



# 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:

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### Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten  
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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.

## Jesus, the Savior by David Dungan

The amazing account of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman is most interesting. We find that Jesus stays with them and teaches them more and the people said the following: "And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42). They recognized Jesus Christ as "the Savior of the world." The following is a list of reasons why we should look upon Jesus Christ as The Savior.

Jesus is the Savior because:

- (1) He was preexistent with God (John 1:1-3).
- (2) He was brought into this world with a virgin birth (Matt. 1:22-23).
- (3) He was approved by God at His baptism in the Jordan (Matt. 3:13-14).
- (4) He overcame the temptations of Satan (Matt. 4:1-11).
- (5) He was approved by God on the mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-5).
- (6) He lived a perfect life without sin (Heb. 4:15).
- (7) He proved His deity by His preaching and performing many miracles (35 recorded miracles; 20 recorded discourses and 31 recorded parables).
- (8) He treated all men with impartiality (Eph. 6:9).
- (9) He embodies the essence of God (Col. 3:19).
- (10) He preached the truth to all men (John 8:31-32; 16:17).
- (11) He was fully obedient to His Father in Heaven (John 4:34).
- (12) He lived as God on earth and taught the way of Salvation (Acts 2).
- (13) Of His willing sacrifice of Himself on the cross (Mark 8:31; Matt. 20:28).
- (14) Of His shed blood on the cross that takes away man's sins (Col. 1:14).
- (15) His Father raised Him from the dead (Acts 2:24).
- (16) He appeared to many in His resurrected form (1 Cor. 15:5-8).
- (17) He ascended into Heaven as proven by witnesses (Acts 1:9-11).
- (18) He is at the right hand of God (Eph. 1:20).
- (19) He has been given the work of judging mankind at His return (Rom. 3:5-6).
- (20) Of His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:12-23).
- (21) He is going to return the church to God at judgment (1 Cor. 15:24).
- (22) He will judge men by the gospel (Rom. 2:16).
- (23) Of forgiveness (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
- (24) Of His love (Rom. 5:6-8).
- (25) Of His grace (Eph. 2:8, 9).
- (26) Of His promise to return (John 14:1-6).
- (27) He is the only begotten Son (John 3:16).
- (28) He died for us (1 Cor. 15:1-5).
- (29) He died for ALL sinners (Rom. 5:6-8).
- (30) Never a man spoke like He did (John 7:46).

Now that you have read through this list of reasons why Jesus Christ is the Savior you and I must choose to accept Him and then be determined to live by and for Him.



*In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

*Titus 2:7-8*

Times change. Today's "new" is tomorrow's "old," this morning's breakthrough is this afternoon's castaway, this year's popular is lost in next year's "latest." The up-to-date is soon out-of-date.

Truth doesn't change. It reads the same today as yesterday and as it will tomorrow. It is "once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Some feel they have outgrown the ancient Gospel. The idea that there is a standard which is absolute is, to them, obsolete. The concepts of sin and spiritual death are replaced by the exaltation of self and sensuality. The idea of self-denial now to gain heaven later is given a passing thought—and then passed on. Bible concepts—power in the blood, a virgin-born, sinless, sacrificial, miraculously raised Savior—are but myths of a bygone era. Post-moderns have "grown-up." They don't need the Gospel anymore. Or have they?

### Has Man Outgrown The Gospel? ...

#### Not Unless He Has Found Another Food For The Soul

Vegetables and fruits have been on kitchen tables since Eve prepared meals in the Garden, but no one is calling them outdated. Noah must have grilled the first T-bone just after the Flood, but, though several thousand years have passed, steakhouses still do pretty well. What nourishes the spirit? The Gospel fills those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Mt. 5:6). Baby Christians first take the "sincere milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2:2), and progress until they can eat "strong meat" at God's table (Heb. 5:12-14). No one has found a substitute for God's "soul food."

#### Not Unless He Has Found Another Cure For Man's Most Serious Disease

Medical treatments have been around at least since Moses (Lev. 12:1-4; Deut. 23:10-14), but nobody's in a hurry to close hospitals and pharmacies. A cure for sin (forgiveness) is still man's most basic spiritual need (Rm. 3:23; 6:23). We all have ancient Israel's contagion: "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Isa. 1:6). The only antidote has

## Has Man Outgrown the Gospel?

By Allen Webster

"Gospel" on the label (Rm. 1:16).

