



# 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..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

### Elders:

Gene Bannister ..... Billy Chism

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Don Smith..... James Thomas

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Ryan Smithey .....

### Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten  
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Lake Cisco Camp  
Mission Printing  
Rohan Jones, Africa  
The Truth in Love  
World Bible School

## ***Biblically Speaking About the Church: It's Name***

by Chuck Northrop (edited)

### **The Name: the Church of Christ**

A name is important—especially a name given by God. Within the pages of Holy Writ, God has given several designations or names to the church of the Bible. Each of these names speaks of the nature or character of the church. One such name is the church of Christ.

The name: the church of Christ indicates its nature in that the **church belongs to Christ**. The apostle Paul to the Christians in Rome wrote, "The churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16). These were not just any churches or congregations. Paul was specific in that the congregations he was speaking of belonged to Christ. They were Christ's churches.

The name: the church of Christ indicates its nature in that the **church was built by Christ**. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus promised, "That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The name "Peter" means a stone or a piece of rock such as a stone that can be thrown or easily moved. While the word "rock" is a ledge of rock or bedrock which cannot be moved. It is the kind of foundation Jesus tells us to build our spiritual houses upon (Luke 6:47-49). And it is a sure foundation. This foundation cannot be Peter for he often wavered and was often fickle and unstable. This sure foundation is the truth as expressed by Peter - "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16: 16). Upon that great magnificent majestic truth Jesus built His church - the church of Christ.

The name: the church of Christ indicates its nature in that the **church was purchased by the blood of Christ**. To the elders of the church in Ephesus, Paul exhorted them "to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Notice the purchase price was divine blood and the purchase commodity was the church. Thus, the church was "bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20). Since, the church was bought, it belongs to the one who purchased it - Christ.

### **The Name: the Body of Christ**

The name: the body of Christ indicates the nature of the church in that **there is only one body**. Seven times in Scripture, Paul speaks of one body (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:12-13; 12:20; Ephesians 2:16; 4:4; Colossians 3:15). Though individual Christians are many, they are members of that one body. Some, however, would have us believe that there are many bodies. Each denomination being itself a body and collectively, they comprise the many bodies. But the Bible teaches that there is one and only one body and that body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18,24) of which we read about in the Bible.

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



*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?  
or who shall stand in his holy place?  
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;  
who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

*Psalm 24:3-4*

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**only one head - Christ.** Paul wrote that "Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). Thus, the headquarters of the church of the Bible is where its head is - heaven. There is no earthly headquarters for the body of Christ which is the church of Christ.

The name: the body of Christ indicates the nature of the church in that **Christians are the only members of the one body.** To the church at Corinth Paul wrote, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). Later in the same chapter Paul wrote that no schism is to exist in the one body (verse 25) for "every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation" (Matthew 12:25). Thus, denominationalism is opposed to the very concept of the one body of Christ Jesus.

### The Name: the Kingdom of Christ

Some have said that the kingdom is yet in the future but the Bible clearly reveals otherwise. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:13 that the Father "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Please note the past tense - "translated." Paul was writing to Christians living in the city of Colossae. When those people became Christians, they were translated into Christ's kingdom. Also notice 1 Thessalonians 2: 12. Again Paul wrote, "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." As before, Paul wrote in past tense indicating finished action. Since Christians in Colossae were translated (past tense) into the kingdom and Christians in Thessalonica were called (past tense) unto the kingdom, then the kingdom could not be in the future.

Further notice that John the baptizer, Jesus, and the twelve disciples came preaching "the kingdom is at hand" (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 10:7). "At hand" means that it is near. Jesus said, "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom" (Matthew 10:28). Either Jesus' proph-

ecy is true or it is not true. If it is true, then this is another attestation of His divine nature. If it is false, then He must be a false teacher (Deuteronomy 18:22) "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

Finally notice that at the institution of the Lord's supper, Jesus said, "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come" (Luke 22:18). Since the early church partook of the Lord's supper (Acts 2:42; 20:7;

1 Corinthians 11 :23-29), then it must be that the kingdom has come. Thus, the kingdom has been established as was prophesied.

