

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 On Break
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

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

By Robert Hatfield

"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1)

Each child of God would do well to imitate the attitude represented by the unnamed disciple in Luke 11:1. He desired to learn, and Jesus was willing to teach about one of the most important privileges that the Christian may enjoy — the privilege of prayer. Please consider the following observations concerning this disciple's attitude and our Lord's response.

The disciple believed in the power of prayer. The very fact that he asked to be taught how to pray indicates that he was convicted of its power. This was not some useless exercise to make one feel good; it was something that was useful! James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Some Christians seldom pray to their Father. Is not this reflective of their view of the power of prayer? To doubt the power of prayer is to doubt God's ability to keep His promises! Every Christian should manifest the same respectful attitude toward prayer as is portrayed by this disciple in Luke 11.

The Lord took time to teach. Jesus seriously dealt with this request. The very fact that Jesus paused to spend time teaching this disciple how to pray shows the value of prayer. One can also note the reverent attitude of Jesus' prayers. The Lord prayed, "... Hallowed be thy name..." (Luke 11:2); that word "hallowed" refers to that which deserves reverence, honor and homage. Additionally, from Jesus teaching his disciple how to pray, one may learn that it is good and proper to meditate beforehand on that which one will bring to the throne of God, lest we approach His throne thoughtlessly.

The Lord emphasized that God answers prayer! Following his prayer, Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11:9-10). The verbs "ask," "seek" and "knock" are in the present tense, indicating a continuous action on the part of the inquirer. Notice how, in each case, God's answer is clearly shown. The one who asks, "shall receive;" the one who seeks "shall find;" to him who knocks, "it shall be opened." God always answers. Sometimes the answer is "no," sometimes it is "yes;" in every case God answers according to that which is best (Isa. 55:9; Jer. 10:23). In every case, man is taught to pray as is in accordance with the Will of God (1 John 5:14-15).

*Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity:
I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.
Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
Psalm 26:1-2*



Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

I consciously noticed it for the first time yesterday. It happened when I got into my car after it had been parked next to my office for a few hours. What did I notice? It is starting to warm up. It will not be long until we will be complaining about how hot it is. I remember when we moved back to Texas and the kids and I had taken a trip to Wal-Mart for a few things. As we were leaving the parking lot, one of them said, "It sure is hot in Texas!" Problem is...It was only May. It really does get hot in the summer.

Another problem, and a more pressing one, is the obvious lack of clothing that seems to accompany the heat. Even Christians seem to lose their sense of modesty during this time of year. We really need to revisit the subject of modesty, especially now that Summer is around the corner.

Summer is just around the corner, the temperature is on the rise, and inevitably the clothing on the racks in the popular stores leaves much to be desired, no pun intended. I do not particularly buy into the idea that the sun will fry the brain. However, the clothing that we resort to wearing certainly suggests that our ability to exercise sound judgment has been affected in a serious way.

Before you take off to the mall to buy your summer wardrobe, please consider these three simple questions. Hopefully they will aid you in selecting suitable summer attire.

First, is my dress motivated by wisdom or worldliness? Wisdom has to do with exercising sound judgment. Worldliness has to do with being motivated more by this world's pursuits than spiritual values. Christians are admonished to recognize the source and consequences of such thinking and behavior (1 John 2:15-17). I was once acquainted with a young man who, in an effort to spice up his Friday night attire, wrapped a red bandana around his head, knowing such was typical gang attire. Later that night his worldliness rewarded him with the opportunity to look down the barrel of a pistol. Truly, his choice of clothing lacked wisdom. Similarly, wearing revealing clothing

The Heat Is On and the Clothes Are Off

by Joey Davis

may be the "thing to do," but it lacks wisdom and can jeopardize a person's safety.

Too, I have often heard parents say, "that's the style and there is nothing

else available." We might as well say, "I am resolved to allow the world to fashion the mold and I have no choice but to hop into it." If there is honestly no alternative then we best buy some sewing machines and get to stitching! Paul, unwittingly, gave very sound shopping advice when he said, "And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2 ASV). The world can not be allowed to set our standard for appropriate clothing.