Look around—if anything, sin has greater influence now than it did with ancient man. Violence, greed, lust, selfishness, drunkenness, drugs...no society—yea, no individual—has mastered sin. Paul would say today what he said in A.D. 57: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rm. 3:23). Mankind has not conquered carnal desires. We are still prone to give in to the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 Jn. 2:15-17). We cannot overcome without the power of the written Word (Heb. 4:12). Jesus used its power to defeat Satan in the "showdown in the desert" (Mt. 4:1-11); Paul urged Timothy by it to "make a good warfare" (1 Tim. 1:18); and we can only beat our adversary with the same time-tested weapon (Eph. 6:17).

Since the eternal God is the One who determines what sin is, sin does not change from culture to culture or with the passing winds of time. Men may change what they consider sin or what they call it (Isa. 5:20), but it will not alter reality. Sin is still transgressing God's law (1 Jn. 2:4), violating one's conscience (Rm. 14:23), omitting a duty (Jas. 4:17), and, in general, "all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 5:17). We've all done it; thus we all need the cure that only the Gospel can give.

#### Not Unless He Has Found Another Map To Heaven

This world is not all there is. It is but the prelude to the main performance, the foreword to a great book, the entrance foyer to a grand hall, the gestation period of an endless life. Jesus used another figure. It is a short trip to an everlasting home. He plainly mapped out the road that leads to life (Mt. 7:14). He stated the conditions by which man can reach salvation. He must believe in Christ (Mk. 16:16), change his sinful life (repent, Lk. 13:5), confess Christ's name (Rm. 10:9, 10) and be immersed for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Rm. 6:4). Some have tried to invent their own ways to heaven, but their maps will only get a person lost. If we follow the "Faith Only Lane" or "Works Avenue," or "Direct Spirit Leading Way," or the popular path, "Once Saved Always Saved," we are

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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>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>Sunday...Exod. 28-29; Matt. 23:23-39</p> <p>Monday...Exod. 30-31; Matt. 24:1-28</p> <p>Tuesday...Exod. 32-33; Matt. 24:29-51</p> <p>Wednesday...Exod. 34-35; Matt. 25:1-13</p> <p>Thursday...Exodus 36-37; Matt.25:14-46</p> <p>Friday...Exodus 38-39; Matt.26:1-13</p> <p>Saturday...Exodus 40; Matt. 26:14-35</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>
<p><b>Radio</b></p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>		

# News & Notes

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traveling the various lanes of the interstate Jesus called a “broad way that leads to destruction” (Mt. 7:13). Jesus is the “way, truth, and life”—and His way is only found in His Book (Jn. 14:6).

## Not Unless He Has Found Another Weapon Satan Fears

The old lion isn’t dead; he is still “roaring... walking about seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). The serpent is not hibernating; he still lurks to entice, entrap, and engulf the simple (Gen. 3:1-7; 2 Cor. 11:3). Man is still in danger; therefore he needs the one weapon which makes Satan cringe. A lion does not fear a rock in the hand of a child; Satan does not fear man’s strength in man’s hand. He does fear God’s power in man’s hand (“it is written,” Mt. 4:1-11; Jas. 4:7).

## Not Unless He Can Make Life Meaningful Without It

The Bible is able to make us “complete” (2 Tim. 3:17). Its message fills the void found in every heart. It has the power to convert (change) a person. The Gospel has power to “translate” us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of God’s dear Son (Col. 1:13). In every case of conversion in the New Testament (see the Book of Acts), someone preached the Word, which produced a change in the hearers.

An American skeptic visiting the jungle came across a native reading the Bible. He told him that “over in America people no longer read that old Book.” The native said nothing for a moment and then responded in broken dialect, “This Book teach me not to eat you!” Would the writings of Hume, Voltaire, Ingersoll, Paine, Russell, or O’Hare have had such effect on a cannibal?

A stewardess came down an aisle asking what each passenger wanted to drink. Several in a row said, “Make mine a martini.” Coming to the next seat, she noted a man with an open Bible. Somehow it seemed inappropriate to ask a Bible-reader if he desired a martini, so she said, “Tomato juice, Sir?” He later observed, “Now what other book could I have been reading that would change a martini into tomato juice?”

Those who change the Gospel put themselves under God’s curse (Gal. 1:6-9), and will find that it will meet them in judgment unchanged (Rev. 20:12). Those who choose to ignore it will find it was the one great essential of their earthly pilgrimage (2 Thess. 1:9).

Let’s not cast away the only Book God ever wrote!

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**Visitation Program**

Remember our **visitation meeting following** the evening worship services. Last week **32 contacts** were made.

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**Ladies Bible Class**

Remember the **Ladies Bible Class** each Wednesday at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We are studying the Life of Christ.

