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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service N/A
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class N/A
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

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Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

John Barnum

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
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God's Divine Power (Part 3 of 3)

There is great profit that comes from following the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-19). It furnishes us with literally everything we need to become a Christian, live faithful to God and go to heaven (2 Pet. 1:3).

The Divinely Breathed Word is good for **Doctrine**. It is the *teaching* that reveals what is right and what is wrong — what is truth and what is error. It remains the Truth whether it is read or not, believed or not, practiced or not. It is the eternal Word and Way of God. In the Lord's prayer unto the Father He prayed, "*sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*" (John 17:17). The Psalmist said, "*O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day*" (Psa. 119:97; cf. 119:113, 163, 165). "*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee*" (Psa. 119:11). Job said, "*Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food*" (Job 23:12).

The Divinely Breathed Word is good for **Reproof**. It *convicts* and *rebukes* us of our sins. It gives warning of men's wicked ways. David spoke of the warning he received from God's Word. "*Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward*" (Psa. 19:11).

Ezekiel was commanded to give warning from God. "*Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. gain, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul*" (Ezek. 3:17-21).

Concerning Christ, Paul said, "*Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus*" (Col. 1:28). As Gospel preachers we are to "*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine*" (2 Tim. 4:2).

The Divinely Breathed Word is good for **Correction**. It provides those things necessary to *straighten up* our life. After being shown what is wrong, being re-proved for our involvement in it, we are not left wondering what to do to correct our life. The Divinely Breathed Word shows us how to correct our wickedness. "*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word*" (Psa. 119:9). "*But the mercy of the LORD is from ever-*

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the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

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lasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them" (Psa. 103:17-18). "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:22).

The Psalmist David said, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psa. 19:7-10).

To straighten up our life we must:

- 1) **Believe in Christ** as the Son of God. "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).
- 2) **Repent of your sins.** "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3,5). "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).
- 3) **Confess faith in Christ.** "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32). "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).
- 4) **Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.** "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark

16:16). "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38).

- 5) **Continue faithful in the Lord's service.** "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). "...Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

The Divinely Breathed Word is good for **Instruction In Righteousness**. When one has obeyed the Gospel, he continues to grow in the Lord by following the instruction of His Word. It is able to furnish us completely in being pleasing unto the Lord. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). Timothy was instructed by the apostle Paul: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16). "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

The text of this study, 2 Peter 1:3-12, gives instruction in growing unto maturity. "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ... For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Pet. 1:8, 10).

Paul made it clear that the words he wrote were the words and commandments of God. "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Cor. 2:4). "Now we have received, not the spirit of the

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Television

In Search of the Lord's Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

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)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/

Sept. 6 1 Chron. 17—19; Psalm 67

Sept. 7 1 Chron. 20—22; Psalm 68

Sept. 8 1 Chron. 23—25; Psalm 69

Sept. 9 1 Chron. 26—29; Psalm 70

Sept. 10 2 Chron. 1—3; Psalm 71

Sept. 11 2 Chron. 4—6; Psalm 72

Sept. 12 2 Chron. 7—9; Psalm 73

Sept. 13 2 Chron. 10—12; Psalm 74

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Last week **27** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ We are resuming our **First Sunday Fellowship Meals** starting today! Please join us for lunch following this morning's worship assembly.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ **Sept. 6-7—Personal Evangelism Seminar @ Hico.** Details on bulletin board.
- ◆ Oct. 1-3—Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat.

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world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Cor. 2:12-13). "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37). "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:13).

God's Word is true and is for our benefit. "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. ...My heart standeth in awe of thy word" (Psa. 119:160-161). "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psa. 33:9). "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times" (Psa. 12:60). "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psa. 119:130). "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" (Psa. 19:7). "For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Psa. 33:4).

Jesus gives His stamp of approval upon the entire Old Testament when "he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the **law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me**" (Luke 24:44).

God's abundant grace and mercy is extended unto all mankind alike. "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Rom. 2:11; cf. Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17). Jehovah's divinity demands respect. His goodness demands attention. Following his Way gains reward.

Friend, wouldn't you like to be a partaker of God's "divine nature." You can if you will repent and keep His commandments. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

Garland M. Robinson (Seek The Old Paths, Sept. 2020)

Celebrate

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

September Birthdays: James Fuller (6), Gene Bannister (16), Connie Reed (16), Glenda Milam (24).

September Anniversaries: None.

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...