Second, does this clothing portray godliness or godlessness? Timothy was advised to instruct the women to "adorn themselves in modest apparel...which becometh women professing godliness..." (1 Timothy 2:9-10). Yet much of the clothing worn today suggests god-less-ness. Jesus said that we are "the light of the world" and that we are to let that light shine before men to God's glory (Matthew 5:13, 16). I can assure you that Jesus did not intend for us to let our flesh shine. We would do well to ask ourselves the question, "Will the clothing that I wear suggest that I am trying to get people to look at me or will it allow them the opportunity to notice my faith rather than my figure?"

Thirdly, if I wear this will I be a building block or a stumbling block? Many people have adopted the idea that "It's my body and I'll show it if I want to." Furthermore, they reason that if someone looks at them in an inappropriate way, then that is not their fault. If such were a true assessment then the apostle Paul did not know it, for he repeatedly warned against the practice of putting a stumbling block before others (Romans 14:13; 1 Corinthians 8:9). Indeed, if our clothing, or lack thereof, causes someone else to have sinful thoughts, we have become an accessory to that sin. Admittedly, there are those who are so perverted that even the very modest clothing is no de-

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Television	God's Plan for Redeeming Man	Daily Bible Reading Schedule
The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB	Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).	<i>"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)</i>
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB	Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)	Sun: 1 Kings 22 John 8:21-47
Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org	Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)	Mon 2 Kings 1-3 John 8:48-59
Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208	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)	Tue: 2 Kings 4-5 John 9:1-12
Radio	Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)	Wed: 2 Kings 6-7 John 9:13-41
Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3		Thu: 2 Kings 8-9 John 10:1-21
		Fri: 2 Kings 10-11 John 10:22-42
		Sat. 2 Kings 12-14 John 11:1-27



Memorial Day

I hope you all have a safe holiday weekend and remember to be thankful for this great country and those who have died in its service.



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terrent. Still, we must be very careful that we do not create an occasion for sin through the clothing that we wear.

The Greek historian, Herodotus, is credited with saying, "Remember that with her clothes a woman puts off her modesty." This is a tremendous statement that is helpful to both men and women when it comes to proper dress. From a Christian perspective, the less we wear or the tighter we wear it, the more we sacrifice. We can do better if we will be conscious of the effects of our clothing choices. **Remember to ask: Are my clothing choices motivated by worldliness or wisdom, do they portray godliness or godlessness, and will my wearing this become a stumbling block for someone else?**

Editors note: I certainly commend this article to your attention as Christians and parents. I appreciate that it was written age and gender-neutral, a reminder that modesty is something both males and females of all ages need to be concerned with. Too often it seems modesty is applied only to teenage girls but all of us should be careful and strive to set a good example in our clothing choices. So as we shop and as we decide each day how we will adorn our bodies, ask these three questions and choose wisely. ~Ryan Smithey

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Please join us each time. Last week 26 contacts were made.

Spare Items




Have an old or spare refrigerator or freezer that is not being used? If you happen to have either and would be willing to donate or loan for our use at summer camp, please let Priscilla know. These would be useful for both the kitchen and canteen areas.

Summer Youth Series

The first session of the Summer Youth Series is just over a week away on **June 7th at 7 PM. Hico** will be the host for this event and the topic will be: *Maturing Like Christ (Luke 2:52)*. Let Jim or Ryan know if you need a ride.

Congratulations...once again to **Michael Fuller** on his graduation Friday night from Brownwood High School. Also to **all of our students** who have just completed another school year. Keep them in prayer for a safe summer vacation.

Remember to ask:

-  Are my clothing choices motivated by wisdom?
-  Do my clothing choices portray godliness?
-  Will my wearing this become a stumbling block for someone else?

Celebrate

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

Remaining May Birthdays: Gracen Hardy (30).

June Birthdays: Hannah Smithey (03), Mike Bannister (04), Paul McClung (06), Loutrell Dobbins (08), Freda Womack (14), David Greer (26), Stormy Barnum (27), Ashley Kahlich (29).

