

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



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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

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey.....

Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten
Cherokee Home for Children
Food Pantry
Gospel Broadcast Network
Gospel Chariot Missions
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
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.



Extreme Makeover: Spiritual Edition

By Timothy L. Dooley

It begins with a family in despair. Divorce and single parenting, debilitating illness, financial ruin, or some catastrophic event has brought an American family to its knees. Then comes the “wakeup call”—the moment when the family finds out that they have been chosen for a well-deserved and much needed home makeover.

The design teams move in along with builders and landscapers to perform amazing reformations to the home. In a mere seven days, the work of several months is completed. Then comes the finale when the new home is revealed to the family in an emotionally charged moment of tears, laughter, and amazement. According to the show’s website: “The lives of the lucky families are forever changed when they learn that they’ve been selected to have their home walls moved, their floors replaced, and even their facades radically changed.” And we “see how the home makeover has impacted the lives of the deserving families.”

Friends, there is one thing missing from these heart-wrenching stories. When the television people leave and the bright lights are turned off, the problems that brought on this flurry of activity still exist. The “house” may be different, but the “home” is still broken by divorce and single parenting. The debilitating illness still exists. The financial crisis is still an ever-present truth. And the consequences of the catastrophic event are an ongoing, unending reality.

What these homes need more than anything is an *Extreme Makeover: Spiritual Edition!* Our society’s greatest need is for homes to be built upon a solid spiritual foundation. Remember the words of the psalmist who wrote, “Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1). The Godhead, as master designer, builder, and beautifier must be allowed to remake our homes into magnificent edifices of peace, hope, and love.

We need husbands and wives who are committed first of all to God. This foundational stone will allow the home to be restored to what God would have it to be. It will also create an environment of true peace, love, and harmony—things that are lacking in so many homes today. The husband must love his wife just as Christ loved the church and was willing to die for her (Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:19). Then the wife can (and should) be submissive to the husband’s godly direction (Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18).

With God being the foundation of our newly renovated Christian home, mothers and fathers will provide a loving, nurturing atmosphere in which to rear their children. The children will be shielded from the immorality that permeates today’s modern family. The children will see God’s love reflected in the love that mom and dad have for each another. The new home must be a place where the parents realize

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And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10

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that the children do not belong to them. Their souls have simply been entrusted unto their care. God wants those souls returned to Him as clean as the day they were given.



**“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain...”
Psalm 127:1**

The family in this new home will together worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). They will study the Bible together and pray together as a family. They will grow stronger in spirit and be more like Christ every day. And one day they will go to Heaven together to forever be in the glory of God’s presence. When the “bus is moved,” when the veil of sin is lifted, God’s spiritual home renovation is truly a thing of beauty. Why not have an *Extreme Makeover: Spiritual Edition*? Your family and your souls are worth it!

We simply cannot overestimate the value of the home. And, oh, how many of the homes in this world need drastic makeovers! Our neighborhoods can be full of shiny, expensive houses while hiding broken, crumbling homes—the lives of the families that live inside. Those crumbling homes in turn have an impact on every other facet of society. If we want to start building up our society, we must start by rebuilding our homes according to the perfect pattern (blueprint) of God’s Word.

Yes, restoration of our nation and communities will begin in the home, not with the government or any other initiative. Even in the religious society that Israel was structured to be, instruction began in the home (Deuteronomy 6:3-9). That same charge is given to us today, that as parents, specifically the fathers leading in this charge, “provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). And this relationship follows the father and mother living as they should as husband and wife (Ephesians 5:22-33).

Let’s take a look at the blueprint of God’s Word and do some drastic rebuilding of our homes wherever necessary. Do it for ourselves, our families, and our world that they can see the beauty of God’s design and imitate it in their own lives.

~Ryan Smithey

Remember we live, “...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life;...” (Philippians 2:15-16)

How to Have A Great Marriage

By Ron Halliburton

Your marriage does not have to be "just good," it can be great. But what separates the great marriages from the good ones? Consider the following, based on the word **"G-R-E-A-T."**

God must be in your marriage. Consider the words of Solomon: *"A threefold cord is not quickly broken"* (Ecc. 4:12). Couples who strive to build a relationship with Christ as its center enjoy an enormous advantage over those who do not.

