



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

Deacons:

Mike Bannister Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

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Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten
Cherokee Home for Children
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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

He will Command His Children

By Mike Bonner I

"Go to bed", "clean your room", "do your homework" and "be careful" are familiar phrases used by concerned parents all across the land. As responsible parents, we must be aware of their surroundings and well being, but we must be as equally concerned about their spiritual lives as well. Abraham loved his family and the Lord knew he would command his children in the correct manner and so should the Lord have the same confidence in us to do likewise (Gen. 18: 19). What great words stated by the Lord about this man and his seriousness of keeping His commandments; this was stated before the birth of Isaac and about fourteen years after Ishmael (Gen. 21:5). Abraham showed the Lord that he was committed to His cause.

What an honor for Abraham to be chosen as the one to bring the Promised Seed into the world, primarily Isaac and secondarily the Christ. This responsibility set before him was awesome and God was able to develop faith in Abraham even to the point of sacrificing his only son to him on Mount Moriah (Gen. 22:2). Now, we must be mindful that God was particular in choosing those to fulfill His plan. He chose those who were dedicated to His word and standard of living. Notice Manoah in Judges thirteen, "*Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.*" Manoah wanted to make sure Samson was trained correctly, nurtured properly and loved unconditionally (Eph.6:1ff; Deut. 6:1-6). What an honor to be parents who are dedicated to the cause of the Lord! Many should think about the guidance and wisdom of the Lord before having families today (James 1:5; Ps. 37:23). Parents should think about what kind of friends they desire their children to have and the type of prayer life they will develop and such like! Manoah sincerely wanted to command his son in the right manner.

God has always been pleased with those who sought Him with their whole heart, those who truly want to rear up godly children (Matt. 22:37-38). Zacharias and Elizabeth certainly were godly parents who worshipped God and kept the Law of Moses. They were extremely important to the work of God and the coming kingdom of Heaven (Luke 1:1ff). God knew their character and knew they would command the family in the correct manner. Certainly all of humanity should serve the Lord, however, we are aware of the tragedy of that not oc-

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



*Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it:
except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
Psalm 127:1*

curing thus affecting the family, the world and the church! Zacharias and Elizabeth did a wonderful job with John and he dedicated himself to following God thus becoming a **PREACHER** of Righteousness (Matt. 3:1ff)! How many can say they have sound gospel preachers, elders, deacons, leaders or even Christians as sons and daughters who are faithful to the Lord? What an honor!

In conclusion, Abraham commanded his house, he gave them direction, hope and encouragement to be well pleasing to the Lord. It doesn't matter your situation in life as a parent, married or single, man or woman, you can still command your family to be faithful to God (Eph. 6:1-4). The scriptures teach that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, thus giving us assurance of victory (Phil. 4: 13). This dedication must be taught to our young ones by teaching them to obey at **HOME, GROCERY STORE, AMUSEMENT PARKS** and especially in **WORSHIP TO GOD**. Parents must have authority over the children by showing them enough love to discipline them when they make mistakes (Heb.12:5-11). We must command our children to respect authority and not talk back with disrespect as Titus chapter two and verse nine teaches. Our children deserve every opportunity to go home to God, however it starts with parents commanding their children to honor and respect God and parents (Prov. 1:7). May God bless us to hold fast to our responsibility and command our houses in the way of the Lord.

“Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

Ephesians 5:24-25

“Marriage is like the highway system in Dallas— it runs both ways and is always under construction”

Perry Cotham

What the Home and the Church Have in Common

By Neil Richey

Both the home and the church are institutions that have been “created” and “ordained” by God. As one person put it, these two “...serve as the hub around which all humanity is intended to revolve. Human existence and life on this planet ultimately make sense only in light of these two heavenly entities.”

Consider with me four things that the home and the church have in common:

They both have a head. “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church...” (Eph. 5:23). The wife should submit to her “head.” “Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything” (Eph. 5:24).

They both have a father. God is often portrayed as “Father.” To those of us who are Christians, God is “our Father in heaven” (Matt. 6:9). Fathers are “indispensable to the home.” Fathers should be obeyed (Eph. 6:1), honored (Eph. 6:2) and they should train their children properly (Eph. 6:4).

They both have a purpose. That purpose is the same purpose- “To get its members to heaven.” The family’s schedule must be arranged in such a way that the church and spiritual matters come first. “But seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).

They both require discipline. In the home, “Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying” (Prov. 19:18). In the church, “Now I beseech you brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them” (Rom. 16:17).

These God-ordained,” “God-created” institutions function together.

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...Jeremiah 36-38; Titus 2

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Tuesday...Jeremiah 42-45; Philemon

Wednesday...Jeremiah 46-48; Hebrews 1

Thursday...Jeremiah 49; Hebrews 2

Friday...Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 3

Saturday...Jeremiah 51; Hebrews 4

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

Bible Search Help

Please remember that next Sunday, November 14th we will be hosting the next Bible Search session here at 2:30 PM. There is a lot that needs to happen in order for this to go smoothly and I thank you in advance for any help that you can give. So, what can you help with:

- ◆ **Provide Food:** we will provide snacks for when the kids are done with their tests. There is a sign-up sheet at the back for you to indicate what you can bring. We need canned sodas as well as cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, etc. Please bring sodas to the building no later than Saturday and your other snacks no later than Sunday morning.
- ◆ **Administer the test:** we need a few people to be in each room as the test is given as well as some to grade the tests as they are completed. Answer keys will be given to aid in the grading. Also the test is read to the younger kids so we need some who can help in that area as well.
- ◆ **Direct and encourage:** in general, just help everyone find where they need to be and encourage them by showing that this is important to us. After all, this is ultimately not about a test and who comes in first but about studying and learning the Bible in a fun and encouraging way.

