

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

Seven Ways to be Happy

By John Gurtler

Often people make their own lives miserable and other people help them to find misery. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Please consider these recommendations for happiness:

Trust in God: The person who puts faith in God has a source of strength and delight that a non-believer cannot understand (see Proverbs 3:5; 16:20). If we fuss and stew about everything, it shows a lack of trust. Jesus told Martha that she was "troubled about many things" (Luke 10:41).

Relish the Scriptures: See Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:104 says, "How sweet are they words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." The Scriptures always shoot straight. Tax laws change, the weather changes, politics are ever changing, but God's Word never changes. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) The sacred pages give hope, comfort, and gladness to the lovers of the truth.

Live Righteously: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart" (Psa. 32:10-11). Titus 2:12 shows that clean living contributes to deep-rooted joy and contentment. People may mock you and deride you, but you possess something they do not have.

Worship God with Regularity: In Acts 20:6-7, the brethren traveled so they could worship with other Christians. In Acts 2, it describes the disciples as having all things in common among them: "great joy" and "praising God." David said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1). (See also Psalm 95:1; 96:9-11.) Worship is for the glory of God and the happiness of man.

Keep a Clean Conscience: (Acts 24:16; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:3) There can be no happiness when one violates his conscience. See Genesis 42:21: Joseph's brothers' consciences made them miserable.

Learn Contentment: The grass is not always greener on the other side. Some people continually fret and complain about the cost of living, their job, wife, husband, weather, politics, etc. Christians grumble. Philippians 4:11 states that a contented person is a happy individual. Without contentment, joy is only superficial.

Stay Busy and Constructive: Idleness breeds displeasure, restlessness, dependency, and mischief. Happiness comes to him who works persistently, consistently, and diligently. See Romans 12:11. Effort expended and accomplishment materialized brings inward fulfillment. Beneficial work keeps the mind from thoughts that are negative and destructive. First Corinthians 15:58 says, "...abound in the work of the Lord."

How did Paul find joy? Paul found joy in seeing and hearing about other Christians doing good.

*Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.*

Psalm 25:8-9



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

Why Attendance Matters To God

By Kevin W. Rhodes

Unfortunately, many people have come to emphasize attendance in the worship assembly and Bible study, almost as part of a Christian checklist mentality, without providing the larger context that gives depth and heart to gathering together as God’s people. This failure itself often undermines the motivation that ought to bring us before our Lord and to His Word. As a result, we end up with many people in the assembly who—and this boggles the mind—apparently do not really want to be in the assembly! They attend because their understanding of Christianity has been reduced to “be baptized, sing without an instrument, and be in the assembly.” Consequently, the assembly itself becomes the entire focus of their Christianity, leaving out something rather important we call “Christian living.” However, this is a predictable outcome anytime we fail to reach people’s hearts and only motivate through external, and often unspiritual, means.

God does not want His people to gather together simply to check names off a role. He designed the worship assembly to help us focus on what really matters in life so that we will become better prepared to handle the everyday problems in life. He gave us the Lord’s Supper to remember the cost of our sin (Isa. 59:1-2; Heb. 9:22) and the depth of His love (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8), creating the focus of an atmosphere designed to have us look heavenward instead of gazing drearily at the prospect of the same old story we see in the world around us. He gives us an opportunity to express our joy to Him in song when we reflect on the blessings He has bestowed (Jas. 5:13) and the means to approach Him reverently in prayer with any and all problems we face as we struggle through life, especially as a group of Christians banded together to help one another remain strong in combating evil on a daily basis (Acts 4:24-30). He designed our times together to help us gain strength spiritually through the study and proclamation of His Word, His communication to us to guide us through the worst times in life as well as the best (Ps.

119:105). Sadly, many Christians remain unprepared for life because they fail to prepare for the worship assemblies and Bible studies that will help them in life.

God designed everything He requires of us to help us grow closer to Him and to lead us to heaven. However, being there is not enough. We must be there with purpose and give our own energy into all that we do so that we may receive the invigoration that comes from a closer relationship with God. God did not design the worship assembly and Bible study to interfere with the rest of life; He designed the worship assembly and Bible study to prepare you for the rest of life. Every time we bow before God or open up His Word, it should challenge us to live for Him in a greater way each and every moment that we exist upon this earth. God designed this life as a proving ground and preparation for heaven, but He also designed the assembly as a proving ground and preparation for life. This is why your attendance matters so much to God! Your attendance in the worship assembly and Bible study matter to Him because of their purpose in Christianity in drawing you closer to Him, closer to His Son, and closer to having a home in heaven. On Judgment Day, God will not be welcoming strangers into heaven; He will welcome His adopted children, those who really wanted to be part of His family, who came to see Him, and who learned to be like Him. God wants you in the assembly and in Bible study because He wants you in heaven. This is why attendance matters to God, and it is why your attendance should matter to you.

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament sheweth his handywork....*

*Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

Psalms 19:1, 14

Television	God’s Plan for Redeeming Man	Daily Bible Reading Schedule
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)</p> <p>Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;” (1 Pet. 2:2)</i></p> <p>Sun: 2 Chron. 4-6 Acts 4:1-22</p> <p>Mon 2 Chron. 7-8 Acts 4:23-37</p> <p>Tue: 2 Chron. 9-11 Acts 5:1-16</p> <p>Wed: 2 Chron 12-14 Acts 5:17-42</p> <p>Thu: 2 Chron 15-17 Acts 6</p> <p>Fri: 2 Chron 18-20 Acts 7:1-19</p> <p>Sat. 2 Chron 21-23 Acts 7:20-45</p>



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 28 contacts were made.

