

4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:18



October 11, 2020

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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

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

John Barnum

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp
(Bangs)
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
World Bible School

Gospel Meeting

October 11-14, 2020

“Words From the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ”

Gospel Meeting held at the building of the
4th & Stewart church of Christ
3201 Fourth Street
Brownwood, Texas

Service Times & Topics

Sun.	9:45am	Words of Forgiveness & Salvation
	10:40am	Words of Anguish
	6:00pm	Words of Affection & Humanity
Mon.	7:00pm	Words of Victory
Tues.	7:00pm	Words of Trust
Wed.	7:00pm	Words of Hope

Lunch will be provided after services Sunday Morning.

Our speaker is **Denny Wilson**. Denny is the preacher for the Parkview church of Christ in Odessa, Texas. He has been preaching for 34 years. He has worked with congregations in Lubbock, Gladewater, Wellington, Westbrook, Deleon, Knott, Carlsbad, NM, and 2 congregations in Odessa, as well as fill in work with numerous congregations. He has spoken on several lectureships, youth programs, radio programs, TV programs, youth camps, teacher training events, gospel meetings, and summer series programs. He has written for various publications and produced several bulletins. He and his wife Robyn have three children and four grandchildren.



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“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise” (Lk. 23:43)

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mt. 27:46)

He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your Son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” (Jn. 19:25-27)

“I thirst!” (Jn. 19:28)

“It is finished!” (Jn. 19:30)

“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit” (Lk. 23:46)

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, through he may die, he shall live” (Jn. 11:25)

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about

Seven Statements of Jesus on the Cross

It is said that actions speak louder than words. Consider *1 John 3:18*, “*My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*” While this is true, sometimes the words we speak can be far more powerful, especially when those words confirm or deny the life we have claimed to live and image we have cultivated.

Think of a person who has claimed to be a Christian all their life; living faithfully as the Bible teaches; then, when faced with persecution and the possibility of suffering or death at the hands of hateful enemies, recants their faith and says, “I never knew Jesus.”

The apostle Paul knew this; as part of his defense before King Agrippa he said (*Acts 26:11*), “*I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.*”

Jesus spent His entire ministry teaching through words and actions. Throughout His ministry, His words and actions complemented each other. The Bible tells us that Jesus went willingly to the cross and died for our sins. There are seven recorded statements Jesus made from the cross, each one helping confirm everything He did and taught.

(Luke 23:34) *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.*

The first words of Jesus are not about His suffering, or the unjustness of His death; rather, they are out of concern for others. Did God answer that prayer? Even those who put Jesus on the cross, spit on Him and reviled Him, cast lots for His garments and mocked Him were given the opportunity to come to Christ in faith and be forgiven.

(Luke 23:43) *Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.*

Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One of them asked Jesus (Luke 23:42), “*Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.*” This man would never

have the opportunity to seek forgiveness after the resurrection, but even while dying Jesus had compassion. In His final moments Jesus cared enough to forgive a lost, but repentant soul.

(John 19:26-27) *When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.*

I wonder what it would have been like to be Jesus looking down from the cross and seeing His mother. Even as He suffered He did what He could to care for her.

(Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34) *About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”*

This is a quote from Psalm 22:1 and of all the words Jesus spoke, these capture, I think, the true essence of what He suffered. The physical suffering was horrific, we all know that. The spiritual suffering was unimaginable. Jesus paid the price for us. The whole price. He did not only suffer for us physically, He suffered the SPIRITUAL pain we were due as well.

(John 19:28) *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!”*

This is the only thing He says concerning His physical pain, and even this was designed to fulfill prophecy (Ps. 22:15; 69:21) and was thus uttered for OUR benefit.

(John 19:29-30) *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

This statement and the one that follows constitute the last words of Jesus prior to His death. They are beautiful in their simplicity and their meaning. This points the eternal purpose of God to redeem fallen man, how God worked through history to bring all this about, and how

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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/

Oct. 11 Job 38—42; Psalm 102
Oct. 12 Eccl. 1—4; Psalm 103 (video)
Oct. 13 Eccl. 5—8; Psalm 104
Oct. 14 Eccl. 9—12; Psalm 105
Oct. 15 S. of S. 1—4; Ps. 106 (video)
Oct. 16 Song of S. 5—8; Psalm 107
Oct. 17 Isaiah 1—4; Ps. 108 (video)
Oct. 18 Isaiah 5—8; Ps. 109 (video)

“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 **35** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ Our **Gospel Meeting** begins today! Flyers are available at the exits. Our thanks to Denny for coming to preach the gospel to us this week.
- ◆ **Fellowship Meal today** at noon.
- ◆ **Evening Meal Schedule.** Please join us for a time of nourishment and fellowship at an area restaurant before our evening services at about 5:15.
 - **Monday—Cici's Pizza**, 1107 Clement.
 - **Tuesday—Section Hand**, 4412 Highway 377 S.
 - **Wednesday—Prima Pasta**, 210 Early Blvd.
- ◆ We will **not** be having snacks after services.
 - Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart**
- ◆ March 14-17—Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Jon McCormack
 - Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow**
- ◆ Oct. 12-15—Gospel Meeting @ Meridian w/ Mike Bonner. "God's Word For The Times We Live In."
- ◆ Oct. 17-18—"Back to the Bible" Lectures @ Hamilton. "The Preciousness of Preaching."
- ◆ Oct 18-21—Gospel Meeting @ Bangs w/ Kerry Clark. "7 Keys to Personal Growth." Flyer on bulletin board.

