



Contact Us:

3201 4th Street
Brownwood, TX 76801
325-646-7102
www.4thstreetcoc.org
office@4thstreetcoc.org

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:

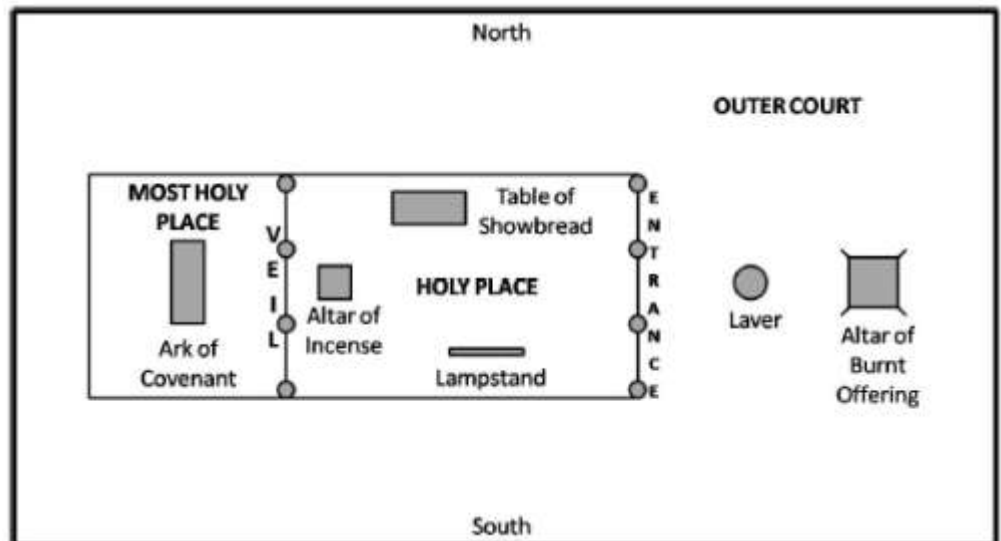
Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

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

The Testimony of the Tabernacle

By Jason Hilburn

The tabernacle of Moses' day is one of the most intriguing subjects which can be studied. Some have noted that 50 chapters of the Bible deal with the tabernacle (certain chapters in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Hebrews). The sheer amount of inspired Scriptures devoted to the tabernacle indicates that this is something God considers important, and something He wants men to understand. Instructions for its construction were given to Moses by God Himself (Exo. 25:1ff). Repeatedly God told Moses to make the tabernacle "according to the pattern" God showed Moses on Mount Sinai (Exo. 25:8-9, 40; 26:30; 27:8). Surely one reason God insisted on a strict adherence to the God-given pattern was because the tabernacle and its furnishings were symbolic of spiritual things which would take place in the future (Heb. 8:1-5). To deviate from the pattern would destroy the prophecies contained therein. Although the tabernacle was constructed at least 1400 years before the time of Christ, the prophetic symbolism found therein is so profound that anyone studying this will marvel. It is truly amazing how God was revealing within the tabernacle what He was going to do for the salvation of man during the time of Christ. The tabernacle itself is what this writer would call a "three-dimensional prophecy," and below is a diagram of its main features:



Let us briefly notice some of the prophetic symbolism found within the tabernacle:

(Continued on page 2)



*He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

Psalm 103:9-10

(Continued from page 1)

- ◆ **The Outer Court** (Exo. 38:9-20)—represented the world (all those outside the holy place). During the Old Testament, animals were sacrificed in the outer court; Jesus, the Lamb of God would later come into the world to be sacrificed (John 6:51).
- ◆ **The Altar of Burnt Offering** (Exo. 38:1-7; Lev. 9:7-24)—An innumerable number of sacrifices were made on this altar during the Old Testament period, including at least two lambs per day (Exo. 29:38; Num. 28:1-4). These animal sacrifices in the outer court represented the Lamb of God’s coming into the world and offering Himself as a sacrifice for the salvation of man (John 1:29; 6:51; 1 Tim. 1:15; Heb. 10:1ff; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; Rev. 13:8).
- ◆ **The Laver** (Exo. 29:4; 30:17-21; 40:12)—Priests would wash the blood from their hands here before they could enter the holy place. This represented people in the world under the New Testament having the stains of sin, needing to wash away their sins through baptism before entering the church (Acts 2:36-47; 22:16; 1 Cor. 12:13; Heb. 10:22). Amazingly, in 1400 B.C. God was already revealing that water baptism was going to be necessary for salvation under the New Covenant!
- ◆ **The Holy Place** (Exo. 26:33; 29:30; 31:10)—Represented the church, where the holy, washed, sanctified people of God are (1 Pet. 1:15-16; 2:5, 9; 3:21; 1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:22). The priests worked in the holy place and had to wear “holy garments” after being washed (Exo. 29:4ff; 40:12ff). Christians are working servants in the church who are commanded to “cast off the works of darkness, and...put on the armor of light...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom.

