

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.



Welcome to our 2011 Spring Gospel Meeting Are We Living In The End Times? With Guest Speaker Tyler Young



We have looked forward to this event for some time and are glad that you have been able to join us. We hope that you will take every opportunity to be back with us this week as we discuss this timely topic.

Man seems to have a great fascination with events that surround the end of time and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately many have been led astray by fictional stories that have little basis in the Word of God. Our aim this week is to **go back to the Bible** and see what it has to say concerning these topics. As we do so we want to encourage you to make sure that is always our aim in every area of life and religion—to see what God, rather than man, has to say. We ought always to be like the Bereans who “searched the scriptures daily” to see if the things they heard were so (Acts 17:11). Recognize that others may steer you wrong, but God’s Word is always true (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 17:17) therefore we have an obligation to prove for ourselves those things that are right and true (2 Timothy 2:15).

If you have questions concerning what you see or hear this week, about the church here, or about the Bible — please let us know. We would love to study with you.

We are recording all of the lessons presented this week and they will be available on CD and online, free of charge. To request a set of CDs or an individual sermon, please indicate such on an attendance card. For online audio or bulletin information please visit us at www.4thstreetcoc.org

Are we living in the end times?

Sunday, May 1 9:45 AM

The Kingdom Has Come

Sunday, May 1 10:40 AM

The King Is Coming

Sunday, May 1 6:00 PM

The Rapture

Will Anyone Be Left Behind?

Monday, May 2 7:00 PM

Is Jesus Coming Soon?

Tuesday, May 3 7:00 PM

The Anti-Christ

*Future Furber or
Dispensational Delusion?*

Wednesday, May 4 7:00 PM

*Are you ready for
Armageddon?*

*I am Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord,
which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*
Revelation 1:8

What To Expect When You Visit Our Worship Service

By Tyler Young

We in churches of Christ take seriously the Lord's words in *John 4:24*: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The word of God, and specifically, the New Testament of Jesus Christ (*Heb. 8:6-13*), is our standard of truth for acceptable worship (*John 17:17*). God has not left it up to us to do as whatever we please when we approach him; through the inspired apostles of Christ he has directed the church in the manner in which we are to worship him. Our goal is to do as the early church, which "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (*Acts 2:42*). This makes our worship distinctive from what most are accustomed to seeing in other churches.

Because we are committed to following the God-given, apostolic pattern for worship, we praise God in song, "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (*Col. 3:16*). Our singing is not accompanied by a piano or band or other forms of instrumental music because we do not find authority for these additions in the New Testament. We learn from God's word the church is to sing (*Eph. 5:19*), and we do not add to what God has instructed us to do or go beyond the authority of his word (*1 Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22:18-19*). While most visitors find our a cappella singing unusual, they also find the four part harmonies beautiful and edifying.

We learn from apostolic example and instruction to the early church that God's people are to observe the Lord's supper when they meet every first day of the week (*Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-29*), and so each Sunday we partake of the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine in remembrance of the sacrifice of Christ. Also, our members give into a collection for the work of God's kingdom in accordance with the teaching of God's word (*1 Cor. 16:1-2*).

In our worship assembly we also offer prayer to our Heavenly Father in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and listen to the preaching of the life-changing, soul saving gospel of Christ (*Rom. 1:16*). Our preaching is Bible-based, for we are to "speak as the oracles of God," (*1 Pet. 4:11*). We are committed to exalting God by teaching and preaching "the whole counsel of God" (*Acts 20:27*) and citing book, chapter and verse as we exalt God and focus on hearing his will for our lives revealed in the scriptures.

You will also find a warm welcome from friendly folks who want to help you understand God's will for your life and his plan for your salvation so that you can be sure you are saved by His grace and have the hope of eternal life. We hope you can attend one of our worship assemblies or Bible classes soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The war against God's design for the family rages on

By Tyler Young

"Times have changed," said Jennifer Aniston in an interview about her new movie *The Switch*. The A-list actress explained: "The point of the movie is, what is it that defines family? Love is love, and family is what is around you. That is what I love about this movie. It is saying [family] is not the traditional sort of stereotype of what we have been taught as a society.... Women are realizing...they don't have to settle with a man just to have that child."

If you're wondering what she's talking about, in *The Switch* Aniston plays an unmarried woman who decides to have a child by artificial insemination—in other words, without a relationship of any kind with the father of the child. In this year's *The Back-up Plan*, another popular Jennifer (Lopez) plays in a similar story about a woman who uses insemination to have a child sans husband. Yet another film in theaters right now, *The Kids Are Alright*, is about a lesbian couple raising their two teenagers, conceived by one of them through (you guessed it) artificial insemination.

Meanwhile, district Judge Vaughn Walker struck down Proposition 8, an amendment to the California State Constitution defining marriage as the union of one

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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:	1 Sam. 18-19	Luke 20:1-26
Mon	1 Sam. 20-22	Luke 20:27-47
Tue:	1 Sam. 23-24	Luke 21:1-24
Wed:	1 Sam. 25-26	Luke 21:25-38
Thu:	1 Sam. 27-29	Luke 22:1-23
Fri:	1 Sam. 30-31	Luke 22:24-53
Sat.	2 Samuel 1-3	Luke 22:54-71



Upcoming Events...



Wednesday Bible Class

Remember the typical Ladies Bible Class will be **open to all** (males and females) this Wednesday with Tyler Young teaching in the auditorium. The class has been moved to **11 AM and we will have lunch following.**

If you are a member and planning on attending please sign-up today for those things you plan on bringing so we can make sure everything is covered.

Bible Search

The last session of Bible Search is today in Rising Star at 2:30 PM. It covers Acts 25-28 as well as an overview of the whole book. If you need a ride, we will leave the building a little after 1:30.

