

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

I decided to reprint this article that I came across which I wrote 4 years ago shortly after Hannah's birth...may each Father's Day continue to be a celebration and a reminder of the responsibility we have as fathers... ~Ryan Smithey

Father's Day – Celebration and Reminder

With the birth of Hannah not quite two weeks ago, I have extra reason to celebrate this year at Father's Day. But at the same time that reminds me that I have even more responsibility as a father now too. The Bible reminds us that the father's role is vital in the family as head of the wife (Eph. 5:23) and also in taking leadership in rearing his children as Paul by inspiration specifically addresses fathers and reminds them, "provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

I hope you all are thankful for your fathers and/or those that have served as father figures for you on this father's day; we certainly owe them very much gratitude for all they have done for us (especially, too, our Heavenly Father whom we should constantly thank). But to fathers I also want us to remember the great role and influence we have in rearing our children.

Let us never forget the great examples of fathers in the Bible. I am reminded of Noah and his task as a preacher of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5), and though he saved none others, he did save his family (Gen. 7:13, 23)! What an influence he had over his children in the midst of a truly wicked society (Gen. 6:5) and what a commendation to him as a father.

Consider too the great statement made by God concerning Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Gen. 18:19). Imagine the confidence that God placed in Abraham as a father and a leader of his household. Why this confidence? -- Winfred Clark in commenting on this great compliment made these three points from this verse:

1. **AUTHORITY WOULD BE EXERCISED** – He said, "he will command his children and his household." It just means that he will exercise control over them. If God would compliment his commanding, then it is obvious that God endorses his commanding. That is what fathers are to do (Eph. 6:4).
2. **GODLINESS WOULD BE EMPHASIZED** – This is underscored in the phrase "and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Why would that be the case? Is it not due to the fact that this is what Abraham would emphasize? That has to be the case. He would not ignore the fact that they must make a living. Surely, they would need to know how to raise cattle and crops, but that was not the only thing. They were to be taught how to make a life, and how to live a life that would be godly in character.

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



*How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!
Yea, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.*

Proverbs 16:16

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3. **RIGHTEOUSNESS WOULD BE EXEMPLIFIED** – Notice the phrase, “after him.” That means he would lead the way. He would keep the way of the Lord, doing justice and judgment. He would not ask nor expect of them what he would not do. You wouldn’t find him sending his children to services while he was at home. He would take the lead showing how it was to be done. If you want an illustration of this, you have but to turn back to Genesis 17:23-26. You will notice that he takes the lead in the matter of circumcision. Notice, “in the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his Son.”

May we always strive to be like these men in teaching, training, and leading our families to be faithful to God. We need to have the same attitude Moses commanded those of his day—store up God’s word in your heart, live it, and teach it (both in word and in action):

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: (Deut. 11:18-20)

Happy Father’s Day

Is Jesus Really Lord of My Life?

Sam Willcut

A significant event occurred in the life of Jesus as Matthew would record in Matthew 17. Jesus took his three closest disciples (Peter and the two sons of Zebedee) with him up to the top of a particularly high mountain. When they ascended to the peak, Matthew records the image of Jesus being transfigured into that which was brighter than the Palestinian sun. Then, two impressive individuals from the history of the Jews appeared and began talking with Jesus—the magnificent leader, Moses, and one of the greatest of all the prophets, Elijah, to which Peter witnesses. Please note his reply (one of his “open mouth and insert foot” moments—“not knowing what he said” [cf. Luke 9:33]) to Jesus: “*Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias*” (Matt. 17:4). It is true that the term “*tabernacle*” simply may refer to a temporary place of shelter (cf. Heb. 11:9), but denoting the implicit act of a dwelling place, its connotation goes back with reference to a place of exaltation and worship (cf. Acts 7:43), such as the Israelites first built in the wilderness wanderings. In fact, the context of this account reveals such, for the very next thing that happened is the voice of God speaking from the overshadowed cloud, “*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*” It is almost as if Jesus (and God, the Father, for that matter) knew that such would happen from Peter—an event that I am sure he would never forget. What I find interesting is that Peter would refer to Jesus as “*Lord*” (*kurios*, “*Master*”), but then immediately devalue such a term with his ignorant request. It reminds me of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) who may try to refer to Jesus as Lord of their lives, but then proclaim and elevate Joseph Smith as their Savior. Are we guilty of doing the same thing when with tongue we pronounce Jesus as the Lord of our lives, but then fail to obey Him completely (cf. Luke 6:46)? Jesus plainly declared in the Sermon on the Mount, “*No man can serve two masters [same word—kurios, cf. “lords”]: 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*” (Matt. 6:24). In this account, Peter learned first-hand that Jesus, and Jesus alone, is to be Lord of our lives!

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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 25

Numbers 28-33 & Luke 5-6

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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The growth process to accepting and believing Jesus to be Lord of our lives is an interesting process. One of the best places to see this from the Bible is in John 9. In the account of Jesus healing a man who was blind from birth and the subsequent harassment that he and his parents received from the Pharisees, we see the growth that took place in the life of this man. It is quite evident that this blind man had no idea who Jesus was, because the first time his neighbors and friends questioned him as to the origination of the miracle of sight, he responded, "A man that is called Jesus..." (John 9:11). Later, after enough time has passed for him to ponder and contemplate just what great thing has occurred in his life, the Pharisees interrogate him, "What sayest thou of him that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, 'He is a prophet'" (John 9:17). Finally, when Jesus took the time and effort to find him after the Pharisees prevented him from all synagogue privileges (cf. John 9:22, 34), he refers to Him as "Lord" (John 9:35-38). Thus, his conception of Jesus grew from a man to a prophet to Lord! What a marvelous example for all who come to know Jesus!

