

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

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

Two Men Attend Worship Services

By Bill Hall

Two men attend worship services. The first man attends wholly out of a sense of duty. He understands the teaching of **Hebrews 10:25**: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," and is determined to obey faithfully that teaching. He will not allow any-thing within his power to stand in the way of his attending the worship periods of the church.

The second man recognizes his duty in this matter, too, but his primary motivation in attendance is his love for the Lord and his joy in blending his voice and heart with other Christians in praise and adoration to the Lord. He delights in worship and the spiritual strength he derives through worship.

The first man is mentally passive throughout the worship service. If the words of the song happen to catch his attention, he observes and appreciates them; otherwise, he just sings along with little concern for what he is singing. If the sermon is interesting, he listens; otherwise, he just relaxes, and hopes the time won't drag too badly. He does meditate briefly concerning Christ's suffering and death as he partakes of the supper, for somehow the importance of the memorial feast has been impressed upon his mind.

The second man comes mentally prepared to worship. He pays close attention to the words of each song and makes the sentiment of the songs his own sentiment. In fact, he sometimes studies the words of frequently used songs so he will be sure he understands their meaning. Depth of meaning is of greater importance to him than a catchy tune or rhythmic beat. He listens to each phrase of the prayer that is led, and if he can approve the petitions of the prayer, he unites with the one who leads with his "Amen." He discerns the Lord's body as he breaks bread, and he listens carefully to the sermon, volunteering his attention, hiding the word in his heart, that he might not sin against God (**Psalms 119:11**). If his mind wanders occasionally, he brings it back to the worship. He worships with a consciousness of God as the object of his worship, the One toward whom these expressions of adoration are directed.

The first man reduces his service to a mere code of external rites, while the second man obeys "from the heart," combining the outward with the inward. The first man is more likely to be satisfied with his service to the Lord, for he has accepted the easier standard, but it is the second man who enjoys God's approval. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (**John 4:24**).

We ask the reader: "In which of these two men do you see a reflection of yourself?" The need is obvious! We must cast off our laziness and indifference, revitalize our spirits, and bring ourselves to worship God acceptably. There is a considerable difference between mere attendance of a worship service and truly acceptable worship.



*Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses;
for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy
remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.*

Psalms 25:6-7

WORSHIPING AND SERVING IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

by David Harris

Jesus would teach the woman at the well, that the appropriate way to worship God was in Spirit and in Truth. *"God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"* (Jn.4:24). This is also the appropriate way to serve God.

There have been several attempts to explain what it means to worship God *"in spirit,"* but any attempt to explain it other than, "in the proper spirit" or in "the proper attitude," would be to misrepresent the word. The attitude that the Lord is seeking is one of reverence, fervency, humility, earnestness, and sincerity; all of which must accompany the *"truth"* which is the Word.

In Luke 18 we have Jesus giving us a demonstration of what it means to worship and serve God in spirit. Jesus begins the chapter with a parable explaining how to pray to God and not give up or falter (18:1-8), He concludes with this question; *"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"* He is asking, when He comes, will He find the system of Gospel faith on this earth? (Which will include the proper spirit we are to have toward God and His Word). Then He gives another parable (18:9-14) concerning the Pharisee and the Publican. *"Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. Several things are mentioned, which are commendable, concerning the Pharisee's willingness to serve God according to the Law of Moses, but his service and worship is void of "Spirit." Jesus continues the parable; "And the publican standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased:*

and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." This publican could not do what the Pharisee could do as far as his sacrifices, but God was pleased with his *"Spirit,"* his attitude.

To drive the point of proper *"Spirit"* home, Jesus said to His disciples; *"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein"* (18:16-17). To receive the Kingdom of God (the church; Mt.16:18-19) as a child, would require one to receive it in all simplicity and innocence. This would include receiving God's instructions and revealed Will, as to how to become a member of His blood purchased institution.

Jesus continues this teaching on proper *"Spirit"* with the account of the Rich, Young, Ruler. The ruler asked; *"What shall I do to inherit eternal life"* (18:18). Jesus answered: *"You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother. And he said, all these have I kept from my youth up. Jesus said, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou have and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich"* (18:19-23). Jesus knew the thing that would be a roadblock to his spiritual salvation, his riches. So he told him to remove them to be able to go to heaven. The ruler was diligent to keep the Law, but his lack of humility, reverence for God's word, sincerity, and earnestness (*Spirit*), caused him to reject the Lord's requirements for salvation.

If we will have the proper *Spirit*, to go along with God's truth, then not only will our worship be right, but we will have the proper attitude to serve God acceptably.

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;"</i> (1 Pet. 2:2)
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 Chron 18-19 John 20:1-18
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 1 Chron 20-21 John 20:19-31
Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208	Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)	Tue: 1 Chron 22-23 John 21
Radio	Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)	Wed: 1 Chron 24-25 Acts 1
Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3	Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)	Thu: 1 Chron 26-27 Acts 2:1-21
		Fri: 1 Chron 28-29 Acts 2:22-47
		Sat. 2 Chron. 1-3 Acts 3



Happy Father's Day

We are thankful for fathers,
especially godly fathers,
today and everyday.

"Honor thy father and mother..."
Ephesians 6:2



Thank You

- ◆ Thank you all for your visits, cards, and most of all your prayers, love, and kindness.

Your Sister In Christ, Kathy Burcham

- ◆ Also Wanda Bryan, Peggy Chism & Darlene Smith's sister, expresses appreciation for all of cards sent to her as well as the prayers on her behalf. She still has a number of health problems but is doing some better.