Reminder...

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of July. Remember our **monthly potluck lunch** that will follow our morning worship assembly. Hope you will make plans to join us.

Summer Youth Series

This Tuesday **Stephenville** will be the host starting at 7 PM. The topic will be: *Brave Like David* (1 Sam. 17:26, 29) with Jason Rollo as the speaker. Again, let Jim or Ryan know if you need a ride.

Next Week: No Session...this will be the week of Jr. Camp Also remember this Thursday, June 30, Stephenville will be hosting another **Skating Party**...a flyer is posted on the bulletin board; let Ryan know if you need a ride.

Directory Update

- ◆ Look for **new information sheets for Charles and Bennie White** at the back of the auditorium to add to your pictorial directory. As you add it make sure you add their birthdays and anniversary to your list as well; I will wait a while before reprinting those sheets.
- ◆ Also you might make sure you have made note of Ken Makuta's address; as we mentioned last week he has moved to Bangs and is worshipping out there:

A Purpose for Today

By Eddie Parrish

Life is one of God's gifts to us. "He gives to all life, breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25). With the blessing of today comes the responsibility to use it wisely. "To whom much is given, from him much will be required" (Luke 12:48). Each event that happens in your life today can be a part of something that God is working out for your benefit, whether those events are positive or negative (Rom. 8:28; Gen. 45:5; 50:20).

Take a moment to thank God for the blessing that is today. Resolve to use this day wisely, to the glory of God. Assess today as it relates to the bigger picture of life and look for the ways in which God may be working something out for your good.

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 12, 2011	June 19, 2011
Bible Class	57	44
AM Worship	82	58
PM Worship	52	48
Wednesday PM	44	43
Contribution	\$2320	\$1590

This Week: 6/26/11		Next Week: 7/3/11		June 2011	
Sunday AM:				Make Announcements: Tom Wilcox	
Greeters	The John Barnum Family	Tom & Carol Wilcox		Prepare Communion: Michael & Diana Bickford	
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Ken Makuta		Clean Building: Jim & Peg Moore	
Communion	James Fuller*, John Barnum James Thomas, Michael Fuller	Allen Griffith*, Jim Moore Garrett Barnum, Michael Bickford		Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey	
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Tom Wilcox		July 2011	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey	Chase Churchwell/Seth Smithey		Make Announcements: Gene Bannister	
Sunday PM:				Prepare Communion: Billy & Peggy Chism	
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	Gene Bannister		Clean Building: Jessica Stultz	
Scripture Reading	Michael Bickford Numbers 23:8-10	James Fuller		Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox	
Communion	James Fuller	Allen Griffith			
Closing Prayer	Ken Makuta	Billy Chism			
Wednesday Devotionals:	June 29 Michael Bickford	July 6 Don Smith	July 13 Allen Griffith	July 20 James Fuller	

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 26, 2011		Sunday Class Galatians (Chap. 3-4)	Wednesday Class Zechariah (Chap. 4-5)
<p>The Demands of Christianity (Hebrews 13:1-17) <i>After setting forth the "better way of Christianity" the Hebrews writer sets forth a number of expectations that should be exhibited by the Christian:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A Sincere Love That Lasts (v1) – (cf. John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:22); brotherly, phileo love. A Sympathy Toward Others (v2-3) – care for all who are in need (cf. Luke 10:30-36; Gal. 6:10; Rom. 12:15). A Sacred Regard For Marriage (v4) – respect and honor God’s design for marriage (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:6, 9; Col. 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). A Satisfaction With What One Has (v5-6) – contentment rather than lamenting what we don’t have (1 Tim. 6:6ff; Matt. 13:22, 6:33; Heb. 10:32-34). A Steadfastness To The Right Standards (v7-9) – follow those who follow Christ and cling to what is right (Phil. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:58; Eph. 4:14; Ps. 1:3). A Separation From Entanglements (v10-14) – come out from our old life; for them Judaism, for us the world (1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Cor. 6:17). A Sacrificial Life of Service (v15-16) – service to God as well as to man (Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5; Matt. 5:16). A Submission to Authority (v17) – those who are overseers (Acts 20:28) who seek the best of all in the congregation as they stand for what is right. 	<p>The Death Of David (1 Chron. 29:28) <i>May we learn from the life of David, that we might die like him:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ...he died... – a reminder of the certainty of death that comes to all (Acts 13:6; James 4:14) ...in a good old age... - lived 70 years (2 Sam. 5:4); faithfulness to God has that general effect (Deut. 6:4; Eph. 6:1-3; Ex. 20:12; Ps. 128); Christianity also removes the fear of aging and death (2 Tim. 4:6-8). ...full of days... - more than just a long life, he had a full life; a life full of accomplishments because of his trust in God (see opening of Ps. 7, 11, 16, 31); even a short life can be full of days, such encourages us to begin at a young age serving God (Ecc.12:1; 1 Tim. 4:12). ...full of riches... - wealthy man ruling over prosperous nation; but even greater than that he was spiritually wealthy; physical wealth will not last and can be a stumblingblock (1 Tim. 6:7, 10), but spiritual wealth is invaluable (Matt. 6:19-21, 16:26). ...full of honor... - one of the greatest kings of Israel and favored of God of whom it was said he was a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22); he had his shortcomings as all men do but he was one that would repent and once again walk with God (cf. 2 Sam. 11, 12); forever remembered in the pages of God’s word as a man of example (Rom. 15:4). <p><i>Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! (Numbers 23:10)</i></p>		