Camp Applications

Summer camp applications for both Jr. & Sr. sessions are now available at the back of the auditorium. Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible. Spaces will be limited this year

Cherokee Day is this Saturday, **May 7**. Any pantry items you wish to donate need to be here by this Wednesday, May 4. A pantry request list is provided on the bulletin board and you can drop items off in the main entry. Thank you for your help in this area.

Suggested items for this week:
Canned Tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce, Rotel, Picante sauce, Cereals, pop tarts, jelly, trash bags, and zip-lock bags.



Missing Dishes?

You may have even forgotten them! Some dishes have been left at the building following various events and need to be claimed. They are now in the fellowship hall; please look and see if any belong to you, otherwise they will soon be donated or used.

Thank You...

The Barnum Family would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts for baby Ian. We have such a wonderful church family,
Love John & Tina

Something To Think About...

One Sunday as they drove home from worship services, a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, there's something about the preacher's message this morning that I don't understand." The mother said, "Oh? What is it?" The little girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. He said God is so big that He could hold the whole world in His hand. Is that true?" The mother replied, "Yes, that's true, honey." "But Mommy, he also said that God comes to live inside of us when we are obedient to His will. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother assured the little girl that what the preacher had said was true. With a puzzled look on her face the little girl then asked, "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

Is God showing through you? Are you letting your light shine (Mt. 5:16)? Are you an epistle of Christ (2 Cor. 3:2). Are we showing forth the God of heaven (1 Pt. 2:9)? Is God's word in you like a burning fire and you cannot hold it in (Jer. 20:9)? Are you saturated with God and His word (Psa. 1:2)? If you are, God will be showing through you?

God Showing Through, by Tom Moore

Celebrate

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

May Birthdays: Barbara Bannister (10), Nita Karla Boyd (14), Kami Hardy (14), Pam Teague (14), Caitlin Barnum (15), Billy Chism (15), Peg Moore (17), Randy Brubaker (23), Ryan Smithey (23), Peggy Luker (28), Gracen Hardy (30).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	April 17, 2011	April 24, 2011
Bible Class	65	66
AM Worship	72	87
PM Worship	45	41
Wednesday PM	41	51
Contribution	\$1364	\$1588

	This Week: 5/1/11		Next Week: 5/8/11	
Sunday AM:				
Greeters	Jack & Joyce Hill		The Maninger Family	
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister		Garrett Barnum	
Communion	Jim Moore*, James Fuller Michael Bickford, Garrett Barnum		Ken Maninger* Ken Makuta James Fuller, John Barnum	
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler		Gene Bannister	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey	
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism		Allen Griffith	
Scripture Reading	Michael Fuller 2 Peter 3:9-13		Michael Bickford	
Communion	Jim Moore		Ken Maninger	
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox		Jim Moore	
Wednesday Devotionals:	May 4 Gospel Meeting	May 11 Ken Makuta	May 18 Michael Bickford	May 25 Allen Griffith

May 2011
Make Announcements:
 Jim Moore
Prepare Communion:
 Gene & Barbara Bannister
Clean Building:
 Billy & Peggy Chism
Keep Grounds:
 James Fuller

June 2011
Make Announcements:
 Tom Wilcox
Prepare Communion:
 Michael & Diana Bickford
Clean Building:
 Jim & Peg Moore
Keep Grounds:
 Ryan Smithey

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man to one woman. Thus with a stroke of the pen, the federal judge dismissed millennia of societal norms and the universal practice of humanity as irrelevant to our understanding of what constitutes a marriage. He went further, in fact, declaring in his decision that the majority of Californians had no legal, moral, or pragmatic grounds on which to limit marriage to a husband and wife, and that therefore the only consideration that could have motivated millions of voters was unbridled bigotry.

If this weren't enough, Governor David Patterson just signed a bill making New York the last of the fifty states legalizing no-fault divorce. Thus, the Empire State has belatedly joined the other forty-nine in making it easier to weasel out of a marriage contract than it is to get out of a mortgage.

These are just some of the latest developments in the ongoing effort to deconstruct and supplant the traditional concept of family. The assaults on the home from pop culture, radical activists, the mainstream media, and the government are disturbing enough. But now reproductive technology has made it possible to pervert the natural order and permit the conception of children without any relationship—or even direct contact—between mother and father, further facilitating the rise of “alternative” arrangements to the traditional family.

The “stereotype” of family that Anniston celebrates liberation from and which our courts are seeking to undermine is the natural, God-given order: one man, one woman, raising their children together in the context of the lifelong commitment of marriage (*Gen. 2:18-25; Mat. 19:9*). Easy divorce, intentional single-motherhood, homosexual “marriage”—these are all rejections of the divine model for the home. They are arrogant, self-serving, and foolish declarations that kids don't really need their moms and dads to raise them together in the same home, that they don't really need to be raised by their fathers at all.

This redefining of family is a cavalier dismissal of the mountain of social-science research which conclusively documents that kids do best when they are raised by both of their biological parents. Most importantly, it is a rejection of God's design for our homes, which he created and ordered for our well-being. It is a result of our abandonment of God himself, the creeping secular idolatry of our age (*Rom. 1:18-32*). It is social suicide.

This is no mere tampering with trifling matters on the periphery of our lives. The home is the bedrock for all society, and dismantling God's order for the family has disastrous repercussions for all of us—especially our children. The need is great for the church to declare that the home is no mere social convention that may be arbitrarily reengineered at will without grave consequences. Rather, it is the creation of God for our good and his glory. The answer to the ills facing our families is not to supplant God's plan for the home, but to defend and embrace it.

Yes, Mrs. Anniston, “Times have changed.” But the divine design for the home has not, and we ignore it at our peril.