

# 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:

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.

## AN IDEAL STUDENT

Carl B. Garner

Someone has said that if you put the world's best teacher in a room with the world's worst students, very little learning would take place. I don't know if that is true, but I do know that a willing and capable pupil is necessary to the process of learning. For years we have known that you cannot stop a determine student from learning. The necessity of a capable teacher is not denied, but there is also the need for a capable, motivated pupil.

### The Necessity of "Good Soil"

Jesus told a parable about a sower who went out to plant seed. Both sower and seed were good, but some of the soil into which the seed was sown was poor soil. The result: neither harvest nor learning could take place. Read Luke 8:4-15. Jesus taught that there must be good "seed" and good "soil," good teaching and a good pupil. Subtract either one and learning will be greatly diminished.

The same is true in a classroom. A professor once told a room full of graduate students: "Teaching does not take place until learning takes place." If his statement is true—and to a great degree I believe it is—both student and teacher must come together for the best learning situation. Who is the ideal student? What qualities does the ideal pupil possess?

### Ignorance and Recognition of It

One first has to recognize his lack of knowledge, his need to learn. If he/she does not, learning is very unlikely. Henry David Thoreau said: "It is only when we forget all our learning that we begin to know." As a boy I was told, "If you think your bucket's already full, you won't be trying to fill it up." An ideal student is one who is aware of—and willing to admit—how much he/she needs to learn. That is the first step to learning.

### Desire, Willingness to Learn

Ancient learners had none of the "essentials" of learning available today, but they had the desire to learn. The great accomplishments of the Greek culture were achieved long before computers and projectors were introduced. We think of Lincoln studying before an open fire. A determined student can learn from anyone under most any circumstance, but he/she will always need a "shovel," one that will be used to help "dig" out the needed information. A *motivated* pupil will learn, but without that motivation, the finest of teachers cannot succeed.

### The Conviction to Test All Information, Then Act Upon It

Most working receptacles need a filter to assure the security of the unit. Just fail to change the filters on your air-conditioner and see what happens. So it is with learning. A pupil who receives information indiscriminately will eventually receive false information. If proper convictions are absent the student is vulnerable

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Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;  
keep the door of my lips.

Psalms 141:3

to the most dangerous ploys of unethical (not to mention unbiblical) practices.

Even then, there is left a very significant part of this whole procedure. An ideal student will, when finding accurate information, act upon that information lest it be wasted or lost. If that which is learned is worth achieving, it is valuable enough to continue to learn as much as is your capacity to learn. When a person ceases to learn, he diminishes his value to himself, his family and his community.

### Share Knowledge with Others

We would consider a person to be selfish who has that which can be of benefit to others, yet withholds it. Even more so when that knowledge is crucial to the souls of others who desire to have the “*hope of eternal life*” (Titus 1:2, 3:7). The scriptures tell us, “*He who wins souls is wise*” (Prov. 11:30), and that “*faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17). A good student cannot be selfish with what he has learned from God’s wonderful Word. Knowing it demands that we share it.

Therefore, the ideal student will:

- ♦ realize their need to learn.
- ♦ possess a strong motive to learn.
- ♦ be wise enough to put to the test what has been learned, then act upon it accordingly.
- ♦ be willing to share that information with others who desire and need it.

We need more students of God’s Word—students who love the souls of lost men and women, and who will gain the information needed and then impart it to the lost. Are you one of them?

## A Man After God’s Own Heart

Tom Moore

In Paul’s sermon at Antioch, in which he briefly recounts the history of Israel, he refers to the statement made by God concerning David, “And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will” (Acts 13:22; cf. 1 Sam. 13:13-14). This beautiful compliment, “a man after My own heart,” is one that should characterize every person who wears the name of Christ.

David was an ancestor of Christ according to the flesh (2 Sam. 7:12-16). David also possessed many of the attitudes that were later perfected by Christ, and that should characterize all Christians. In this study we will consider some of these attitudes that David had, see the similarities between his attitudes and those of Christ, and encourage all who are Christians to have the same so that we too might be people “after God’s own heart.”

