



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
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class..... On Break
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
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.

Welcome!

Especially if you are visiting with us, we want to welcome you to the 4th & Stewart church of Christ and our 2010 Fall Gospel Meeting with Tom Moore. We hope that you will take every opportunity that you get to come hear him preach the word of God this week as we study the theme, *"The Church Moving Forward,"* based on Philippians 3:12-14. If you have any questions concerning the Bible, the congregation here, or anything you see and hear while you are here, please do not hesitate to ask. We would love to study with you and provide a Biblical answer as we strive to "do all in the name [authority] of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17).

Our speaker is currently working with the Park Heights church of Christ in Hamilton, Texas where he follows Kerry Clark who has moved to Athens, Texas to work with the Central church of Christ. Before moving to Hamilton, Tom did an excellent work with the Avenue T congregation in Temple and we expect he will do the same in Hamilton.

Tom is the brother of John Moore (who conducted our meeting this past spring). He is a 1976 graduate of Dripping Springs High School and a 1986 graduate of the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas. He has preached in local congregations in Laurel (Delaware), Buna (Texas), Comanche (Texas), Port Lavaca (Texas), Malvern (Arkansas), and Temple (Texas). Tom has also done course work at Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Ministry from Southern Christian University.

Tom is one of the editors and founders of "Seek Ye First," a free quarterly gospel journal. He has done religious work in Ghana, West Africa, Jamaica, and India. He writes for a range of religious journals and speaks on various Lectureships and Gospel Meetings each year. He also sends out "from the Preacher's PC..." – an email service including daily devotionals, articles, and sermon outlines. Just last month he also took over as the co-host on the Harris and Moore Expedition Through the Bible radio show (previously Harris and Clark) on KEQX 89.7 out of Dublin, Texas. This is a weekly talk radio show that studies various Bible topics each Monday night at 6 PM; it has generated a lot of response in the Dublin and Stephenville area and attracted online listeners from around the world.

Tom and his wife, Carole (a Nurse Practitioner), have three children and two grandchildren.

We are grateful he can be with us this week and look forward the encouragement and challenges that he will present from the word of God. Join us as we study the Bible together!



Audio Recordings Available

Recordings of all sessions of this week's meeting are available on CD if you will fill out a visitors card and make known that request. Also the recordings will be made available on our website in MP3 format.

Have not I commanded thee?

Be strong and of a good courage;

be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:

for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9



The Church of Christ

By Tom Moore

Nearly two thousand years ago the Lord promised to build His church (Mt. 16:16-18). In AD 30 the church of Christ, the promised church, was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2). Jesus purchased this church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). The church of the first century was united under the one Head – Christ, followed the same rule – the New Testament, and were of the same mind and same practice. The first century church was united in doctrine, in worship, and in organization.

For about two hundred years the church was true to apostolic teaching. But the church of the first century began to drift into apostasy. This came as no surprise, for it was foretold by the apostle Paul, “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Tim. 4:1), and he said there would be a “falling away” (2 The. 2:3). There were six basic developments that caused this “falling away.” First, there was the gradual development of a system of rulers, a hierarchy, patterned after the political organization of the Roman Empire. Secondly, there came extensive modification of Christian doctrine through Greek culture. Thirdly, there was the introduction of Jewish and pagan doctrines, customs and ceremonials into the church. Fourthly, there came the formulating of elaborate, uninspired church decrees. In the fifth place, there came the creation of a human priesthood, vested with spiritual powers and privileges. And finally, there was the assumption of both spiritual and temporal power by church leaders. These developments were foreign to the Bible, yet they were very prominent in the development of church history. Centuries of ignorance and superstition led to the birth of the apostate church.

Over the years there were many who had tried get back to the “old paths” (Jer. 6:16). Men such as John Huss and Huldrick Zwingli gave their life in such an endeavor. Later, other men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, and a host of others, worked toward the old

paths. The trouble with these men is that they did not reach all the way back to Jerusalem – they tried to reform the church instead of restoring the New Testament church. Much good came out of the Reformation Movement – the Bible being translated in the language of the people, and the people being encouraged to study the Bible for themselves – but they did not go all the way back to AD 30 in search of the New Testament church.

Early in the nineteenth century there was a general unrest among the churches of America. In all denominations there could be found those who believed that the followers of Christ should lay aside the traditions of men and go back to the church described in the New Testament. Among this number were men like Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and “Raccoon” John Smith. The aim of these men, and other like them, were to do things just as the Apostles had taught, and thus, being disentangled from the embarrassments of intervening ages of apostasy. Their desire was not to establish or start another church, but to call people back to the church of the New Testament. These restorers held up the Bible as their only guide in religious matters and restored the church of Christ.

It is important to realize that if we sow the same seed the apostles sowed in the first century – the word of God (Lk. 8:11), the same harvest will be produced. Paul said, “For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap...” (Gal. 6:7). Every seed produces after its kind. If we sow oats we will reap oats, and if we sow corn we will reap corn. When the seed of the kingdom was planted in the first century it did not produce various denominations – it produced the New Testament church – the church of Christ. Today, if that same seed is planted – the word of God, then the New Testament church will be the result. The church of the first century exists today because the very same seed is planted. The Lord’s church will never be destroyed as long as the seed – the word of God – exists. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Mk. 13:31).