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**Upcoming Events...**

- ◆ Today: 1st Sunday potluck following morning worship.
- ◆ February 20: Bible Search at Hico covering Acts 17-20 and Vicksburg Devotional at 3:30 PM.

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Well, I am thankful for the winter weather we had last week and even more so for the warmer days this weekend! Glad that all I have heard from were safe this week and may it remind us of the blessings we have of warm houses, clothes, and food — and of course remind us of God’s design and promises:

*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest,  
and cold and heat, and summer and winter,  
and day and night shall not cease. (Gen. 8:22)*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

**February Birthdays:** Peggy Chism (03), Carol Wilcox (5), Lunday Maninger (08), James Nolen (10), Conner Vara (13), Patti Bannister (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	January 23, 2011	January 30, 2011
Bible Class	54	52
AM Worship	75	70
PM Worship	49	51
Wednesday PM	44	Canceled
Contribution	\$1463	\$1665

Privileged to Serve	02/06/11 - AM	02/06/11 - PM	02/13/11 - AM	02/13/11 - PM
Greeters	Billy & Peggy Chism		The Maningers	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		John Barnum 1 John 5:1-4		Hank Wheeler
Opening Prayer	James Thomas	Matthew Churchwell	James Fuller	Jim Moore
Wait on Table	Hank Wheeler*, Michael Fuller Garrett Barnum, Tom Wilcox	Hank Wheeler	Ken Maninger*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Ken Makuta	Ken Maninger
Closing Prayer	Michael Bickford	Don Smith	Gene Bannister	Tom Wilcox
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	February 9 James Fuller	February 16 Ken Makuta	February 23 Michael Bickford	March 2 Allen Griffith

### Studies For The Week of February 6th:

Sunday Class ..... *2 Corinthians (Chap. 6)*

Wednesday Class ..... *Micah (Chap. 6-7)*

#### *Roadmap To Heaven (Matthew 7:13-14)*

#### 1. 2 Gates:

##### a. Strait Gate:

- i. This is one which is pinched, narrow, difficult; it takes effort and action to enter in at (Col. 3:2-8).
- ii. But it is the one we should strive (Luke 13:24) to enter in at – that is diligently put forth effort (Acts 17:27; Luke 9:23).

##### b. Wide Gate: The one most will enter at; easy, requires no diligence, one may do as they please.

#### 2. 2 Ways:

##### a. Narrow Way: More difficult to travel; requires following a certain path (John 14:6; Josh. 1:7).

- i. Its narrow meaning pressed or troubled; it takes determination to continue on (2 Tim. 4:7-8; Rom. 8:18).
- ii. It is narrow for truth is narrow (John 8:31-32; Acts 4:12).

##### b. Broad Way: far easier to travel on and more popular, it is broad enough for whatever you want to do; but it is a road of captivity, not freedom (John 8:34; Rom. 6:16; 2 Tim. 2:25-26).

#### 3. 2 Destinations:

##### a. Life: only reached through the strait gate and narrow way; not by accident, but worth the cost (Rev. 22:14, 2:10; 2 Cor. 4:17).

##### b. Destruction: while the wide gate and broad way are easy to travel, the cost is great (Matt. 25:30, 46).

*All accountable people are on one of these paths...which are you on?*

#### True Victory (Luke 10:17-20)

*Many strive for earthly crowns but in this account we are reminded that the incorruptible crown is what matters most!*

#### 1. Joy (v17) — The 70 return joyful over all they had been able to do in Jesus name.

- a. Take joy in the Lord's work (Phil. 3:8, 4:4; 1 Tim. 1:12).
- b. Remember that we are servants (1 Cor. 4:1-2, 3:6-7; 2 Cor. 3:5; Luke 17:10).

#### 2. Victory (v18-19) — Jesus was not surprised by their reports for He saw the effect they had and promised to give them power over all things – protection and victory.

- a. Power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16; Isa. 55:10-11; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 10:4).
- b. Reminds us that we are on a winning team with God (John 10:27-30; Eph. 6:10-13; 1 Pet. 3:13; Rom. 8:31).

#### 3. Reward (v20) — Their true joy however should be in their salvation.

- a. Accomplishments are nothing apart from God (1 Cor. 13:1-3; Luke 9:25).
- b. Greatest joy is that of eternal life (Rev. 22:14; Rev. 21:27).
- c. Such a goal is obtainable (John 8:31-32; Matt. 7:21, 10:22; Rev. 2:10; 2 Pet 1:11; 2 Tim. 4:8).
- e. This goal must be our greatest priority (Matt 6:33; Col. 3:1-2).

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