With any kingdom, there must be a **king.** Thus, this characteristic of the church is seen. Daniel prophesied that "one like the Son of God" would come in "the Ancient of days" and "there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Daniel 7:14). The fulfillment of this prophecy is seen in the fact that Jesus is called the "Lord of lords, and King of kings" (Revelation 17:14). And it is His kingdom that is called "the everlasting kingdom" (2 Peter 1: 11).

Second, a kingdom must have **subjects or citizens.** So, it is with the kingdom of Christ. The disciples of Christ or Christians are the subjects and citizens of the kingdom of Christ. Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:19, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

Third, a kingdom must have a **law** and in the kingdom of Christ that law is the New Testament. The New Testament is called "the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2), "the law of the Spirit of life" (Romans 8:2), and "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). Citizens of Christ's kingdom abide by this law.

Finally, citizens of a kingdom should have **privileges and blessings** that come with citizenship. So, it is with the kingdom of Christ. Citizens of Christ's kingdom "receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting" (Luke 18:30). Such things as grace and mercy, joy and happiness, assurance and hope presently belongs to the faithful in Christ.

Television	God's Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Reading Schedule
<p>The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB</p> <p>In Search of the Lord's Way (Mack Lyon) Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB</p> <p>Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org</p> <p>Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208</p>	<p><b>Hear</b> Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p><b>Believe</b> Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p><b>Confess</b> Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p><b>Repent</b> of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)</p>	<p>Sunday... Isaiah 45-47; Colossians 3</p> <p>Monday... Isaiah 48-50; Colossians 4</p> <p>Tuesday... Isaiah 51-54; 1 Thess. 1</p> <p>Wednesday.. Isaiah 55-58; 1 Thess. 2</p> <p>Thursday... Isaiah 59-63; 1 Thess. 3</p> <p>Friday... Isaiah 64-66; 1 Thess. 4</p> <p>Saturday... Jeremiah 1-2; 1 Thess. 5</p>
<p><b>Radio</b></p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>	<p>Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being <b>baptized</b> for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)</p>	<p><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></p>

# News & Notes

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 17: **Bible Search at Bangs** @ 2:30 PM.
- ◆ October 17: **Vicksburg Devotional** @ 3:30 PM.
- ◆ October 23-24: **“Back to the Bible” Lectures at Park Heights** in Hamilton. See flyer on bulletin board.
- ◆ October 31– November 3: **Gospel Meeting at Stephenville** with Richard Massey and at **DeLeon** with Rick Popejoy. See flyers on the bulletin board.
- ◆ Mark in advance **May 1-4, 2011**; our Spring Gospel Meeting with Tyler Young as we consider “The End Times”. You won’t want to miss it.



## Attention Ladies

This year's **Ladies Bible Class** will begin this **Wednesday, 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.



*"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)*

~Linda Griffith

## Bible Search

- ◆ The first session of the Bible Search program is today at Bangs beginning at 2:30 PM and should be done by 4 PM. The test will cover Acts 1-4.
- ◆ The next test (over chapters 5-8) will be held here on November 14. We be asking for your help in making cookies for the kids and in giving the test. Watch for details to come.



*Be like the Bereans who “...searched the scriptures daily...” (Acts 17:11)*

## Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower to honor recently married Ben and Meredith Griffith on Sunday, October 31 at 4:30 PM in the fellowship hall. They are still registered at Walmart. For any questions

please see Peg Moore.

	Recent Records	October 03, 2010	October 10, 2010
Bible Class		61	57
AM Worship		82	78
PM Worship		59	49
Monday PM		54	N/A
Tuesday PM		65	N/A
Wednesday AM		21	N/A
Wednesday PM		48	50
Contribution		\$1924	\$1672



## Visitation Program

- ◆ Remember our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services**. Last week **28 contacts** were made.
- ◆ Remember tonight we have our 3rd Sunday meal following our meeting. I hope that you will make an effort to join us for more time to visit with one another.