Television	God’s Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Reading Schedule
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	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)	Sunday... Isaiah 1-2; Galatians 5 Monday... Isaiah 3-6; Galatians 6 Tuesday... Isaiah 7-8; Ephesians 1 Wednesday... Isaiah 9-11; Ephesians 2 Thursday... Isaiah 12-15; Ephesians 3 Friday... Isaiah 16-19; Ephesians 4 Saturday... Isaiah 20-23; Ephesians 5
Radio Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3		<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

Be our guest...

Please join us today following the AM worship service for our monthly potluck lunch in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 10-13: **Gospel Meeting at Bangs** with Kerry Clark speaking on the theme "Back to the Future". See flyer on the bulletin board.
- ◆ October 10-13: **Gospel Meeting at 9th & Main** in San Angelo with Ronnie Scherffius See flyer on bulletin board.
- ◆ October 17: **Bible Search at Bangs.**
- ◆ October 23-24: **"Back to the Bible" Lectures at Park Heights** in Hamilton. See flyer of bulletin board.



Attention Ladies

- ◆ The start of Ladies Bible class has been pushed back one week. Instead on the October 13 we invite you to join us as we travel to Bangs for their gospel meeting at 10:15 AM.
- ◆ This year's **Ladies Bible Class will begin on October 20 at 10AM.** We will continue our study of The Life of Christ. We would again like to invite all ladies of the congregation to join us for this study which is one that you can enter at any time so please give it some consideration and join us to study about the life of our Saviour.
- ◆ We will also be planning for another **Ladies Get Together very soon.** Look for details next month. It will also be for all ladies.



"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" Heb 10:24

~Linda Griffith

Bible Search

Only two weeks to the start of Bible Search which kicks off at Bangs on October 17th. This test will cover Acts 1-4. Starting today, all who can are encouraged to **join us at the building at 5:15 PM on Sunday nights to study together.** If you need more information, please see Ryan.



Search the scriptures;

for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (John 5:39)

Visitation Program

Remember our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services.** Last week **31 contacts** were made.

Gospel Meeting Arrangements

Well our meeting is now upon us but there is still work to do in order to make it a success. Please continue to invite others to come study with us, pray for the meetings success, and pray for Tom as he labors with us this week in preaching the gospel and as he travels back and forth to Hamilton each day.

Also the sign-up sheet is still posted if you are able to help bring food for the lunch on Wednesday following class. Once again we are planning a **baked potato and salad lunch.** If you are visiting with us, we hope you can make plans to join us then as well.

Thank you for helping to make this meeting a success.

Directory & Picture Updates

Almost all of the directory update pages have been returned; if you have not returned yours, please do so this week. Also please see Tom Wilcox if you still wish to get a new picture for the directory and the photo wall. I will produce one final proof soon so please get those updates in. Let me know if you have any questions and thanks again for your help in this matter.

~Ryan Smithey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

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

October Anniversaries: Freda & James Womack (19), Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25), Patti & Mike Bannister (27).

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

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Recent Records	September 19, 2010	September 26, 2010
Bible Class	56	80
AM Worship	74	60
PM Worship	52	46
Wednesday PM	34	51
Contribution	\$1986	\$1497

Privileged to Serve	10/03/10 - AM	10/03/10 - PM	10/10/10 - AM	10/10/10 - PM
Greeters	Allen & Linda Griffith		Ken Makuta, Hank Wheeler, & Peggy Luker	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		James Fuller Ephesians 6:10-13		Garrett Barnum
Opening Prayer	Paul McClung	Don Smith	Allen Griffith	Ken Makuta
Wait on Table	Ken Makuta*, Gene Bannister Allen Griffith, Matthew Churchwell	Ken Makuta	Hank Wheeler*, Tom Wilcox Don Smith, John Barnum	Hank Wheeler
Closing Prayer	James Thomas	Jim Moore	Michael Bickford	James Fuller
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	October 6 Gospel Meeting	October 13 Ken Makuta	October 20 Michael Bickford	October 27 Allen Griffith

Studies For The Week of October 3:

Gospel Meeting with Tom Moore; The Church Moving Forward (Phil. 3:12-14)

True Consecration

By Tom Moore

A woman once asked a preacher, "Will you please tell me what true consecration is?" Holding out a blank sheet of paper, the preacher replied, "True consecration is signing your name at the bottom of the blank sheet, and letting God fill in the rest as He wills."

This really gets to the heart of what true consecration is all about. All too often, many are unwilling to assume this attitude. Many seem to want to "write their own ticket" in life - then beg God to sign it. Instead of seeking earnestly to fashion their lives after God's way - many seek to fashion God's way after their lives. Beloved, that is backward thinking.

One who is truly consecrated to the Lord will yield unreservedly to God. The truly consecrated will reserve nothing for self. He will desire not only to be found living in Christ, but also to have Christ living in him. The apostle Paul declared, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20). Are you truly consecrated to the Lord?

Read and hear more from Tom...

- ◆ You can sign-up to receive Tom's emails "From the Preacher's PC" by contacting him at dspoppy@yahoo.com or from the Park Heights' website (www.parkheightscoc.com).
- ◆ Also hear the radio program live or past episodes by visiting the Harris and Moore website (www.harrisandmoore.org).

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