

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.

Who Do We Listen To

By Terry Jackson

From the politicians to the preachers there are a lot of people doing a lot of talking. People get advice from many different directions. At the end of the day it seems as if no one really knows what they are talking about. All we hear is confusing rhetoric and contradictory facts. Is there anyone who knows what they are talking about? The answer, NO! There is no one earthly that has the knowledge and wisdom to get us out of the mess that we often find ourselves. Listen to God's prophet, "*O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps*" **Jeremiah 10:23**. When we stop trying to figure things out on our own and start listening to God we can fix the empty hearts and broken lives. Listen to Jesus, "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*" **Matthew 11:29**. Notice Jesus said, "Learn of me." Knowing Jesus is not just a casual acquaintance with Him, it involves a constant learning that produces a growing productive relationship. We do not learn of Jesus by talking about Him, but listening to His words. "*He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me*" **John 14:24**. Those who heard Jesus heard something unique in His teaching. They were astonished that He taught them "*as one having authority, and not as the scribes*" **Mark 1:22**. The scribes were the religious leaders of the day and yet they spoke without the authority of God. They spoke from their own traditions and wisdom. Yet Jesus spoke as the authority of God. Politicians or preachers have nothing to say unless they "*speak the oracles of God*" **1 Peter 4:11**.

In **Matthew 28:18**, Jesus said, "*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*" In the dust of confusion in things pertaining to morality and religion we must turn to Jesus who has been given "all authority" in such matters. The question is often asked, "Can we know truth?" The answer many men will give is "Since there is no defined truth, man must determine what is right and what is wrong." Who are we going to listen too? Jesus said "*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" **John 8:31-32**. Jesus said abide in my word and you will know the truth. TRUTH IS KNOWABLE! Jesus told the apostles, "*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His*

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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Great Is God's Glory (Psalms 138)

By Johnny Ramsey

Truly, the Bible often puts the spotlight on the praise and adoration we ought to manifest toward our Maker. In Psalms 138 we have a noble example of this marvelous expression of loyalty toward Jehovah: *"Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord."* Ten sections later, in Psalm 148, we have the basis for the famous hymn we have known since childhood: *"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord!"* We should exalt Deity with our whole heart and not with timidity or hesitation (Jer. 29:13). With rich exuberance, and not halting apology, our sincere gratitude must flow from grateful spirits. Today we ardently sing:

To God be the glory,
Great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that
He gave us His Son. . .

What a debt we owe to such noble and generous giving toward mankind! Where would we be were it not for such beneficent grace? An old hymn reminds us:

Again the Lord of light and life
Awakes the kindling ray,
Unseals the eyelids of the morn,
And pours increasing day.
Let gladness dwell in every heart,
And praise, on every tongue. . .

Psalm 138:6 enriches our concepts of what genuine concern by the Creator is all about: *"Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off."* God is not impressed with arrogance and earthly fame. Truth, humility and sincerity are richly

blessed by our Father above. In this beautiful and encouraging Psalm 138, we are told that our sorrow and trouble reaches heaven and touches the heart of Deity. He does indeed see our tears and hear our prayers (Isa. 38:5). W. H. Clark wrote memorable words in song:

All praise to Him who reigns above
In majesty supreme;
Who gave His Son for man to die
That He might man redeem.

In the very last verse of this brief psalm, we learn anew that the mercy of the Lord endureth forever. We dare not live in such a manner that we miss such comfort! May we be sustained by the presence of God in our daily walk and loyally pursue the sunlight of divine love.

How can we give glory to the Lord?

1. Live in such a way as to draw men to Him.
2. Learn the Bible so thoroughly we can teach it.
3. Sing praises to Him fervently and joyously.
4. Strengthen new Christians by noble examples.
5. Pray in deeper and richer words of meaning.
6. Bring wayward members back to God.
7. Convert our neighbors to Jesus!

Such spiritual endeavors will cause rejoicing in heaven (Luke 15:10). L. O. Sanderson challenged us:

Bring Christ your broken life,
So marred by sin,
He will create anew,
Make whole again. . .

To God be the glory!

Television	God's Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Study Schedule
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	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)	Week 42 1 Samuel 11-16 & John 15-16 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. <i>"...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;" (1 Pet. 2:2)</i>



ATTENTION LADIES:

How long has it been since we had a Ladies Get Together??? Well that's too long. So we are having a **special get together for you ladies and young girls on Sunday, October 21st at 4:00 here at the building.** We will eat a little, sing a little and have a little lesson. Then we will have time to visit with each other before worship service.

We would like for each lady to bring 1 or 2 of your favorite recipes (on recipe cards) if you would like and you will go home with some surprises. So, please make time to get together with your sisters in Christ on Sunday afternoon.

If you would be willing to help with the food please see Priscilla, Linda or Peg. It'll be a fun rewarding afternoon.

Address Changes

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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 **“They Parade Their Sin Like Sodom.”** 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!



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own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come” **John 16:13.** These men *“spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”* **2 Peter 1:21.** Who do we listen too? Men who consistently have misguided the masses and caused division and hopelessness, or the words of the New Testament that leads us into truth, the revelation of the will of God, and provides a peace and sincerity known only by those who listen to God?

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 **33 contacts** were made. Also remember next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday and time for the monthly finger food supper following the meeting.