## Directory & Picture Updates

All of the directory information that has been returned has been updated and I am just trying to gather a last few bits of information before the final print of the new directory. In the meantime a “final proof” has been made available at the back of the auditorium. Please check and make sure you are happy with your picture and your information is correct before we print the final copies for all of the congregation. Thank you again for your help. To update information, please see Ryan and to change your picture, please get with Tom Wilcox.

## 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...*



Privileged to Serve	10/17/10 - AM	10/17/10 - PM	10/24/10 - AM	10/24/10 - PM
Greeters	Jim & Peg Moore		James & Cindy Fuller	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		Michael Fuller 1 Timothy 4:8-11		Michael Bickford
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Billy Chism	Paul McClung	Allen Griffith
Wait on Table	Jim Moore*, James Fuller Michael Bickford, Garrett Barnum	Jim Moore	Ken Maninger*, Ken Makuta James fuller, John Barnum	Ken Maninger
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Tom Wilcox	Gene Bannister	Jim Moore
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	October 20 Michael Bickford	October 27 Allen Griffith	November 3 Jim Moore	November 10 Don Smith

### Studies For The Week of October 17th:

Sunday Class ..... *1 Corinthians (Chap. 14)*

Wednesday Class ..... *Hosea (Chap. 6)*

#### *Pure In Heart (Matt. 5:8)*

#### 1. Inward Change

- Heart is the seat of emotion, will, reasoning, thinking, etc. (John 14:1; Dan. 1:8; Mark 2:8; Heb. 4:12).
- Pure means to cleanse, purge, purify from contamination (Ps. 51:10); also the idea of singleness of heart – undefiled (not mixed; Matt .6:24, 33; Rom. 6:16); undefiled (sincere; Matt. 15:8; James 1:6-8); and united (made up; without doubt; Ps. 86:11-12; Mark 12:30).
- Not simply outward actions (Joel 2:13; James 4:7-8; 1 Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:17; Eph. 6:6); the gospel has to change our hearts (Matt. 23:27-28; Rom. 12:2; 1 Tim. 1:5).

#### 2. That Shows Outwardly

- This purity of heart, while inward will be shown outwardly (Prov. 23:7; Luke 6:44-45; Matt. 15:17-20).
- Shows the importance of what we put into our hearts to keep them pure (Prov. 4:23; Phil. 4:8).

#### 3. Resulting In Seeing God

- The pure in heart will see God more clearly in His work (Ps. 19:1; Rom. 1:20; James 1:17; 1 Pet. 5:7; Ps. 139).
- He will see Him by faith (Heb. 11:27; 3 John 11).
- He will see Him in Eternity; he will pursue holiness (1 Pet. 1:16; Heb. 12:14) and so see God (Ps. 17:15; 1 Jn 3:2; Rev. 22).

#### *Paul Encourages Timothy (2 Timothy)*

*Paul was a great encourager — let us learn from his example and be encouraged by his parting words to Timothy as he encourages him:*

#### 1. To Be Faithful

- By expressing love (1:1-2; 1:2)
- By expressing thankfulness/gratitude (1:3, 5-7).
- By instruction/reminders (1:8; 2:1-3, 14, 15, 22, 24-26; 3:14)
- By example (1:12, 2:9-10).
- By charging him (4:1-2, 5).

#### 2. By Warning Him of Others

- Some will disappoint (1:15) but don't become bitter (1:16-18; 4:11).
- Some will depart (2:17; 3:1-8; 4:3-4, 10); warn them and don't become discouraged.
- Some will destroy (2:14; 3:10-13; 4:14-15); be careful of them.
- Remember though, the Lord will stand with you (4:16-17).

#### 3. By Reminding Him of the Power of God's Word

- Sound words (1:13) to be given to others (2:2).
- Unbound (2:9); profitable (2:15); steadfast/sure (2:19).
- Soul-saving, Inspired (3:14-17); Stands against error (4:2-4)
- Trustworthy promises (4:6-8; 18)

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