Indeed, it is a great time of fellowship for the kids and adults alike—I hope that you will be there and help in any way that you can!

Visitation Program

Remember our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services.** Last week **24 contacts** were made.

Ladies Bible Class

Remember the Ladies Bible Class that meets every Wednesday morning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. Make plans to join them as they study the Life of Christ. Also this week those who can are planning on going out to eat following class — hope you can be there.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Today: Bible Search Practice** at 5:15 PM.
- ◆ **November 13:** 50th Wedding Anniversary for Earl & Earlene Tomlinson. See invitation on bulletin board.
- ◆ **November 14:** We will be hosting the next Bible search session at 2:30. It covers Acts 5-8.

Directory Updates... The picture board has been updated and I hope to begin printing the directory this week. Let me know now if you know of any changes... Thanks.

Dorothy Reynolds (1930-2010)

Last week we once again noted the death of a member of this congregation. Such times should always remind us of the uncertainty of life and the need to watch and be always ready (James 4:14) that we would die in the Lord and receive a rest from our labors (Rev. 14:13).



For me Dorothy will leave behind an example of one who cherished assembling with the saints! Dorothy would often call me upset if she missed a service expressing her desire to always be present. Oh that we all would have such a desire to be with the family of God and worship Him every chance that we could.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 122:1)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

November Birthdays: Linda Jiminez (08), Emily Evetts (13), Juanita Barnum (15), Xavier Martinez (28).

November Anniversaries: Barbara & Gene Bannister (06).

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

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Recent Records	October 24, 2010	October 31, 2010
Bible Class	57	54
AM Worship	81	75
PM Worship	58	49
Wednesday PM	44	48
Contribution	\$1500	\$2038

Privileged to Serve	11/07/10 - AM	11/07/10 - PM	11/14/10 - AM	11/14/10 - PM
Greeters	Gene & Barbara Bannister		Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		Hank Wheeler Psalm 1:1-6		James Fuller
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Jim Moore	Garrett Barnum	Michael Bickford
Wait on Table	Ken Maninger*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Ken Makuta	Ken Maninger	James Thomas*, John Barnum Tom Wilcox, Hank Wheeler	James Thomas
Closing Prayer	Gene Bannister	Tom Wilcox	Ken Makuta	Matthew Churchwell
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	November 10 Don Smith	November 17 James Fuller	November 24 Ken Makuta	December 1 Michael Bickford

Studies For The Week of November 7th:

Sunday Class *1 Corinthians (Chap. 15)*

Wednesday Class *Hosea (Chap. 10-12)*

<p style="text-align: center;">Christian Influence (Matt. 5:13-16) <i>What impact will one who implements the beatitudes in his life, even in the face of persecution, have?</i></p> <p>1. You will be the salt of the earth!</p> <p>a. Sins impact on the world leaves it in a state of decay (Gen. 6:5-6; Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 1:21-25; Rom. 3:23-6:23, etc.).</p> <p>b. But as salt we can have a positive influence on the world:</p> <p>i. Preserving (Gen. 18:23, 32; Prov. 14:34)</p> <p>ii. Purifying (Mark. 16:15-16; Acts 22:16)</p> <p>iii. Permeating (1 Cor. 5:6; Matt. 13:33; John 17:15-18)</p> <p>iv. Flavoring (1 John 2:15-17)</p> <p>v. Enduring (Luke 8:11; Rev. 2:10)</p> <p>vi. Precious/Essential (John 14:6)</p> <p>c. This influence is only good while we are not contaminated (Rom. 12:1).</p> <p>2. You will be the light of the world!</p> <p>a. A reflection of the true light (John 8:12; 1 Pet. 2:9; Phil. 2:14).</p> <p>b. A light shining in a world of darkness (Rom. 1:21; 1 John 1:6-7; John 12:46; Acts 26:18; Eph. 5:8, 13-14).</p> <p>c. A light not to be hidden (Matt. 10:32-33; John 3:19-20), rather let it shine (James 2:18).</p> <p><i>Both of these illustrations are of things all understand are necessary to life, so is the importance of the Christian influence in this world.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Judgment (Rev. 18)</p> <p>1. Is Powerful (v1-3) – even the great power of Babylon was no match for God (cf. Dan. 4:30-32).</p> <p>2. Is a Reminder to be Separate (v4) – the faithful were not to have part with the wicked (John 17:15-16; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 2 Cor. 6:14-18).</p> <p>3. Takes Note of Sin (v5) – God did not turn a blind eye to sin; He would deal with it in His own time (Rev. 6:9-10; Prov. 15:3; Heb. 4:13; 2 Thess. 1:6-8).</p> <p>4. Is According to the Law of Sowing and Reaping (v6-7) – this judgment is a result of Babylon's actions (Prov. 14:34; Ps. 9:17; Rev. 14:8; Jer. 50:15; Gal. 6:7-8).</p> <p>5. Comes Rapidly (v8) – It took many by surprise (vf. V10,15,17-19) though she had been warned (Rev. 9:20-21; Matt. 24:37-38; 2 Pet. 3:9-11).</p> <p>6. Comes With Repercussions (v9) – those who took part in her sin, supported her sin, or reveled in her sin are also effected (v9-19; cf. 1 Cor. 15:33).</p> <p>7. Expresses God's Vengeance (v20) – the righteous can rejoice because of the victory of righteousness over evil (Rev. 16:19; Rom. 12:19, 21).</p> <p>8. Is Complete (v21-24) – God's purposes and plans will be fulfilled; nothing is left undone, nothing is overlooked (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 21:7-8).</p>
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