Upcoming Events *(flyers on back bulletin board)*

- ◆ Oct. 14-17: Meeting at DeLeon with Jerry Jackson.
- ◆ Oct. 19: **Game Night.** Sorry for the late notice but it will be this Friday night at 6 PM at Jessica Stultz’s house.
- ◆ Oct. 20-21: “Back To The Bible” Lectureship at Hamilton.
- ◆ Oct. 21: Ladies Get-together here at 4 PM.
- ◆ Oct. 21-24: Meeting/Lectureship at Rising Star.
- ◆ Oct. 28: Bible Bowl hosted here.

Celebrate

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

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

October Anniversaries: Juanita & Stormy Barnum (25), Patti & Mike Bannister (27).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Sept. 23, 2012	Oct. 7, 2012
Bible Class	42	44
AM Worship	62	60
PM Worship	43	47
Wednesday PM	40	42
Contribution	\$1591	\$1402

	This Week: 10/14/12	Next Week: 10/21/12	October 2012	
Sunday AM:	Lead Singing: Gene Bannister	Lead Singing: Joe Dennis	Make Announcements: Jim Moore	
Greeters	Charles & Bennie White	Gene & Barbara Bannister	Prepare Communion: Billy & Peggy Chism	
Opening Prayer	Jim Moore	Tom Wilcox	Clean Building: Jessica Stultz	
Communion	Allen Griffith*, Garrett Barnum James Thomas, Don Smith	Jim Moore*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Hank Wheeler	Keep Grounds: Jim Moore	
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Don Smith	November 2012	
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez	Seth Smithey/Matthew Ochoa	Make Announcements: Gene Bannister	
Sunday PM:			Prepare Communion: Jim & Peg Moore	
Opening Prayer	Billy Chism	James Thomas	Clean Building: John Barnum Family	
Scripture Reading	Tom Wilcox <i>1 Peter 1:22-25</i>	John Barnum	Keep Grounds: Ryan Smithey	
Communion	Allen Griffith	Jim Moore		
Closing Prayer	Joe Dennis	Billy Chism		
Wednesday Devotionals:	October 17 Don Smith	October 24 Allen Griffith	October 31 Tom Wilcox	November 7 Garrett Barnum

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 October 14, 2012		Sunday Class <i>Colossians (Chap. 2-3)</i>	Wednesday Class <i>Redemption Through The Bible</i>
<p>The Heart Of The Savior (John 13-16) When Jesus knew His time on earth was short (12:3-4), He spoke to His apostles with words of instruction and comfort.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Serve One Another (13:13-17). Jesus taught by more than just words; He set an example to live by (Matt. 20:28; 1 Pet. 2:21). One thing He wanted His disciples to remember was they were servants (Matt. 20:25-28; 1 Cor. 4:1). Love One Another (13:33-35; 15:12-13, 17). The love that Jesus exhibited—especially in His death (1 Jn 4:8; Jn 14:9; 10:11, 18; Rom. 5:8), and taught about (Matt. 5:43-48) was to be exhibited in His disciples, in fact it was essential (1 Cor. 13:1-3). I'll Come Again For You (14:1-4). Jesus' departure was not one of sadness, but rather of hope...He was coming again and they would be together forever (John 5:28-29; Matt. 25:46; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 21:1-3). I'm sending the Comforter (14:16-17). Though they could not appreciate it now, it was good for Jesus to go (14:28; 16:7). But they would not be left alone in the troubles of this world, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, would come and guide them into all truth (16:7, 13; 14:26) that they, in turn, would reveal to the world (1 Cor. 2:9-10; 2 Pet. 1:21). Keep My Commandments/Abide In Me (14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:1, 4, 9-14). They were also exhorted to continue faithfully (1 Jn 1:7); this was not burdensome, but joyous (15:11; 1 Jn 1:4, 5:3). In Him we are assured eternal victory (16:33; 1 Cor. 15:57-58; Matt. 7:21; Rev. 22:14). 	<p>How Shall The Young Secure Their Heart? This hymn, written by Isaac Watts, reminds us of the need to direct our paths by the word of God even from an early age. He masterfully uses the text of Psalm 119 to highlight these truths. (It actually contains 8 stanzas though our book only has three.)</p> <p>Stanza 1—Psalm 119:9: The Word of God will act as a guard from sin, showing us the way we should go (Eccl. 12:1; Rom. 6:23; 1 John 2:1-2; 2 Tim. 2:15).</p> <p>Stanza 2—Psalm 119:130: Opening/Studying it brings light/wisdom and change to our lives (Ps. 19:7; Prov. 1:7, 9:10; Matt. 5:6; 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Thess. 1:10; 1 Pet. 2:9).</p> <p>Stanza 3—Psalm 119:105: God's Word will light/direct our paths (1 Jn 1:5-7; Ps. 31:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).</p> <p>Stanza 4—Psalm 119:99-100: Its study will help one grow (Ps. 1:3; James 1:25).</p> <p>Stanza 5—Psalm 119:104, 113: Here we find the wisdom to live right before God (James 1:5; Ps. 1:1-2; 119:97-104; Titus 2:11-12).</p> <p>Stanza 6, 7—Psalm 119:89-91: The creation is a wonderful teacher, but greater still the truths of God's Word, for it is on these things he will meditate all the day (Ps. 119:97; 19:1-3, 7-11; Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:24-25).</p> <p>Stanza 8—Psalm 119:160, 140, 9, 116: Here is truth that will last and support both youth and age (Jn 17:17; Ps. 19:7-8; Rev. 22:14).</p>		