David loved the word of God. David said, “Oh how I love thy law” (Psa. 119:97). This psalm certainly expresses David’s sentiment as one who had a great love for God’s Word. David also said, “And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes” (Psa. 119:47-48). This love for God’s Word was due to the fact that it protected him from sin (Psa. 119:11), revived him in affliction (Psa. 119:50), and gave him great peace of mind (Psa. 119:165). Jesus loved the word of God as was evident from His frequent quotation of it, His study of it, even from a youth (Lk. 2:47), and His use of it in time of temptation (Mt. 4:4, 7, 10). How is our love for the word of God?

David loved to pray. “I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live” (Psa. 116:1-2). His love for prayer was based upon the fact God had answered him before (Psa. 116:1-2), had greatly blessed him (Psa. 116:12-13), and that prayer brought God close to him (Psa. 145:18). Jesus was also a lover of prayer. He made it a point to often slip away to pray privately (Lk. 5:16). In times of greatest trial, Jesus resorted to prayer (Mt. 26:36-44; Lk. 23:34; Mt. 27:46; Lk. 23:46). How is our prayer life? Have we found it to be a source of peace (Phil. 4:6-7)? Do we “pray without

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### Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)  
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

### Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)  
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

### God’s Plan for Redeeming Man

**Hear** Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).  
**Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)  
**Confess** Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)  
**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)  
**Live faithfully** (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

### Bible Study Schedule

#### Week 23

#### Numbers 16-21 & Luke 1-2

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.  
Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.

“...*desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;*” (1 Pet. 2:2)



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ceasing” (The. 5:17)?

David loved to praise God. “Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments” (*Psa. 119:164*). He praised God because of His righteous judgments. He praised God because of His greatness and loving kindness (*Psa. 95:1-7*). David was determined to sing praises as long as he lived (*Psa. 104:33*). Jesus also loved to praise God - As He did on one occasion publicly in prayer (*Mt. 11:25-26*), and as He did with His disciples in song (*Mt. 26:30*). Do we love to praise God? Do we delight in singing praises to God in song? Do we take time to praise God in our prayers?

David loved unity among brethren. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (*Psa. 133:1*). David knew the value of good friendship and unity, as exemplified in the relationship he had with Jonathan (*1 Sam. 18:1*). He also knew the terrible pain of division within a family (cf. his sons, Ammon and Absalom - *2 Sam. 13*). Jesus also loved unity. He prayed diligently that His disciples might be one (*Jn. 17:20-23*). He died on the cross that there might be unity (*Eph. 2:13-16*). Do we love unity enough to pay the price needed? By diligently displaying the proper attitudes necessary to preserve the unity Christ has accomplished through His death (*Eph. 4:1-3*). By marking those who needlessly cause division (*Rom. 16:17*)?

David hated every false way. “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way” (*Psa. 119:104*). His hatred was based upon his understanding of God's precepts (*Psa. 119:104*). His hatred affected his selection of activities and friends (*Psa. 101:3-4, 6-7*). Jesus also hated error and false ways as manifested in His driving the moneychangers out of the temple (*Mt. 21:12-13*), and His denunciation of the hypo-critical Pharisees, scribes, and lawyers (*Mt. 23:13-36*). What is our attitude toward false ways? Are we soft on error or compromising? Or do we realize that we are involved in a “battle” over the souls of men, and are not to think lightly of that which is false (*2 Cor. 10:3-5*)? While we are to love the sinner, we must hate the sin (*Eph. 4:15*).

### 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 **24 contacts** were made.

### News & Notes

- ◆ We appreciate hearing from **Ron Brown**, a missionary in China, this past Wednesday. Due to sickness and weather a number were not able to make it out, but if you want a CD of his report or information he handed out, please let Ryan know.
- ◆ Remember that the **Summer Youth Series** starts this Tuesday, June 5, beginning at 7 PM and is hosted by Bangs.
- ◆ Ryan will be out again this Wednesday night speaking at Granbury Street in Cleburne on their Wednesday night Summer Series on the “*Parables of Our Lord*” and next Wednesday night will be at 9th & Main in San Angelo for their series on “*Seek Ye First...*”. Please keep our travels and these efforts in your prayers, in the auditorium we will continue looking at the “How We Got The Bible” DVD.
- ◆ There are thank you notes from the family of Hillman Thomas on the bulletin board as well as a wedding invitation from Chaylie Shumate & DJ Rios...make sure to stop and look at these items.