13:12, 14; cf. 2 Cor. 6:7; 1 Thess. 5:8; Eph. 6:11ff; Rev. 7:14). The furnishings of the holy place represented things related to the church. Notice there was only one “holy place,” and under the New Testament there is only one true church (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:16; 4:4; Col. 3:15).

- ◆ **The Golden Lampstand** (Exo. 25:31-40; 26:35; 40:4; Lev. 24:1-4)—Also called the golden candlestick; Today, God’s faithful priests in the church walk in the light of God’s Word (Psa. 19:8; 43:3; 119:105; Prov. 6:23; 2 Pet. 1:19; 1 John 1:5-7).
- ◆ **The Table of Showbread** (Exo. 25:23-30; 26:35; 40:22-23; Lev. 24:5-9)—The priests would partake of the showbread once per week, and God called it a “memorial” (Lev. 24:5-9). Priests in the church today (Christians, 1 Pet. 2:9) “break bread” in memory of the Lord’s death (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-25). This is often called “The Lord’s Supper” which, like the showbread, is partaken weekly (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20; cf. 1 Cor. 16:2).
- ◆ **The Altar of Incense** (Exo. 30:1-9; 31:11; 40:5, 26-27; Lev. 16:12-13)—The altar of incense was next to the veil and the most holy place. The incense offered by the priests during the Old Testament was symbolic of the prayers of Christians ascending to God the Father (Rev. 8:3-4), who is in the Most Holy Place (Heaven).
- ◆ **The Veil** (Exo. 26:31-33)—Hung between the holy place and the most holy place. Symbolic of the flesh of Christ (Heb. 10:19-20). The veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom when Christ died

(Continued on page 3)

Television	God’s Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Study Schedule
<p>The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB</p> <p>In Search of the Lord’s Way Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB</p> <p>Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org</p> <p>Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208</p> <p>Radio</p> <p>Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3</p>	<p>Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).</p> <p>Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)</p> <p>Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)</p> <p>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>Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)</p>	<p>Week 14</p> <p>Exodus 29-34 & Matthew 27-28</p> <p>Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.</p> <p>Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.</p> <p><i>“...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;” (1 Pet. 2:2)</i></p>



(Continued from page 2)

(Matt. 27:51), symbolizing the fact that because of Christ's sacrifice, the way to the Father in Heaven was now open (John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 9:8; 10:19-22).

- ◆ **The Most Holy Place** (Exo. 26:33-34)—Symbolic of Heaven, where the presence of God is (Heb. 9:3). The high priest of the Old Testament would enter the most holy place once per year for sins remembered from year to year; Christ, our High Priest, offered His own blood and entered Heaven to be our Mediator and Intercessor (1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 4:14-16; 6:19-20; 7:25; 8:1-5; 9:3ff; 10:5ff, etc.).
- ◆ **The Ark of the Covenant** (Exo. 25:10-22; 26:34; 40:20-21)—Represented the throne of God, surrounded by cherubim who worship and serve Him. The writer of Hebrews described the ark as "...overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly" (Heb. 9:4-5). The manna seemed to represent God's providence for His people (Exo. 16:4), Aaron's rod seemed to represent the sanctification of God's elect and God's unquestionable authority (Numbers 17), and the tables of the covenant represented God's Law given to man (Exo. 24:12; 31:18).

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 **44 contacts** were made.

1st Sunday Potluck

We hope you can join us today following the morning worship for our monthly potluck lunch. If you are visiting we would especially love for you to join us so we can get to know you a little better.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ April 14 – Ladies Day at DeLeon
- ◆ April 15-18 — Meeting at Hamilton with Mike Bonner
- ◆ April 22-25 — Meeting at Hico with John Moore
- ◆ April 22-25 — Meeting at DeLeon with Ed Rodgers

Cherokee Day is Saturday, May 5th. A list of items they would like to gather for the children is available on the back bulletin board. Please drop donations off in the entry way.

Suggestions for this week: Cleaning Supplies (Kitchen, bath, floors, general—no aerosol cans), Coffee, Tea bags, & Kool-aid

So much more could be written on this subject, but hopefully this information will whet the reader's appetite for a more in-depth study of how God revealed shadows of future events in the tabernacle of Moses' day. Any honest, reasonable person cannot come away from such a study without concluding that there is a God in Heaven, the Bible is His Word, and Jesus is Who He claimed to be!