Records

	Aug. 23, 2020	Aug. 30, 2020
Bible Class	39	43
AM Worship	43 + [4]	48 + [10]
PM Worship	30 + [3]	39 + [3]
Wednesday PM	34	35
Contribution	\$1,811	\$2,025

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work," (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 9/6/20	Next Week: 9/13/20			
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	September 2020 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family October 2020 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren		
Greeters	_____	_____			
Opening Prayer	Dex Dennard	Gene Bannister			
Communion	Ryan Rudloff*, Don Smith Chase Churchwell, John Barnum	Randy Huckaby*, Dex Dennard Coyce Reed, Rafe Smith			
Closing Prayer	Rafe Smith	Chase Churchwell			
Attendance Cards	_____	_____			
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox	Song Leader: James Fuller			
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	John Barnum			
Scripture Reading	_____	_____			
Communion	Ryan Rudloff	Randy Huckaby			
Closing Prayer	Mike Bannister	Ryan Rudloff			
Wednesday Devotionals:	September 9 John Barnum	September 16 Rafe Smith	September 23 Don Smith	September 30 Johnny McCaghren	

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday Class *I Corinthians 12:4*
 Wed. Class *Exodus 21:5*

<p><u>"The Voice Crying in the Wilderness": The Ministry of John the Baptist</u> John was a "voice" – a man with a message. The message was presented in a unique setting – "in the wilderness." What was John's message?</p> <p>I. A Voice Crying "Deny Yourself," in a Wilderness of Self-Indulgence.</p> <p>A. John was the epitome of self-denial and self-discipline.</p> <p>B. What produced a man like this?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One factor was godly parents. Another factor was godly purpose. A third factor was godly training. <p>C. Can we hear that voice today?</p> <p>D. Some thought John had a demon (Lk. 7:33); the world will be no kinder to us if our concern is for others rather than for self.</p> <p>II. A Voice Crying "Change Your Ways," in a Wilderness of Complacency.</p> <p>A. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt. 3:2).</p> <p>B. They thought that God would accept them simply because they were Jews.</p> <p>C. John told them, in effect, that they must make major changes in their lives, if they were to be "fit for the kingdom of God" (see Lk. 9:62).</p> <p>D. "...with many other exhortations he preached to the people." (Lk. 3:18).</p> <p>III. A Voice Crying "Believe," in a Wilderness of Doubt.</p> <p>A. "Behold! The Lamb of God!" (Jn. 1:29, 35-36).</p> <p>B. In a world of unbelief, the clarion call of John still needs to be heard.</p> <p>IV. A Voice Crying "Be Humble," in a Wilderness of Pride.</p> <p>A. The baptism of Jesus was the climax of John's ministry.</p> <p>B. John 3 shows John's true greatness.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When Christ's popularity began to soar, John's disciples were jealous (26). After explaining his role and Jesus' role, John made two key statements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Concerning Jesus' popularity, he said, "this joy of mine is fulfilled" (29). Then he said, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (30). <p>V. A Voice Crying "Be Brave," in a Wilderness of Cowardice.</p> <p>A. John rebuked King Herod for having his brother Philip's wife: "It is not lawful for you to have her" (Mt. 14:3-4).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This took massive courage. This rebuke eventually cost John his life. <p>B. May God give us the courage of John.</p>	<p><u>The Beginning of Christ's Ministry: 3rd Temptation and John's Testimony</u></p> <p>II. Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13).</p> <p>C. The 3rd Temptation (Lk. 4:5-8, 13 with Mt. 4:10-11; Mk. 1:13b). Lust of the eyes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This temptation was the most crucial – a test of Jesus' mission (His resolve to carry through on His mission regardless of the cost). Having failed to destroy the Servant, Satan would try to destroy His service. "Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time" (5). "All this authority I will give You, and their glory ... if You will worship before me, all will be Yours" (6-7). In Jesus' answer, for the first time He spoke in the language of His own authority – authority gained by the previous victories. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Get behind Me [Away with you], Satan!" (8a). "For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve'" (8b). <p>D. After Jesus' rebuke, the devil was silent – proof of his defeat.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him" (Mt. 4:11). "When the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time" (Lk. 4:13). <p>III. John's Testimony Concerning Jesus (Jn. 1:19-34).</p> <p>A. Questions about John's Identity (Jn. 1:19-28).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Three distinct groups come out to meet John: "the people" (Lk. 3:15), the Sadducees (Jn. 1:19-23) and the Pharisees (Jn. 1:24-27). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each group came out with similar questions: "Are you the Christ?" "Are you Elijah?" "Are you the Prophet?" John emphatically answered, "No," to each. "Why then do you baptize...?" (25). <p>B. John Identifies Jesus (Jn. 1:29-34).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (29). "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God" (34). For all practical purposes, John's work was done.
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