

# 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

## THE CHURCH TREASURY AND "MY" TREASURES

By Bobby Liddell

Jesus said:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Mat. 6:19-24).

In this section of the "Sermon on the Mount," our Lord presents the choice each man must make and will make, whether to serve God or mammon. None can serve both at the same time, but each will serve one or the other (v. 24). That which one treasures will determine his choice between the heavenly and the earthly—to be a slave of God or a slave of mammon (riches). Man chooses what he treasures, and his treasure will have the foremost place in his heart, soul, and mind. What are treasures?

Literally, Matthew 6:19-20 would read: "Do not treasure for you treasures on the earth, where moth and rust removes, and where thieves dig through and steal; but treasure for you treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust removes, and where thieves do not dig through nor steal." That which one treasures is that which he loves, which he holds in highest regard, and puts in first place in his life because of the value he places on it, whether in accordance with God-placed values or in spite of them. Many think of only material wealth as the point of this passage. Truly, such treasure could be possessions of money, wealth, and financial gain of whatever sort; However, included in this context are the other earthly things one might treasure such as popularity, power, position, and pleasure.

We must note that Jesus does not, in this sermon, prohibit one's wise preparation and saving in order to care properly for his family, which care God's Word plainly and strongly enjoins elsewhere, nor is wealth inherently sinful. In our study, we shall consider these main points as given by our Lord: Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth (Mat. 6:19), Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven (Mat. 6:20), For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Mat. 6:21).

### LAY NOT UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES UPON EARTH (Mat. 6:19)

*Why Lay Up Treasures That Are Earthly?* These treasures hold the danger of making one poorer for having them because they can take God's place, and crowd out what is really valuable. They are earth-bound and earth-binding for their earthly possession is the love of the possessor's life. They appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, and not to the higher, nobler, and purer affections.

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*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them:  
for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

1 Timothy 4:16

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

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*Why Lay Up Treasures That Are Temporary?* These are treasures that do not last. At best, they are but temporary, and our days of having them are soon over. At worst, in our brief sojourn, they have us, until we depart this life and leave them all behind.

*Why Lay Up Treasures That Are Subject To Loss?* Those who trust in such treasures often find out, it is as Jesus said. The moth, in satisfying his appetite, does not consider the worth of his meal, devouring the finest tapestry as readily as a discarded rag. Rust enters the palaces of kings as it does the hovel of the destitute. Thieves break through (dig through the wall) and steal without regard for the depth of attachment of the former possessor to his treasured belonging. One may be wealthy today and lose it all, ending up a pauper on the morrow, losing not only the things he holds dear in life, but also his reason for living. Why place such value on that which is so fleeting?

**LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES  
IN HEAVEN (Mat. 6:20)**

*Lay Up Treasures That Are Heavenly.* These treasures are not chosen under the direction of the outward man, but are the choice of the inward man whose faithful continuance leads him to that heavenly home. As one so well said, at the close of day, the simple cow does not have to be forced from the far end of the pasture, but waits at the gate, ready to be taken to the barn for his feed, his treasure, is there, and his heart is there. So, the child of God, at the close of his earthly day, is ready to go to where his treasure is—where his heart is.

*Lay Up Treasures That Are Eternal.* That which is of real value is neither temporary nor transient, but timeless. Why enslave ourselves to mammon, spend our lives seeking its gain, hoarding it greedily, when its possession is so soon to end, and our purpose for living ends with it? That which is of real value is that which is of lasting value.

*Lay Up Treasures That Are Not Subject To Loss.* Men may lose possessions, physical health, power, popularity, position, and that which brings pleasure, but the treasures that are heavenly will continue. When the faithful servant of God leaves this earth, he leaves behind, as does the servant of mammon, all earthly things, but, unlike mammon's ser-

vant, he goes to Heaven where he has laid up his riches. No force of nature, man, or the devil himself can remove these treasures from their heavenly store.

**FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL  
YOUR HEART BE ALSO (Mat. 6:21)**

*Where Are Our Thoughts?* Jesus warned: "Take no thought" for the things of this world. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on" (v.25). "And why take ye thought for raiment?" (v. 28). "Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" (v. 31). "Take therefore no thought for the morrow" (v. 34).

