchwell
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
<b>Wednesday Devotionals</b>	April 28 Jim Moore	May 5 Gospel Meeting	May 12 Don Smith	May 19 James Fuller

**Studies For The Week of April 25th:**

Sunday Class ..... 1 Corinthians (Chap. 7)

Wednesday Class ..... Jonah

<p align="center"><b>Who Are God's People? (Titus 2:14)</b></p> <p align="center"><i>God's grace teaches us how we are to live (v11-4), specifically we are to be God's people; a people that are:</i></p> <p><b>1) Purchased – “[Christ] gave Himself for us...”</b></p> <p>a) So live as belonging to God (1 Cor. 6:20).</p> <p>b) Bought with great cost (1 Pet. 1:18-19) to be reconciled to God (Eph. 2:16) and He did so willingly (John 10:17-18; John 3:16; Eph. 5:2)</p> <p><b>2) Pure–“...He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify...”</b></p> <p>a) A people washed from sin in obedience (Heb. 8:12; 1 Pet. 1:22-23; Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:7-9).</p> <p>b) A people with a desire to stay pure by serving God (Eph. 4:22-24; Rom. 6:12-13, 16-18; Eph. 5:27).</p> <p><b>3) Possessed – “...unto himself a peculiar people...”</b></p> <p>a) A people only for God (1 Pet. 2:9-10; Ex. 20:1-6; Matt. 6:24).</p> <p>b) That as a result act different from this world (2 Cor. 6:16-18; Phil. 1:27; 1 Pet. 1:15; 1Pet. 2:11; Phil. 3:20).</p> <p><b>4) Passionate – “...zealous of good works.”</b></p> <p>a) Zealous to do good and bring glory to God (Matt. 5:16) ; eagerly doing our task (Eph. 2:10) and encouraging others in such (Titus 2:7; Heb. 10:24).</p> <p>b) Zeal must come from a knowledge of God's Will (Rom. 10:2) which He has equiped us from (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and that is met with an eternal reward (1 Cor. 15:58).</p>	<p align="center"><b>Conflict Resolution (Joshua 22)</b></p> <p><b>1) Account</b></p> <p>a) Eastern tribes return home after the conquest (v1-6) and build an altar (v10) &amp; the western tribes prepare for war (v11-12).</p> <p>b) But first the western tribes send representatives (v13-14) saying the eastern tribes have trespassed against God (v16), brought trouble upon the whole nation (v17-18), and should consider returning to the other side of Jordan (v19).</p> <p>c) To which the western tribes affirm God knows their intents and will accept punishment if they have turned from Him (v22-23), they built it as a sign of unity (v24-25), it was not for sacrifices (v26), and it was a witness between all that they were God's people (v27-28); so it was a sign of faithfulness, not sin (v29).</p> <p>d) Upon hearing this, all return home peacefully (v30-33).</p> <p><b>2) Lessons</b></p> <p>a) Commuication is necessary – Check what we think we know (Prov. 18:13; Deut. 13:13-15; James 1:19).</p> <p>b) Righteous must be alert to departures from the truth – it is good to be watchful (Gal. 2:11, 6:1; Jude 3; Titus 1:10-11).</p> <p>c) Be careful in judgment – check facts (Jn 7:24; Matt. 7:-1-2, 12)</p> <p>d) Think about the appearance of your actions – Remember others watch you (Rom. 12:17; 1 Cor. 8:13; Phil. 2:15-16)</p> <p>e) Proper attitude one to another – Be not puffed up but display love (Phil. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 13:4-7)</p> <p>f) Strive for unity in the body – (1 Cor. 12:25; 1:10)</p>
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