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Jesus has faithfully become a sacrifice for our sins so we could have the hope of salvation and eternal life with Him.

(Luke 23:46) *And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.*

This is a fulfillment of the prophecy made about Him in Psalm 31:5, "Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth." Jesus trusted the Father. He trusted Him in life and in death. He put His own life and the eternal fate of the world in the hands of a trustworthy God.

The derisive insult in Matthew 27:43, "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God,'" is a fulfillment of Psalm 22:8. The people asked the question mockingly, but Jesus proved it to be true; He did trust God and God DID rescue Him as proven by the resurrection.

There was no hypocrisy in Jesus, no wavering, no hatred, no selfishness. The words He spoke at His death confirmed the truth of who He was and is.

Two passages seem like they would make a fitting conclusion:

(Phil. 2:8-9) *He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.*

(Heb. 5:8-9) *Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.*

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Celebrate

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

October Birthdays: Lisa Greer (5), Matthew Churchwell (7), **Jo Maninger (12), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14).**

October Anniversaries: **Rafe and Becky Smith (16),** Mike & Patti Banister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Sept. 27, 2020	Oct. 4, 2020
Bible Class	36	40
AM Worship	42 + [4]	46 + [3]
PM Worship	28 + [3]	33 + [3]
Wednesday PM	24	25
Contribution	\$1,714	\$2,394

	This Week: 10/11/20	Next Week: 10/18/20			
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>October 2020 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: McCaghren Clean Building: McCaghren</p> <p>November 2020 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Bannister Clean Building: Bannister</p>		
Greeters	—	—			
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Tom Wilcox			
Communion	Randy Huckaby*, Dex Dennard Coyce Reed, Ryan Rudloff	Don Smith*, Chase Churchwell John Barnum, Randy Huckaby			
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	Rafe Smith			
Attendance Cards	—	—			
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Johnny McCaghren	Song Leader: James Fuller			
Opening Prayer	Chase Churchwell	Gene Bannister			
Scripture Reading	—	—			
Communion	Randy Huckaby	Don Smith			
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Dex Dennard			
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 14 Gospel Meeting	October 21 Dex Dennard	October 28 Don Smith	November 4 Prayer Night	

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 October 11, 2020

Sunday Class **Gospel Meeting**
 Wed. Class **Gospel Meeting**

Share or Preach?

I have to wonder just how convincing Philip would have been if he had gone to Samaria to "Share Jesus?"

The new buzzword today is the word "share." In the church we hear it quite often: "Share Jesus!," "Share the gospel," "Share conversion experiences." As a child I was taught to share. I teach my children the same virtue. It means to impart some of what you have to others. There is no real Christianity with out sharing (Eph. 4:28).

Many preachers, however, don't preach anymore. Now, they share. Perhaps there is a sense in which preaching is sharing, but the word share hardly fits the meaning of Biblical preaching. Some in the church have forgotten what preaching really is.

There are two words in the New Testament that specifically define what Biblical preaching is. One is the Greek word *kerusso*, which is translated "to preach" 53 times in the New Testament. It denotes the actions of a herald, with these characteristics: 1) The herald has in his voice a note of certainty, 2) The herald has in his voice a note of authority because he is speaking for a king, 3) The herald's message is not his own; it is from the king.

There are many in the church today who are uncomfortable with "certainty" and "authority" in speaking. For that reason they have abandoned the word "preach" in their vocabulary, and adopted the word "share," because it rings of a more "humble" and "caring" tone.

The second word is *evangelizo*. It is always used of the good

news of Christ as proclaimed in the Gospel. It means to make known the good message relative to sin and salvation. The Lord who commanded men to preach also told them what message to proclaim.

It is very hard for me to imagine John the Immerser "sharing Jesus." He went into the wilderness of Judea, not to share, but to preach! "In those days came John the Baptist, **preaching** in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:1-2). What about Jesus? Did he share, or preach? "From that time Jesus began to **preach**, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, did he send them out to share the Kingdom of God, or to **preach** it?

Something is lost in the translation of Acts 8:4 if I read it the way many of my brethren seem to understand it: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere [sharing] the word." No! They went preaching it! I have to wonder just how convincing Philip would have been if he had gone to Samaria to "share Jesus" (Acts 8:5, 12). He preached, and the results were conversions of both men and women. I somehow cannot envision Philip "sharing Jesus" with the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:35. It says he "**preached unto him Jesus.**"

When Paul went to Athens, the text says, "...as his manner was, he went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 17:3-4). Somehow, sharing just doesn't convey the same idea!

Dennis Gullede (Seek The Old Paths, Oct. 2020, p. 72)