The literal meaning of "take no thought" is "be not anxious"; that is, do not commit the folly of worrying about the earthly, material, temporal things of this world for, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (v. 27). Worry is unproductive, burdensome, and, more often than not, in vain. Worry announces one's lack of faith in God and his fear that God will not provide as He has promised. Worry robs one of peace, prevents happiness, presents an improper influence, and hinders his service to God. Where a man's treasure is, there will his thoughts be also.

*Where Is Our Trust?* In light of Jesus' statement that no man can, at the same time, serve mammon (the god of riches) and God (the God of true riches), in whom do we trust? If our trust is in things, Jesus said we are like the Gentiles (literally, "nations," and, by implication, "heathen," who do not believe in God, "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek" [v. 32]), but the same God who has given us our needs has promised to supply our needs. Where a man's treasure is, there will his trust be also.

*Where Is Our Treasure?* There will be our thoughts, our trust, and our hearts, centered either upon God or mammon! There are only two places where one may lay up treasure—upon earth or in heaven. If our treasure is laid up on earth, these sad conditions must also follow. We have failed to heed God's warning (v. 19). We have failed to follow God's command (v. 20). Our sight is out of focus, and we are in great darkness (vv. 22-23). We are mammon's servants (v. 24). We are too worried about things (v. 25). We have

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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	<b>Hear</b> Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).	"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB	<b>Believe</b> Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)	Sun: Isaiah 20-23    Ephesians 5
Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org	<b>Confess</b> Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)	Mon: Isaiah 24-26    Ephesians 6
Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208	<b>Repent</b> of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)	Tue: Isaiah 27-29    Philippians 1
<b>Radio</b> Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3	Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being <b>baptized</b> for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) <b>Live faithfully</b> (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)	Wed: Isaiah 30-32    Philippians 2 Thu: Isaiah 33-36    Philippians 3 Fri: Isaiah 37-38    Philippians 4 Sat: Isaiah 39-41    Colossians 1



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missed the lesson of God's compassionate care (v. 26). We have failed to consider the glory of God's creation (vv. 27-29). We have shown ourselves to be "of little faith" (v. 30). We have behaved as the heathen (vv. 31-32). We have failed to put first things first (v. 33). We have borrowed trouble, worrying about tomorrow, instead of trusting that God can take care of the future (v. 34).

### CONCLUSION

*When We Consider Laying Up Treasure, There Are Some Important Questions That Deserve Our Careful Attention.*

"Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (v. 25). The slave of mammon worries about these things. The servant of God is concerned about that which makes life precious, gives us purpose, and offers possibilities of godly service, while the servant of mammon is concerned about things that fill the belly and clothe the body. God's servant sees the value of making a life while mammon's servant can see only the need to make a living.

"Are ye not much better than they?" (v. 26). The Father, who made the birds, cares for them, supplying them with food. As one asked, "When was the last time you saw a worried bird?" Of how much greater worth are God's children!

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" (v. 27). One's worry over the measure of his life does not increase it. Being anxious about things will, instead, cause us not to profit in real riches. What a simple lesson, and how we need to learn it!

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (v. 30). One of the greatest challenges to man is to trust in God's providential care. Where is our faith? Do we believe God will keep His word to His children?

What Shall We Treasure? There are some things men must not treasure and there are some things men must treasure. If we treasure the earthly above the heavenly, our prosperity will come to a complete and final end when death comes (if not before). If we treasure the heavenly above the earthy, our reward shall be abundant, heavenly, and eternal.

### 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 **27 contacts** were made.

### Ladies Bible Class

Remember Ladies Bible Class each Wednesday morning at 10 AM in the high school class room. The ladies are continuing their study of the Life of Christ...hope you can be there.

### Mark Your Calendars...

- ◆ **October 9-12—Gospel Meeting at 9th & Main** in San Angelo with Keith Mosher; see bulletin board for flyer.
- ◆ **October 15th—Work Day** at the building in preparation for our fall meeting. Be looking for things that need to be done.
- ◆ **October 16th—Bible Search** at Hamilton.
- ◆ **October 23rd-26th—Fall Meeting with Jason Rollo.**
  - ◆ **Sunday, October 23, we will be having a potluck lunch** following the morning worship for any who want to attend. This will be in addition to the regular 1st Sunday lunches.
  - ◆ Also we will be doing the usual **Wednesday baked potato and salad lunch** following the class at 11 AM. Hope you are making plans to be here and inviting others. Certainly keep this effort in your prayers.