Finally, we conclude in Acts 2 with Peter and the apostles preaching to the gathered Jews from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5) who gathered on the Day of Pentecost, which was just fifty days since these same Jews, who gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover Week, led in their cries to crucify the Son of God. Peter powerfully proclaims that the crucified Lord had arisen from the dead, and he ignites the penitence within three thousand Jews (cf. Acts 2:41) with his conclusion: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). The crucified Jesus was not only the Christ/Messiah of whom the Old Testament fathers and prophets had foretold, but He is also to be Lord of our lives!

Therefore, it is imperative to my soul to ponder the question, "Is Jesus really Lord of my life?"

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 **26 contacts** were made.

Also remember that today is the 3rd Sunday and time for our finger-food supper after the meeting...hope you can join us.

News & Notes

- ◆ The **Summer Youth Series** continues to go well; there were probably about 200 people at Stephenville last week. This week will be hosted by Gordon on Tuesday night at 7 PM.
- ◆ Do you watch **The Truth In Love** program on Sunday morning? If so, they would appreciate your help in reporting any problems you see with the program. Details are on the bulletin board.

New Spiritual Sword

New editions of the Spiritual Sword were received this week. They are available on the back table and at the exits. The theme is "Why Am I What I Am." Make sure you pick one up and study it with an open Bible. Then keep it for reference or pass it along for someone else to study!



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

	June 3, 2012	June 10, 2012
Bible Class	40	49
AM Worship	54	68
PM Worship	37	44
Wednesday PM	27	32
Contribution	\$1614	\$1747

Privileged To Serve

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

	This Week: 6/17/12	Next Week: 6/24/12		
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Ken Maninger	Lead Singing: Tom Wilcox	June 2012 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: The Smithey Family Clean Building: John Barnum Family Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey July 2012 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: Cindy Fuller Keep Grounds: James Fuller	
Greeters	Tom & Carol Wilcox	Allen & Linda Griffith		
Opening Prayer	Garrett Barnum	Hank Wheeler		
Communion	James Thomas*, Tom Wilcox John Barnum, Hank Wheeler	Allen Griffith*, Gene Bannister Don Smith, Garrett Barnum		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Jim Moore		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Matthew Ochoa		
Sunday PM:				
Opening Prayer	James Fuller	Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	Allen Griffith <i>Revelation 22:12-17</i>	Jim Moore		
Communion	James Thomas	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Matthew Churchwell	Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	June 20 Allen Griffith	June 27 Tom Wilcox	July 4 Garrett Barnum	July 11 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 17, 2012	Sunday Class Romans 15-16 Wednesday Class Redemption Through The Bible
<p>Lessons From Balaam, One Who Loved The Wages Of Unrighteousness</p> <p><i>The account of Balaam is one of intrigue; it is as if he struggles between right and wrong but in the end tries to bend God to his will and finds himself fighting against God.</i></p> <p>1) The Blinding Nature of the Love of Money</p> <p>a) 1 Tim. 6:10 — Balaam seems to be blinded by his desire to be made rich/honorable by Balak; God told him that he would not be able to curse Israel, yet he kept trying.</p> <p>b) It seems his expressions of wanting to serve God were only masks that hid his desire to sway God's opinion so he could do what he wanted (2 Pet. 2:14-16; Jude 11).</p> <p>2) Balaam could be swayed to compromise, God cannot</p> <p>a) Num. 23:19 — Balaam was willing to change to meet the demands of people, but God would not. Not even all the sacrifices would cause God to change His mind.</p> <p>b) God said that He would not allow Israel to be cursed and He remained true to His promises (22:12; 23:8, 20-21).</p> <p>3) The Power Of A Negative Influence</p> <p>a) 1 Cor. 15:33 — Balaam could not turn God against Israel but he could get Israel to turn from God.</p> <p>b) By his counsel Moab would befriend Israel to turn them to their gods and so displease God (Num. 25:1-3; 31:16).</p> <p>4) One must live the life of the righteous, to die the death of the righteous (Num. 23:10) — Balaam might have had this desire but he did not live like it or die like it. He died among the enemies of God (Josh. 13:22) (Matt. 7:21; Rev. 14:13)</p>	<p>Letter to Pergamos (Revelation 2:12-17)</p> <p><i>A church should maintain doctrinal purity.</i></p> <p><i>This congregation receives no criticism but is encouraged and reminded of the need for faithfulness in spite of trial.</i></p> <p>1) God Knows What We Endure (v13) - He knew their steadfastness even while surrounded by false worship and in the face of martyrdom. They were commended for not abandoning the faith (1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Pet. 4:16; Gal. 6:9).</p> <p>2) God Knows What We Support (v14-15) - While they had not denied the faith, they had not stood fast for it either. They had allowed certain errors to continue among them; thus they supported these things even by way of silence, but it was not overlooked by God (Heb. 4:12-13). Like the Corinthians, they needed to address the error among them (1 Cor. 5, esp. v6l). They had a responsibility to defend the truth and fight against error (Eze. 3:18-21; 2 Thess. 3:6; Titus 1:9-11; Heb. 13:9; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 10-11; Titus 1:9-11; James 5:19-20).</p> <p>3) God Warns & Corrects (v16-17) - He wanted them to do right and enjoy eternity with Him but it required some correction (Heb. 12:5-11). If they continued as they were Jesus would fight against them rather than for them (Matt. 12:30; 10:32-33).</p> <p>Notes: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>