REmember your vows. Husbands, did you promise to love, honor, cherish, and protect your spouse, forsaking all others? Wives, did you promise to love, honor, cherish, and obey your spouse, forsaking all others? Consider Matthew 19:9 along with Hebrews 13:4.

Appreciate one another. When you stop to count your blessings, do not forget to count your spouse. An attitude of ingratitude will eventually manifest itself in selfish and disrespectful behavior toward one another. *"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing..."* (Prov. 18:22).

Treat one another as the most important person in the world. After all, who on earth is more important to you than your spouse? In terms of your relationships with others, no relationship should be more important to you than your relationship with your spouse.

Television

The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish)
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB
In Search of the Lord’s Way
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)

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

“...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;” (1 Pet. 2:2)

Sun:	Judges 9-10	Luke 12:22-40
Mon	Judges 11-13	Luke 12:41-59
Tue:	Judges 14-16	Luke 13:1-17
Wed:	Judges 17-19	Luke 13:18-35
Thu:	Judges 20-21	Luke 14:1-14
Fri:	Ruth 1-2	Luke 14:15-35
Sat.	Ruth 3-4	Luke 15



Upcoming Events...



Ladies Bible Class

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

Upcoming Meeting

Remember our own upcoming meeting with Tyler Young, "Are We In The End Times?" which runs May 1-4 — that's just 2 weeks from today!



Flyers are still available to use in inviting others to come; please use as many as you can, we have plenty available. Continue to keep this effort in your prayers and make sure that you have marked your calendar to make every effort to be here each day.

Work Day—April 23

With the arrival of Spring and the meeting quickly approaching, we have scheduled a work day to accomplish a number of things around the building. Please mark Saturday, April 23rd on your calendars and also let Don or one of the elders know if you know of anything that needs to be taken care of on that day.

Other Events... (check board for more information)

- ◆ Today-Vicksburg devotional at 3:30 PM; Visitation meeting and dinner following evening worship.
- ◆ April 21—Skating party in Stephenville
- ◆ April 30th—Birthday party for Lu Whitsett (invitation is now posted on bulletin board)
- ◆ May 1st—Bible Search at Rising Star covering Acts 25-28 as well as an overview of the whole book.

Heart of Texas Bible Camp—Bangs Session

Staff registration forms are now available on the back table of the auditorium and camper applications will be out soon. Please, complete and return as soon as possible as spaces will be limited this year.

Jr. Camp is July 3-7 and Sr. Camp is July 17-22

Cherokee Day is fast approaching once again. This is their annual food drive and will be on **May 7** this year. A pantry request list is provided on the bulletin board and you can drop items off in the main entry.



Suggested items for this week: **Canned Meat** (chicken, chili, tuna, spam), **Canned Fruit**, and **Fruit Juices** (Grape, Apple, Orange Juice in plastic bottles)

Visitation Program

Remember our **visitation meeting following** evening worship services; last week 31 contacts were made.

Remember too our **finger-food supper following the meeting to-night**. Hope you can join us for both!

Thank You...

Darlene Smith wishes to express her gratitude for all of the birthday cards and wishes that she received.

New Materials Available

New editions of the **Spiritual Sword, House to House, and Seek Ye First** publications are available at the back of the auditorium. Please use these materials for your own study and also consider passing them along to others who will benefit from them as well.



Celebrate

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

April Birthdays: Julie Baker (01), Lu Whitsett (06), Ginger King (08), Kristi Maninger (09), Darlene Smith (10), Ken Makuta (13), Earlene Burge (17), Birdie Reynolds (17).