## Celebrate

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

**October Birthdays:** Jim Moore (03), Lisa Greer (05), Matthew Churchwell (07), Sarah Evetts (12), Jo Maninger (12), Seth Smithey (13), Hank Wheeler (13), Tina Barnum (14), Cassie Freeman (23), Peggy Dudley (25).

**October Anniversaries:** Freda & James Womack (19), Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25), Patti & Mike Bannister (27).

*Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...*



## Records

	Sept. 25, 2011	Oct. 2, 2011
Bible Class	49	52
AM Worship	72	77
PM Worship	38	49
Wednesday PM	46	N/C
Contribution	\$1677	\$1769

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 10/09/11	Next Week: 10/16/11		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	James & Cindy Fuller	Gene & Barbara Bannister		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ken Makuta	Allen Griffith		
<b>Communion</b>	Allen Griffith*, Jim Moore Garrett Barnum, Michael Bickford	Don Smith*, Michael Fuller John Barnum, Ken Makuta		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Wilcox	Gene Bannister		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Matthew Ochoa		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>				
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gene Bannister	Jim Moore		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James Fuller 2 Timothy 2:1-5	Hank Wheeler		
<b>Communion</b>	Allen Griffith	Don Smith		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Billy Chism	James Thomas		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	October 12 Garrett Barnum	October 19 James Fuller	October 26 Jim Moore	November 2 Don Smith

**October 2011**  
**Make Announcements:**  
 Ken Maninger  
**Prepare Communion:**  
 Don & Darlene Smith  
**Clean Building:**  
 Ryan & Priscilla Smithey  
**Keep Grounds:**  
 James Fuller

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**Make Announcements:**  
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 Ryan Smithey

# 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)*

<i>Studies for the week of October 2, 2011</i>	Sunday Class ..... Tom Wilcox (Next Week Romans 1:18-32) Wednesday Class ..... Zechariah (Chap. 10-11)
<p>I appreciate the time allowed for my family and I to get away for a little while this past week. We certainly miss being with you but enjoy being able to regroup a little from time to time. Especially I want thank <b>Tom Wilcox</b> who is teaching this morning in my absence and <b>Jim Moore</b> who will be preaching.</p> <p>This evening <b>Bobby Liddell</b>, the director of the Memphis School of Preaching, will be speaking during our evening worship. He is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and a 1979 graduate of the school. After school he has been active in preaching the gospel and training gospel preachers. Returning to the school in 1994 he became an instructor and Dean of Admissions and was appointed to the role of director in 2007. He and his wife Joan have three children: Tony, Nathan, and Keri (I believe both of his sons are now gospel preachers as well). Brother Liddell is traveling to Lubbock this week to speak on their annual lectures and wanted to opportunity to speak on behalf of the school and inform the congregation of some of the work that is going on there. As you know I graduated from the school in 2006 and still appreciate greatly the training I received there that has served me well. I hope you will enjoy hearing about the work and hearing brother Liddell preach the gospel.</p>	<p><b>Sentence Sermons From the Minor Prophets</b>                      By Eddie Parrish</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Calamity awaits those who know not God (Hosea 4:6).</li> <li>2. Don't let your faithfulness fade like a morning cloud (Hosea 6:4).</li> <li>3. Sacrifices without mercy mean nothing to God (Hosea 6:6).</li> <li>4. God cares about how we treat the needy (Amos 5:11-12).</li> <li>5. A famine of the word of God is the worst kind of famine (Amos 8:11-13).</li> <li>6. Pride offers nothing more than a false sense of security (Obadiah 3).</li> <li>7. You'll never get anywhere running from God (Jonah 1).</li> <li>8. Preachers should preach only what God wants them to preach (Jonah 3:2).</li> <li>9. It is possible for God to turn against us (Micah 1:2).</li> <li>10. God's house is more important than my own (Haggai 1:2-4).</li> <li>11. Living in the past can hinder work in the present (Haggai 2:3).</li> <li>12. Our sufficiency is not of ourselves (Zechariah 4:6).</li> <li>13. Don't offer God the scraps (Malachi 1:7-8).</li> <li>14. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16).</li> <li>15. God has a book of remembrance (Malachi 3:16).</li> </ol>