Celebrate

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

April Birthdays: Julie Baker (01), Lu Whitsett (06), Ginger King (08), PJ Lewis (09) Kristi Maninger (09), Darlene Smith (10), Earlene Burge (17), Birdie Reynolds (17)

April Anniversaries: Tina & John Barnum (08)



Records

	March 18, 2012	March 25, 2012
Bible Class	56	49
AM Worship	78	68
PM Worship	46	43
Wednesday PM	39	43
Contribution	\$1555	\$2283

	This Week: 4/1/12	Next Week: 4/8/12		
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Jim Moore	Lead Singing: Ken Maninger	April 2012 Make Announcements: Gen Bannister Prepare Communion: Jim & Peg Moore Clean Building: Jim & Peg Moore Keep Grounds: Charles White May 2012 Make Announcements: Garrett Barnum Prepare Communion: Don & Darlene Smith Clean Building: Jessica Stultz Keep Grounds: Jim Moore	
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Jim Moore		
Communion	Hank Wheeler*, Tom Wilcox Garrett Barnum, Ken Maninger	James Fuller*, Gene Bannister James Thomas, Don Smith		
Closing Prayer	James Fuller	Hank Wheeler		
Attendance Cards	Seth Smithey/Matthew Ochoa	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	Allen Griffith	Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	Tom Wilcox <i>Philippians 4:4-7</i>	Garrett Barnum		
Communion	Hank Wheeler	James Fuller		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Matthew Churchwell		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 4 Garrett Barnum	April 11 James Fuller	April 18 Jim Moore	April 25 Don Smith

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 April 1, 2012	Sunday Class Romans 11 Wednesday Class Bible/Redemption Survey
<p>Peter's Denial of Jesus (Matthew 26) Matthew records events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion in which He was betrayed by a close friend, deserted by His disciples, convicted by false witnesses, and betrayed by one who loved Him. Let's consider Peter's actions in this chapter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Vow (v31-35) - As Peter was known to do, he spoke up quickly that he would never deny Jesus; a noble affirmation that we all should share. (Dan. 1:8; Matt. 10:32-33) The Zeal (v51-54) - Even when faced with armed soldiers, Peter was willing to stand up and fight for Jesus (Jn 18:10). Jesus corrected the actions of Peter, but we might ask if we would face death? (John 18:36; Rev. 2:10) The Denial (v56, 69-75) - Peter's true test came not in the limelight of going to battle for Jesus but in the dark moments when he was alone, no longer surrounded by those who loved Jesus, but by those who wanted to kill Him. It was here his faith was needed, but it was weak. (Heb 10:23) Fortunately, this is not all that is recorded. Following this event, we also see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ His repentance: He recognized his fault and wept over it; are we willing to do the same with sin in our life? (Luke 22:32; 2 Cor. 7:9-11) ◆ His conviction: He stood boldly for the cause of Christ (Acts 2-5) and urged others to do so likewise (1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2:9; 3:12-16; 4:15-16; 5:6-9; 2 Peter 1:10-11; 2:9; 3:17-18). <p><i>Learn from Peter to be watchful and to get up when we fall.</i></p> 	<p>Rekindle Our Joy (Psalm 126) A Psalm of Ascent. Possibly written during the time of rebuilding after captivity. A great reminder to be thankful for what we have and trust in God for what we need.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Your Blessings (v1-3) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They had much to be thankful for as they looked back at what God had done for them...in fact it was practically inconceivable and brought forth joy and praise to God. Do not we also have much that we can be thankful for as a people of God...for daily blessings but even more the great joy of salvation? (James 1:17; Eph. 1:3, 7; Acts 8:8, 39; 1 Pet. 2:9-10; 1 Jn 1:3-4) Still Trust In God (v4) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> While looking back they also needed to remember to trust in God for the blessings they continued to need. Likewise we must continue to trust in God as we go through our daily life; true physically and spiritually. (Matt. 6:11, 25-34; Luke 9:23; 1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6; Heb. 4:14-16; 1 Pet. 5:6-7; 1 Jn. 1:5-7) Have Confidence In Better Days (v5-6) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They needed trust that God was going to bless them even yet; this is the faith of the farmer, that he can plant his seed with assurance that he can reap the harvest. As Christians we have so much more that we can look forward to; we have not only blessings in this life but an eternity with God! (John 10:10; 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 4:17; 5:1-4; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; James 5:7-8; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; Rev. 21-22)