## 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, Lisa & David Greer (28).

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



## Records

	May 20, 2012	May 27, 2012
Bible Class	54	40
AM Worship	68	58
PM Worship	56	N/C
Wednesday PM	70	N/C
Contribution	\$1497	\$1394

# Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 6/3/12	Next Week: 6/10/12		
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Lead Singing: James Fuller	Lead Singing: Jim Moore	<b>June 2012</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum <b>Prepare Communion:</b> The Smithey Family <b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family <b>Keep Grounds:</b> Ryan Smithey  <b>July 2012</b> <b>Make Announcements:</b> James Fuller <b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox <b>Clean Building:</b> Cindy Fuller <b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Greeters</b>	Mileen & Ashley Kalich	John Barnum Family		
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Thomas	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Hank Wheeler*, Garrett Barnum Gene Bannister, Tom Wilcox	Ken Maninger*, John Barnum Garrett Barnum, Don Smith		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Gene Bannister		
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Matthew Ochoa		
<b>Sunday PM:</b>				
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Matthew Churchwell	Billy Chism		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John Barnum <i>Revelation 1:3-8</i>	James Fuller		
<b>Communion</b>	Hank Wheeler	Ken Maninger		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jim Moore	Hank Wheeler		
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	June 6 Jim Moore	June 13 Don Smith	June 20 Allen Griffith	June 27 Tom Wilcox

# 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 June 3, 2012</i>	Sunday Class ..... Romans 14 Wednesday Class ..... How We Got The Bible (DVD)
<p><b>Lessons From The Spies (Numbers 13-14)</b></p> <p>1) <b>Fear Is Blinding</b>—They could see only the obstacles that were in their way and failed to see that God was with them and that He was ready to bless them as He had before.</p> <p>a) Fear may have been a motivating factor in the spies being sent (Deut. 1:19-23), and now fear stands in the way of Israel and the land God has promised them.</p> <p>b) Fear clouded their reasoning and showed their unbelief so that they could not enter the land (Num. 13:28-29, 31-33; Ps. 106:21-25; Heb. 3:19).</p> <p>c) Fear must not be allowed to have a similar impact on us today (Matt. 10:28; Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; Heb. 4:1, 11).</p> <p>2) <b>Faith Trusts In God And Acts On His Word</b>—Caleb and Joshua provide a counter-example to the fear of the other spies. They were ready to take God at His word and do what He said—that was true faith on display, one that trusted God even though they had not yet seen it come to pass. (Heb. 11:6, 7, 13; John 20:29-31, 14:1-3; 2 Tim. 1:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:7).</p> <p>3) <b>The Majority Is Not Always Right</b>—These were honored men among the tribes of Israel and 10 out of 12 said they could not do it but all 10 were wrong! We should not listen to a thing simply because it is a popular opinion; the Bible is full of examples when the majority were wrong (Gen 6-9; 1 Kings 18; Matt. 7:13-14). May we investigate what is right and pursue it (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 4:2-4, 16-17).</p>	<p><b>Letter to Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7)</b>                      A church should maintain its first love.                      The church at Ephesus had a rich history with the apostle Paul and had shown great zeal in their beginning but they could not "ride" on their past; they needed to return to such zeal once again.</p> <p>1) <b>God Knows Our Good Works</b> (v2, 3, 6) - They are praised for the good they have done patiently without fainting.</p> <p>2) <b>God Knows Our Faults</b> (v4) - They are rebuked for leaving their first love; the zeal of earlier days seems to have waned with time. (Acts 19:19; Heb. 4:12-13)</p> <p>3) <b>God Gives Time To Repent</b> (v5) - They are being given warning for those things that are right that they might change them.</p> <p>a) A reminder of the longsuffering nature of God (Num. 14:18; Ps. 86:15) and a reminder that He is just and righteous and will not suffer with them always (Rom. 11:22; 2 Pet. 3:9-10).</p> <p>b) He sets before them hope and a promise of eternal life IF they will change; will we continue to heed the instructions of God (Rev. 22:14; Rom. 6:16)</p> <p>c) An example of God's desire for all to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4).</p> <p>Notes: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>