Summer Youth Series

This Tuesday **Gordon** will be the host starting at 7 PM. The topic will be: *Ready To Serve Like Mary* (Luke 1:38) with John Dickison as the speaker. Again, let Jim or Ryan know if you need a ride.

Next Week: *Brave Like David* (1 Samuel 17:26, 29)
at Hillcrest in Stephenville.

Also mark your calendars for June 30 as Stephenville will be hosting another **Skating Party**...a flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

E-mail Updates

This week I began sending out what will be occasional/as-needed updates concerning the sick, various prayer requests, and other announcements concerning the congregation. If you are a member of the congregation and did not receive an email this week, I likely don't have an address for you. If you want to receive the emails, let me know your address and I will get you added to the list.

~Ryan

Directory Update

Many of you know that Ken Makuta recently moved to Bangs to be closer to Bryan & Kathryn as well as his daughter who he is trying to help through some difficult times. Because of these things, Ken recently decided to place membership with the Bangs congregation but wanted everyone to know that it was not an easy decision nor would he be a stranger as he has a great love for everyone here. Please keep his family in your prayers and note the following address change for Ken:

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 30 contacts were made.
- ◆ Remember this is our 3rd Sunday fellowship meal following the meeting; hope you can join us.

Celebrate

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

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).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	June 5, 2011	June 12, 2011
Bible Class	52	57
AM Worship	75	82
PM Worship	42	52
Wednesday PM	42	44
Contribution	\$2320	\$1491

Privileged To Serve

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

This Week: 6/19/11		Next Week: 6/26/11		June 2011 Make Announcements: Tom Wilcox Prepare Communion: Michael & Diana Bickford Clean Building: Jim & Peg Moore Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey July 2011 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Billy & Peggy Chism Clean Building: Jessica Stultz Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox
Sunday AM:				
Greeters	Mileen & Ashley Kahlich	The John Barnum Family		
Opening Prayer	Jim Moore	Ken Maninger		
Communion	Hank Wheeler*, Tom Wilcox Ken Makuta, Ken Maninger	James Fuller*, John Barnum James Thomas, Michael Fuller		
Closing Prayer	Michael Bickford	Hank Wheeler		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	Garrett Barnum 1 Cor. 1:18-24	Michael Bickford		
Communion	Hank Wheeler	James Fuller		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Ken Makuta		
Wednesday Devotionals:	June 22 Ryan Smithey	June 29 Michael Bickford	July 6 Don Smith	July 13 Allen Griffith

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 June 19, 2011		Sunday Class Galatians (Chap. 3)	Wednesday Class..... Zechariah (Chap. 2-3)
<p>"...Turn The Hearts Of The Fathers..." (Luke 1:17) John would come on the scene of history with a great task, to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus. Like Elijah of old, he was to turn a people back to God, a charge we as God's people and particularly fathers should take seriously even today.</p> <p>1. You Have Troubled Your House</p> <p>a. Those who forsake God are responsible for the trouble brought on their house (1 Kings 18:17-18); thus Elijah and John would both preach a message of repentance trying to bring people back to God (Matt. 3:1-2).</p> <p>b. We trouble our houses if God is not in His rightful place (Luke 12:15; 1 John 2:15; Col. 3:2; 1 Cor. 4:2; Eph. 6:4).</p> <p>2. You Need To Be Reminded Of God</p> <p>a. Elijah would remind them of the God they should be serving (1 Kings 18:21, 30-39) and likewise John preached a message of repentance and pointed people to Christ (Mark 1:3-5; John 1:29, 3:30).</p> <p>b. We must dedicate ourselves to God if we will be able to influence others (1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:14-16).</p> <p>3. You Need To Lead By Example</p> <p>a. Remembering God, they were ready to serve Him (1 Kings 18:39-40) and likewise this was the point of John's preaching; turn back to the ways of God and teach His ways (Deut. 6:4-9), then there would be a people walking in wisdom and obedience that were ready to follow Jesus.</p> <p>b. We must also lead by active example and teaching (cf. Eph. 6:4; Acts 10:24, 16:32-33; John 4:29-30, 41-42).</p>		<p>Seven Views Of The Cross Many people saw the cross of Christ, but from different perspectives...how do you see it?</p> <p>1. Jewish Leaders saw Silence – they were jealous of Jesus and wanted to kill Him (Matt. 21:46-46; 27:18; Mark 11:18; John 5:18) but they could not silence Him (Acts 4:17, 20). Many still want nothing to do with Him though (Matt. 13:15)</p> <p>2. Judas saw Silver – cared for money (John 12:5-6; Matt. 26:14-16) like many still (Luke 12:15; Matt. 6:19-20; 1 Tim. 6:10; 2 Pet. 3:11).</p> <p>3. Pilot saw Self-Preservation – wanted to save self and please others (John 19:12, 16) like many others (John 9:22; 12:42) but at great cost (Acts 5:29; Luke 9:23-26).</p> <p>4. Roman Soldiers saw Sport – they mocked Him (Matt. 27:27-31) and watched Him die (v36); many still mock Him (Acts 17:32; 1 Cor. 1:18) but He is still the way of salvation (John 14:6; Rom. 1:16).</p> <p>5. The Father saw Substitution – we deserved to die (Rom. 6:23) but Jesus died for us (1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:14, 21; Isa. 53:11).</p> <p>6. The Son saw Submission – He did the will of His Father always (John 4:34; 8:29; Matt. 26:39; 1 Pet. 2:22-24) and in such is our example (1 Pet. 2:21).</p> <p>7. Saints see Salvation – We can see that Christ shed His blood to purchase the church (Acts 20:28) and to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7); indeed this was God's plan to save the world (John 3:14-17).</p>	