April Anniversaries: Tina & John Barnum (08).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	April 3, 2011	April 10, 2011
Bible Class	60	61
AM Worship	86	80
PM Worship	49	48
Wednesday PM	42	46
Contribution	\$1861	\$1742

This Week: 4/17/11		Next Week: 4/24/11		April 2011	
Sunday AM:				Make Announcements: Ken Maninger	
Greeters	Allen & Linda Griffith	Billy & Peggy Chism		Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family	
Opening Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Allen Griffith		Clean Building: Ryan & Priscilla Smithey	
Communion	Ken Makuta*, Michael Bickford Allen Griffith, Matt Churchwell	Hank Wheeler*, Tom Wilcox Don Smith, John Barnum		Keep Grounds: Allen Griffith	
Closing Prayer	James Thomas	Michael Bickford		May 2011	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey		Make Announcements: Jim Moore	
Sunday PM:				Prepare Communion: Gene & Barbara Bannister	
Opening Prayer	Don Smith	Ken Makuta		Clean Building: Billy & Peggy Chism	
Scripture Reading	James Fuller 2 John 3-6	Garrett Barnum		Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Communion	Ken Makuta	Hank Wheeler			
Closing Prayer	Jim Moore	James Fuller			
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 20 Jim Moore	April 27 Don Smith	May 4 Gospel Meeting	May 11 Ken Makuta	

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 April 17, 2011		Sunday Class 2 Corinthians (Chap. 13)	Wednesday Class.....Habakkuk (Chap. 2-3)
<p align="center">A Burning Fire</p> <p><i>Jeremiah said the word of God was as a "burning fire" in his bones (Jer. 20:9); recent wildfires can teach us some important spiritual lessons concerning this description of God's Word:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire Is Powerful-drastically alters what it contacts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. God's Word does so in a good way as it has the power to save (Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:22-23; 2 Tim. 3:15; Acts 20:32; 1 Cor. 15:1-4); convict (Heb. 4:12; Titus 1:9; Eph. 6:17); and unite (Eph. 3:6-7). 2. Fire Spreads Rapidly—hard to contain <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jeremiah found the same was true with God's Word. b. The first century example was one of spreading the word of God, not containing it (Acts 5:19-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:4; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 2:1, 11-15). 3. Fire Is Intense-consumes everything around it <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This attitude is seen in the apostle Paul (Phil. 3:13-14); a passion that should be in us all (Phil. 3:17; Col. 3:2). b. Do we have any intensity (Rev. 3:15-16, 19)? c. Has it changed us (Col. 3:1-3; Rom. 12:1-2)? 4. Fire Destroys...but creates room for new growth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jeremiah was told to root out the bad that you can build up the good (Jer. 1:9-10). b. Still today the gospel will both tear down and build up (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:2). c. Specifically there are things that must be removed (Rom. 6:4a, 6; Col. 3:3, 5-9) and there are things that must be added (Rom. 6:4-5; Col. 3:10-17; Gal. 2:20). 	<p align="center">Helps In Overcoming Sin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God's Word—the inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17) truth (John 17:17) that makes one free (John 8:31-32) and records what God would have us know for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). Will keep one's steps (Ps. 119:11; 37:31; Matt. 4:1-11; 1 John 2:1, 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:23) and is to be used as a guide (Jer. 10:23; Ps. 119:105; 2 Tim. 3:16) reading, studying, meditating upon, and memorizing it (1Tim 4:13; 2Tim 2:15; Ps 119:97). 2. Prayer – Petition God (Matt. 6:13; Lk. 21:36), necessary in standing firm along with the armor of God (Eph. 6:13, 18), and is needed regularly (Lk. 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2). 3. Self-Examination – A regular checkup on our spiritual course (Col. 3:2; 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5-6) that uses God's Word as our standard of right (James 1:22-25). 4. Reverential Fear of God – due awe and respect unto our sovereign God (Ex. 20:20; Prov. 3:7, 1:&; Eccl. 12:13); moves us to submit to the One who can both bless and curse but wants to bless us (Heb. 10:31; Rom. 11:22; 2 Cor. 5:11; Acts 10:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:4; Titus 2:11-12). 5. Omniscience/Omnipotence of God – Remember that He is all knowing and all seeing (Prov. 15:3; Ps. 139:7); forgetting this emboldens one in sin (Jer. 23:23-24; Ps. 94:1-11). 6. Watching Our Influences—What occupies our time and thoughts (Prov. 4:23; Lk. 6:45; Phil. 4:8)? Who influences us (1 Cor. 15:33; Deut. 20:16-18; Neh. 13:26)? 7. Uncertainty of Time – the reminder that this could be our last day (James 4:14; 5:17-19). 		