June Anniversaries: Laverne & James Thomas (05), Mileen & Wayne Kahlich (19), Lisa & David Greer (28).



Records

	May 15, 2011	May 22, 2011
Bible Class	55	56
AM Worship	80	79
PM Worship	51	50
Wednesday PM	42	46
Contribution	\$1529	\$1527

Privileged To Serve

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

		This Week: 5/29/11	Next Week: 6/5/11		
Sunday AM:				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	
Greeters	James & Cindy Fuller	Michael & Diana Bickford			
Opening Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Hank Wheeler			
Communion	James Thomas*, John Barnum Tom Wilcox, Hank Wheeler	Allen Griffith*, Don Smith Tom Wilcox, Garrett Barnum			
Closing Prayer	Ken Makuta	Jim Moore			
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey			
Sunday PM:					
Opening Prayer	Michael Bickford	Billy Chism			
Scripture Reading	James Fuller James 3:8-13	Michael Fuller			
Communion	James Thomas	Allen Griffith			
Closing Prayer	Matthew Churchwell	Gene Bannister			
Wednesday Devotionals:	June 1 Jim Moore	June 8 Don Smith	June 15 James Fuller	June 22 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 May 29, 2011		Sunday Class Galatians (Chap. 2-3)	Wednesday Class..... Haggai (Chap. 2)
<p align="center">When Memorials Become Shrines</p> <p><i>Sadly many times man has taken memorials, reminders of some event or thought, and corrupted them by turning them into shrines; that is they have worshiped the memorial instead of honoring that which the memorial stood for. Notice some instances in which this has occurred in OT times and some warnings against doing the same today:</i></p>		<p align="center">Sunday PM: Casey Clement, guest speaker</p>	
<p>1. Old Testament Examples:</p> <p>a. The Ark of the Covenant (1 Samuel 4:3) - The people thought it would save them and forgot that it was but a memorial of the presence of God; so they trusted in it rather than in God (cf. Ex. 25:22; Num. 10:35-36).</p> <p>b. The Serpent of Brass (Num. 21:4-9; 2 Kings 18:4) – In time the people worshiped the serpent rather than the powerful God that had saved them.</p> <p>c. The Temple (Jer. 7:4) – God’s house which Solomon built; he knew it could not contain God but asked for His eyes to be on in (cf. 2 Chron 6;18, 20; 7:1). In time the people trusted in the presence of the temple rather than in the presence of God.</p>		<p>As part of our ongoing 5th Sunday “preacher swap” with a number of area congregations, I will be preaching in DeLeon tonight and Casey Clement will be here.</p>	
<p>2. New Testament Warnings:</p> <p>a. The Bible – the Word of God that we are to read and seek after (2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:2). But some see it as a physical possession to trust in (Rev. 22:14; Jms 1:22).</p> <p>b. Baptism – a memorial of our submission to God’s Will (1 Pet. 3:21) yet to some it is only a ritual in which we get wet and to others it is the sole thing that is necessary in one’s salvation. It is an essential part, but only a part, of God’s plan of salvation whereby He saves us, not ourselves (Eph. 2:8-9).</p> <p>c. Membership in a Congregation – should serve as a reminder that we are part of the household of God (Eph. 2:19) but to some it matters more than whether we have been added and remain a part of the Lamb’s Book of Life (Rev. 3:5, 2015, 21:27).</p> <p>d. The Lord’s Supper – a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 11:24-2) yet some have made it the only part of worship that matters, a ritual with no meaning, and/or an act that covers our sins. Instead it is a reminder of the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 11:29) and the unity we have in Him (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 John 1:7).</p>		<p>Casey is a native of Arkansas and is a 2007 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. Since graduating he has worked with congregations in Whitehall, AR; San Saba, TX; and most recently at DeLeon, TX. Casey is married to Beth and they have two children, Christopher and Lizzie. Casey and his family should not be new to many of you; they have come to a number of our meetings and have been active in many of the area events such as the summer youth series, summer camp, and Bible Search. I hope you enjoy getting to hear someone else tonight and getting to know the Clements a little better.</p>	